



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

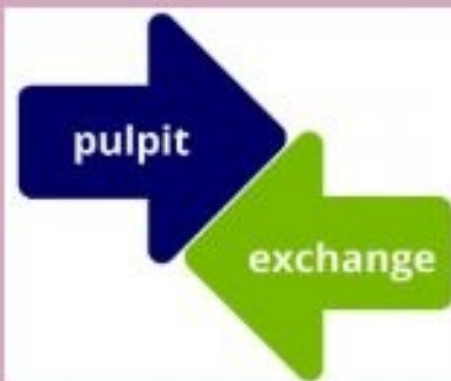
A classic David Bowie song from 1971 goes:
(Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes) turn and face the strange (ch-ch-changes)
Don't wanna be a richer man
(Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes) turn and face the strange (ch-ch-changes)
Just gonna have to be a different man

Life is all about facing “ch-ch-ch-ch-changes.” My niece (by marriage), Catherine Merritt, and her husband Blake had their first child, Alden, on May 3. As I am writing this, Adelaide and Jacob are awaiting the delivery of their first child, a precious little girl. My wife, a veterinary nurse, was recently told by her boss of over thirty years, Dr. Harry Cunningham, that he is retiring and shutting his downtown practice, Frazier Animal Hospital, on October 30. Melonee will be looking for a new job after thirty years! It takes both courage and a positive spirit to embrace the opportunities that change brings in all our lives! It also requires prayer and God’s grace to help us to grow.

An announcement was made yesterday by Greg Strong and Sandy Davis of the upcoming worship changes with the “summer trial” approved [very nearly] unanimously by the Church Council. Starting June 1, we will combine for “Communion Sunday” with a joint communion service in the sanctuary at 11 AM. (The next combined Communion Sunday service will be July 6 and be in The Bridge at the new time, 9:30 AM.) In order to allow the Bridge Service to “breathe” more fully and have a time of fellowship afterwards, the Bridge Service start time will slide back thirty minutes to 9:30 AM starting June 8. There will be a new 10:30 AM fellowship time with coffee and sweets after the Bridge service.

Now, please listen to your preacher concerning the summer “ch-ch-ch-ch-changes.” Do everything in your love and grace to support these efforts as we attempt to grow our church unity. Pray for God to use these changes to strengthen both our worship and fellowship. I will close with this verse: *“How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!”* (Psalm 133:1).

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty



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REV. RUSTY GODFREY, PASTOR
Giving Message at St. Matthew
"Love: Practice Makes Perfect"

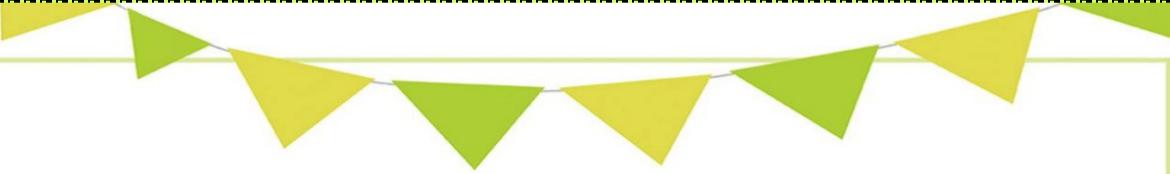


DR. AMENTI SUJAI, PASTOR
Giving Message at Lee Road
"Love is the Only Option"

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10 AM (SMUMC)

10 & 11 AM (LRUMC)



Bridge Adult
GATHERING

Sunday, May 18th
from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

hosted by the Whitlocks

109 Gateway Drive
Greenville, SC
respond by May 14th

text or call

864-884-5715

LEE ROAD UMC

MONTHLY ADULT SOCIAL



April has been a RECORD month for missions at LRUMC! Together, we:

- † Baked 109 dozen cookies for Kairos
- † Raised \$350 for inmates' meals for Kairos
- † Raised \$4,664 for Upstate Relay for Life
- † Produced 5 foster parents' appreciation baskets (\$250)
- † Donated A LOT OF SNACK FOODS for the Bethlehem Center of Spartanburg's afterschool program
- † Took up \$732 for the Mother's Day Epworth Offering

**THANK YOU LEE ROAD FOR YOUR ENORMOUS GENEROSITY!
WE ARE THE "SERVANT CHURCH"!**



2025 Wednesday Kids Programming

BBQ

appreciation

DINNER

Wednesday, May 21 @ 6 PM

For all those who volunteered for the Kids Program on Wonderful Wednesdays, the pastor would like to say thank you and invite you to an appreciation BBQ dinner on Wednesday, May 21 at 6 PM in the Social Hall. Please RSVP by calling 864-244-6427 or emailing office@leeroadumc.com by Monday, May 19.

