



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

I had such a wonderful experience with the Walk to Emmaus last week. First of all, I want to thank all of you who wrote me kind notes of encouragement and best wishes. These meant so much to me. The “walk” was a 72-hour unplugging from the world (no cellphones, watches, or TVs) which really kicked my Lent into high gear! Also, I met so many amazing Christians who loved each of us “pilgrims” with a factor of “seventy times seventy.” There were 20 of us pilgrims, a mixture of clergy and laity. Men from all walks of life and levels of Christian formation (one guy had just accepted Christ like a week before). Two men stated that their wives signed them up for this experience. Although we came into this with different life experiences, God blessed each one with the renewal of the Holy Spirit. We all left on a spiritual high, and as I write this, it is the “day after” known as the “Fourth Day” (which is every day after the walk ends). We are meant to carry this agape love we’ve been shown back to our homes, churches, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

The next walk for the Foothills Emmaus Community is in early March 2026 (a year from now). If I am privileged to continue to serve as your pastor, I will be asking both single individuals and couples to the men’s walk and to the women’s walk the following week. There are brochures about the Walk to Emmaus on a table in the Narthex. Please get one and ask me any questions you might have. You can also visit the website online at [FoothillsEmmaus.org](https://www.FoothillsEmmaus.org). I promise you the Walk to Emmaus will help you recenter and rededicate your life to following Christ! Finally, if you have done a Walk to Emmaus, please email me the name/number of the walk, date, and location of the walk (such as Rusty Godfrey, Foothills Emmaus #61, 2025, Camp Fellowship, Greenwood SC).

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty



UNITY Team T-Shirt & Bumper Sticker Fundraiser

Last year your Unity Team sponsored a fundraiser by selling **t-shirts** and **bumper stickers**. A number of members missed this opportunity to obtain these unique Lee Road/Bridge t-shirts. The Unity Team is ordering more t-shirts in order to provide a free shirt to our new members and preparatory members.

If you missed the opportunity to purchase a shirt last year, or would like an additional shirt, this is your opportunity to order now! Simply give your completed form with payment to any Unity Team member, or you can place it in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office no later than next **Wednesday, March 19th**.

Pastor Rusty is excited about the prospect of a new group picture made in front of our beautiful new mural with people wearing their Lee Road t-shirts. So, if you don't have one, order yours today!

The Unity Team still has our vinyl "Follow Me to Lee Road" **bumper stickers** available for \$3.00 each.



Tee-Shirt Order Form

Indicate in the table below the number of shirts you want to purchase by size. All shirts are \$22 each. Your check should be made out to LRUMC with Unity Team fundraiser in the memo line. Name: _____

S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	Bumper Sticker

TOGETHER

— AT —

Wednesday Night
DINNER

\$7 (ADULTS) KIDS EAT FREE!

3/19/25

menu: spaghetti, rolls, salad & dessert

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY KIDS PROGRAM 5PM / DINNER 6PM / BIBLE STUDY 6:45PM

WHO IS THIS MAN?

STUDY GUIDE

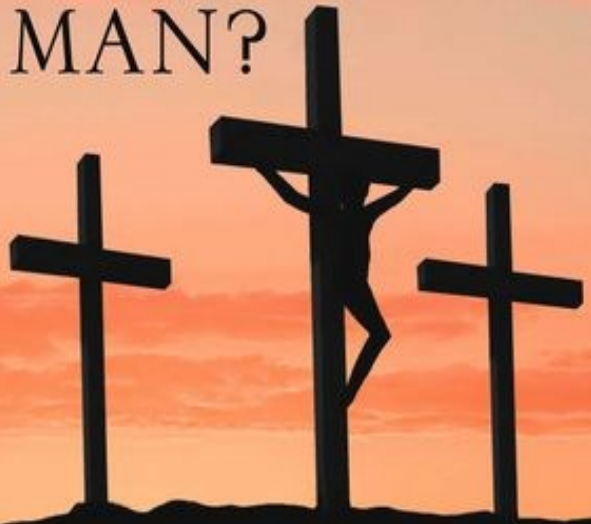
JOHN ORTBERG



WHO IS THIS MAN



The Unpredictable Impact
of the Inescapable Jesus



Taught by Laurie Fite



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Upstate SC will take place on Friday, April 25, 2025 at Gibbs Cancer Center and Research Institute 2759 SC-14 Greer, SC.

