Joy in All Seasons

Based on Philippians



October 11

Joy in Suffering

(Philippians Chapter 1)



October 18

Joy in Serving

(Philippians Chapter 2)



October 25

Joy in Believing

(Philippians Chapter 3)



November 1

Joy in Giving

(Philippians Chapter 4)

Pastor Rusty Godfrey

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Lee Road United Methodist Church

October 24, 2026 - Visioning Results

Fall Retreat at Pleasant Ridge

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5 Adjectives That Describe Our Church Today

RELATED GROUPINGS

GROUP 1 (u=9)
Friendly (2)
Warm (2)
Loving (2)
Caring (1)
Welcoming (1)
Inviting (1)

GROUP 2 (v=3)
Seasoned
Mature
Experienced

GROUP 3 (w=2)
Diverse (2)

GROUP 4 (x=2)
Courageous
Proactive

GROUP 5 (y=1)
Missional

GROUP 6 (z=1)
Small

Pastor Notes
NOTICE WHAT WE SEE AS OUR CURRENT STRENGTHS. HOW CAN WE USE THESE?

HOW CAN OUR "MATURITY" BE USED TO HELP US?

5 Years From Now: 5 Adjectives of What We Aspire to Become

GROUP 1 (w=7)
Active
Growing
Adaptable
Vibrant
Relevant
Sustaining
Sustainable

GROUP 2 (x=5)
Christ-centered
Unified
Courageous
Outwardly-focused
Service-minded

GROUP 3 (y=4)
Mix of ages
Diverse
Ethnically Diverse
[Even more] diverse

GROUP 4 (z=3)
Welcoming (2)
Accepting

Pastor Notes
NOTICE OUR STRONGEST DESIRES AS A CONGREGATION. HOW CAN YOU HELP US REACH THESE GOALS?

HOW CAN WE INCREASE DIVERSITY AND SHOW DIFFERENT GROUPS WE CARE?

Steps to Get to Our Future Goals

STEP 1.
Social Media / Communication
Build youth groups
Pray (3)
Bring friends
Love each other

STEP 2.
Inviting Visitors Initiative
Women's Group
Follow-up w/ new attendees
Reach out to our community

STEP 3.
Community Service Events
Interest Groups
Get new folks active
Do challenging things (ministries)

STEP 4.
Attraction Sunday
Band Public Performance
Prayer
Learn people's needs

STEP 5.
Don't be complacent
Give God credit
Accept our brothers / sisters in Christ

Pastor Notes
These are very good ideas. I challenge each of us and the church leadership (committees) to discuss these. Don't dismiss any as "it won't work" or "we've tried that before.

TRUNK OR TREAT

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

PLEASE DONATE WRAPPED CANDY!

SIGN-UP TO BRING A CAR!

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX
OR
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP!

The Lee Road UM men have been asked to help with Trunk or Treat. We will be responsible for traffic and possibly other activities. Please let me know if you can help.

Thank You,
Gary Dodson


Happy Halloween!

JOIN US FOR OUR

Midweek Service

Wednesday, November 4
at 6 PM

A new weekly 30 minute midweek service in the sanctuary
(hymn, homily, and prayer)

Followed by our

Wonderful Wednesday Meal

at 6:30 PM



Menu

Pork Tenderloin

$7 per person

♡ *Children and First-Time Visitors* **Eat Free!**

Annual LRUMC Chili Night

Wednesday, November 11th

Chili Cooks Needed!



We're looking for 6 volunteers to bring a crockpot of chili to share at our Annual Chili Night.
Your favorite recipe will help make this evening warm, welcoming, and delicious for everyone!

I will provide the bread and cornbread.

Please sign up if you'd like to participate.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and a little homemade goodness!

Contact Gina Turcotte at
864-325-6245
for more information or to sign up.

Missions

Local • National • International

Sharing Christ • Serving Others • Making a Difference

November 4-17

Indonesian Mission Trip: Solo, Indonesia

(Pastor Rusty, Cindy Stewart and Susan Ford)





November 24

Special Offering for Feed Our Neighbors Food Pantry

December

Choose your own personal charity such as Toys for Tots, etc.



Together We Can Make a Difference!

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food..."

Matthew 25:35

THE BRANCH

LEE ROAD UMC

FROM THE "BRANCH MANAGER"

As we get ready to enter November- I must share with you that November is my LEAST favorite month of the year. In 2014, I lost my Mother in November. 2 years later- I lost my Grandmother. Both on Fridays, both in November. November is a cold and rainy place in my mind and heart. It reminds me of what I lost.