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH!**



We have some exciting news. The Church Council voted to approve the Worship Committee proposals to have a summer trial period to change the worship times and how we celebrate communion as one unified church. This summer, the Bridge service start time will be 9:30 AM, and we will hold one combined communion service each month, alternating between the Sanctuary and the Bridge.

WHEN WILL THE SUMMER TRIAL BEGIN?

- † On **Sunday, June 1** will be a **combined service** for “**Communion Sunday**” in the sanctuary at 11 AM.
- † Starting **Sunday, June 8**, the Bridge service will officially **start at 9:30 AM** and be followed by a coffee and refreshments time at 10:30 AM.
- † The **July combined communion service** will be Sunday, July 6, at 9:30 AM in the Bridge
- † The **August combined communion service** will be Sunday, August 3, at 9:30 AM in the Bridge.
- † There will be a **combined Homecoming Sunday service** in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 17 at 11 AM.

The goals of the summer trial are threefold: one, to celebrate the unity of our church by taking regular communion as one body; two, to provide a little more "breathing room" for the Pastor and the Audiovisual Technician / Live Stream Coordinator between the two services when we hold both; and three, to provide a common time for Bridge attendees to stay and fellowship with one another. The Pastor asks all Lee Road UMC members to prayerfully support these changes as we seek to grow our church and worship in new and exciting ways.

VBS

Planning Meeting

**Monday, June 2, 2025 at 3PM
at Active Day**

(21 McBeth Street, Greenville, SC 29611)

**All persons who are interested in helping with the
mid-July VBS with Active Day Greenville are asked to attend.**

ARCO PRADIPTA

DOMINIC
SAPUTRA

HELLO

INTO MY STORY ON MARCH 2025

It's holiday time at my School, because of many people celebrate Ramadhan in Indonesia.

so, in this long holiday time, i had a vacation in Semarang.

I was very happy because I met my Grandpa, Grandma, Aunty, Uncle and cousins at Semarang.

I have visited several historical places in this city, that is LAWANG SEWU (1000 doors). This building have so many door, so we called Lawang Sewu. That so Authentic!

In this time, i'm so grateful to God because I have opportunity to gather with them.

God bless you





Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 15, 2025

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 16, 2025

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**Sunday, May 18, 2025—Pulpit Exchange
with St. Matthew (Taylors)**

8:30 a.m. UMM Prayer Breakfast-all are welcome!

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, May 19, 2025

4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Trustees Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Council Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

6:00 p.m. Kid's Program Volunteer Appreciation

BBQ Dinner

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 23, 2025

Saturday, May 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

UNITED METHODIST



8:30 A.M.

**NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 18TH
PROGRAM: SCAMS**



Friday, June 13

6:30 PM—Meal

7:30 PM—Entertainment

8:30 PM—Outdoor Movie

Church Staff

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864-631-9252

Organist, Mary Berry

Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

Custodian, Gene Turner



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

Special Prayer Requests

Marie Watt
Susan Ford
Carl Kohlhepp
Mary Jo Gay
Mel Casby
Geno Cope
Phil Whitlock
Nona Walser
Susan and Max Cromer
Steve & Monica Frantz
Patricia Gordon

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

March—Greg Strong
April—Trace Silvers
May—Tim Briggs
June—
July—Trace Silvers
August—Marcy Durham
September—Tim Briggs
October—Trace Silvers
November—Greg Strong
December—Robin Duncan

Residential Care

Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson,
Jim & Jean Crain, Annette
Hunter, Natalie Smith,
Gene Johnson & Sadie Murphy
At Home

Ann Huntley (with daughter)

Extended Family

Mother of: Dusty Ross, Tammy
Brown

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen
Turner

Daughter of: Laurie Fite

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Sister of: Jane Pingley

Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie
Wilder

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene
Turner

Nephew of: Sandy & Joan Davis

Family of: Don Sandor, Mike
Lewis, Patsy Kleman, Carol Hyde
Friends of:

Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie
Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth
Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Wayne &
Denise Dorr, Alida Weber, Mike
Martin, Trace Silvers



Attendance
Sunday, May 11, 2025
Contemporary Service—44
Traditional Service—56

2025 Tithes & Offerings
\$7,200 (needed weekly to
meet budget)

May 4	\$5,945.00
May 11	\$5,896.00
Total	\$11,841.00

Explanation for higher than
usual deposit: A member
paid their annual tithe.

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



SCAN ME

Watch Services Live!
Contemporary Service at 10AM
Traditional Service at 11AM