The Survivor's Dinner will begin at 5 pm (must register to attend) with the remaining activities taking place from 6-10 pm.

Although each Relay For Life event embraces the uniqueness of the home community, every event does have the same four signature elements:

- † a celebration of cancer survivors
- † a celebration of caregivers
- † a luminaria ceremony to honor and remember loved ones
- † the opportunity to fight back against cancer

To register, make a donation or purchase a luminary, look for the display table in the Social Hall or contact Linda Schinck at 864-414-7268

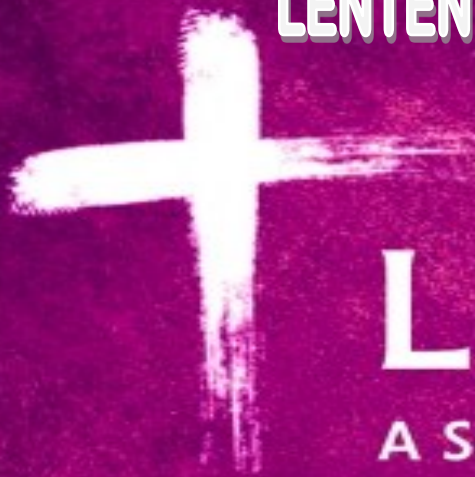


Baby Shower for Adelaide Kiser
Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 12 Noon (Social Hall)
(After our combined 5th Sunday worship in sanctuary)
Online Registry <https://my.babylist.com/adelaide-kiser>

Mom To Be ♥



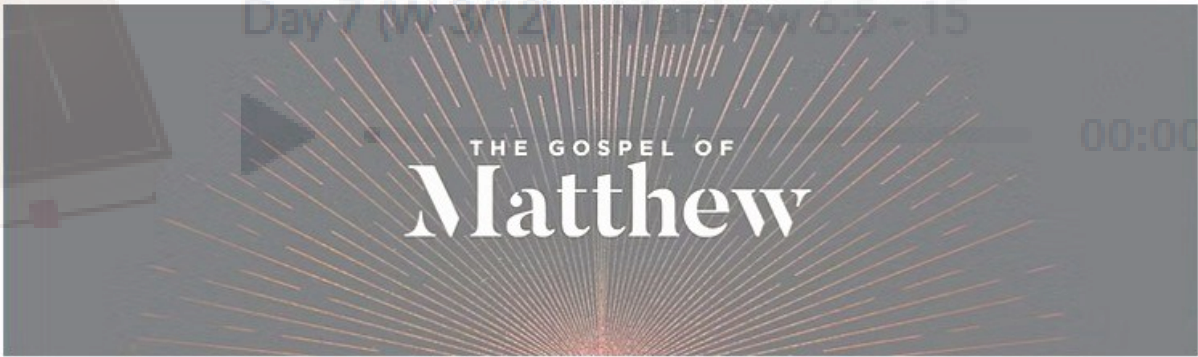
LENTEN REFLECTION BOARD



LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

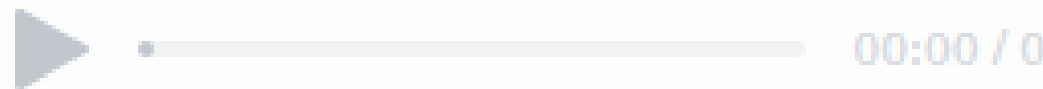
SUNDAY IN LENT DATE	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ITEM TO BRING TO WORSHIP
March 16	What word epitomizes what you hope to receive the most of this Lenten season?	Word Index card size (either 3x5" or 4x6")
March 23	Where have you seen humans serving as the "hands and feet" of Christ recently (current events)?	Image Index card size (either 3x5" or 4x6")
March 30	What word drains you the most of spiritual energy?	Word Index card size (either 3x5" or 4x6")
April 6	What thing of beauty brings you joy?	Image Index card size (either 3x5" or 4x6")
April 13	What do you think of when you consider the Lordship of Jesus?	Word Index card size (either 3x5" or 4x6")



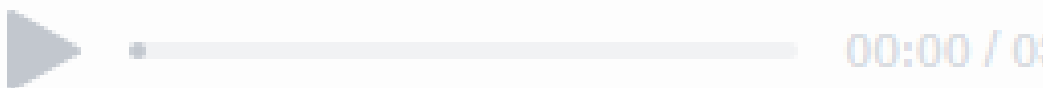
Lent: Daily Readings in the Gospel of Matthew

The last 2 years I've served as pastor, we have done "synchronous readings" of the Gospels of Mark and Luke. This Lent, we are taking a 40 day journey through Lent with the Gospel of Matthew. I have 6 different readers who have recorded Matthew in 36 portions (Sundays are off). I have posted the first 10 daily readings at our church website. I hope that you will journey with us!