But as we enter the month of Thanksgiving- I always like to remind myself that even when life is hard, we can still be thankful for the blessings the Lord gives to us, instead of thinking of things we might claim he has "taken away." Life will never be perfect nor will it never be a place where we won't experience hardship. But how grateful our God is that even through pain and sorrow- he still gives us the breath in our lungs. He still brings us the morning (rain or shine).

Life is fragile- but I am so thankful for the caring and nurturing hands of our great Lord.

-Steven

ROOTED IN THE WORD

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-Thessalonians 5:18

BRANCHING OUT

Little Beginnings (Ages: Infant-6)

How Children Understand Death: What to Say When a Loved One Dies

https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living-emotional-wellness/Building-Resilience/Pages/How-Children-Understand-Death-What-You-Should-Say.aspx?vtm

Growing in Faith (Ages: 7-12)

"Beyond Thanks: 5 Ways to Nurture Gratitude in Children"

https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living-emotional-wellness/Building-Resilience/Pages/how-to-practice-gratitude.aspx?vtm

Navigating Life (Ages: 13-18)

"How to Teach Gratitude to Tweens and Teens"

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_to_teach_gratitude_to_tweens_and_teens?vtm

GOING OUT ON A LIMB

This is your weekly Challenge!!!!!

For seven days, take a moment to thank God for one different thing each day.

Share your list (or you can draw each) with your Youth Leader!

Find your Youth Director (or email youthdirector@leeroad umc.com) and tell them what you did for a prize!

"I AM THE VINE;
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."
-JOHN 15:5

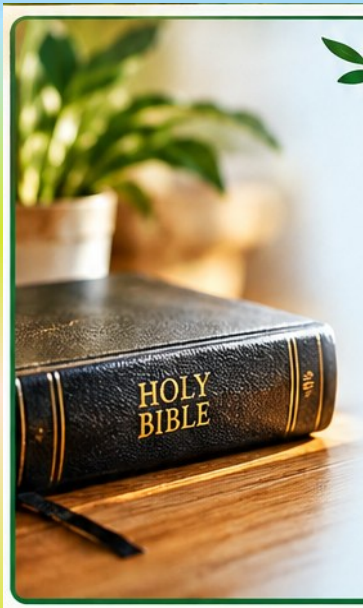


See all the Retreat photos on the LRUMC facebook page! https://www.facebook.com/leeroadumc

If you do not have access to the Lee Road online directory and you would like to, please send an email to office@leeroadumc.com! If you already have access, please take a moment to make sure all your information is correct and up to date!

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Will Your Medicare Plan Work For You in 2027?

Find out what's changing in Medicare & discover some exciting new options for this area.

Sunday | November 8th | 3 pm

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For more information: (800) 520-3608
This is a free educational event.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 29, 2026
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 30, 2026

Saturday, October 31, 2026
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Trunk or Treat



8:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 1, 2026
(All Saints Sunday)

Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 2, 2026

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Mission trip to Indonesia begins!

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Piecemakers Quilting Guild

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)
9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Midweek Service (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal (S.H.)

Thursday, November 5, 2026
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, November 6, 2026

Saturday, November 7, 2026
8:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Guest Speaker: Tony Snyder
(Lay Servant)

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

3:00 p.m.
Medicare 101 with Mckelvie Wilder

All Are Welcome!

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PRAYER
CHURCH PRAYER LIST

To add to or delete from the list, please call the church office.

Special Prayer Requests

Marsha Wilson
Rev. Cathy Joens
Robert Whitfield
Virginia Crowell
Kevin Clardy
Steve McGahee
Jimmy Gaddy
Marie Watt
Cindy Jones
Geno Cope
Ann Huntley
Rev. Jim & Carolyn Gilliam
Harry & Betty Johansen
Gene & Nancy Johnson
Max & Susan Cromer
Mary Jo Gay



Residential Care
Linda Black, Bob Elson, Jim Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith, Gene & Nancy Johnson, Sadie Murphy, Max & Susan Cromer, Catherine Hamill, Jim & Carolyn Gilliam, Maxie Wood, Brenda Sharp

At Home
Ann Huntley (Hospice)
Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner
Sister of: Robert Whitfield
Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan Davis
Niece of: Gene Turner, Richard & Stephanie Hamilton
Grandson of: Gary Dodson
Granddaughter of: Rick & Lisa Stanford
Cousin of: Gene Turner

Friends of:
Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Alida Weber, Trace Silvers, Susan Ford, Pastor Rusty Godfrey

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Worship Service—66

2026 Tithes & Offerings
Thank you for giving toward the budget. Your faithfulness is much appreciated.

October 4	$6,100.00
October 11	$4,225.00
October 18	$2,485.40
October 25	$4,306.50
Total	$17,116.90

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

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