<https://www.leeroadumc.com/lent>



Day 10: (Sa 3/15) - Matthew 8: 1-22





Hi ,its me Darren Riski Utama. Lunar New Year 2025 falls on Wednesday, Jauary 29th, and celebrations culminate with the Lantern Festival . Me and my classmates watching Lion Dance in School.Chinese New Year marks the transition between zodiac signs: 2025 is the Year of the Snake; 2024 the Year of the Dragon.

Here's to the man who taught me everything, and who supported me in every step I took through life, Happy birthday, Dad. And we celebrates with lunch with all families. Thank you for your Support and Prayers,God bless you



Music

MINISTRY



I am looking for a minimum of four (4) people who would like to play handbells. Practice will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. Prior experience is not necessary. If you would like to learn to play handbells, you are welcome! All ages welcome as long as you can get to practice. If you don't read music, we will work with that also! I am hoping we can play around Easter in the traditional service and would love to work into playing once a month. Come ring with us.
Laurie Fite

Send a text to

81010

Text this message

@revgod

I am starting a Remind text group to send updates about important church information (closures due to weather, event reminders, death in church family, etc.). This will be used VERY SPARINGLY for just the most important announcements. There will be no dialogue, conversation, or personal responses with this system. The advantages of Remind are many, and this allows me as your pastor to send something after hours and/or away from my office. To sign up for Lee Road notifications, follow the instructions to the right. If you need assistance, bring your smartphone on a Wednesday night or drop by the office.

Thank you!



UPDATES FROM PASTOR RUSTY FOR LEE ROAD UMC PEOPLE

- † Pastor needs to sell 20 meal tickets for \$10 a piece. These are placed on the prisoner's placemat to let him know someone cared enough about him on the outside to buy them a meal. Many of you have supported this in the past, and I humbly ask you to consider doing so again. Make checks out to LRUMC and on the comment line put "Kairos meal ticket."
- † Pastor will be asking the church this time to produce 100 dozen homemade cookies for T.R.#33 Walk in early May. (We produced over 560 dozen last Fall! Two artists made works thanking LRUMC for this accomplishment.)
- † Lee Road UMC has hosted thus far three Tyger River (TR) Kairos Chapter meetings on Saturdays from 8 AM - 1 PM. It is expected from each team member to attend 80% of the 36 hour training and discipleship sessions in preparation for each long weekend ("walks").
- † Sandy Davis has submitted an approved application with the SC Department of Corrections so he can join the food prep logistical team that provides the meals for the May "walk."
- † Kairos does two 4-day "walks" in the prisons per calendar year. The next 4-day "walk" at Tyger River is "T.R.#33" from May 1-4, 2025 (Thursday through Sunday).

Cookies
for Kairos



2025 Wednesday Kids Programming

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON
3/12	Singing Lesson	Adelaide Kiser	Nona Walser
3/19	Soil Garden Site Prep	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Pastor
3/26	Transplanting Seeds	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Pastor
4/2	Mulching Beds	Sandy Davis	Kisers
4/30	Craft	Pilar Turner	Kisers
5/7	Needlepoint or Knitting	Laurie Fite	Ray Youngblood
5/14	Memorial Garden Work	Sandy Davis	Ray Youngblood

1. Plan for at least 45 minutes of instruction / hands-on activities. Begin no later than 5:05 PM. Any late "scholars" will be folded in as best they can be.
2. Plan to eliminate any downtime (such as cooking time).
3. Plan for at least 12 children to attend your session (ages 8-14 years old).
4. Try to foster teamwork and no competition or contests.
5. Begin the lesson by having a short kid-appropriate devotion (aim for 5th grade level) followed by a prayer. Next, inform them what the activity is and go over rules (cell phones must be in the basket, no talking when the presenter is speaking, raise your hand if you have any questions).
6. End your lesson at ten minutes until 6 PM and get the kids to clean up the space. Then walk them up to the social hall for the church dinner. Get them to sit at the kids' table. (Some will be picked up by their parents at 6 PM and taken home.)
7. Any consumable materials that you need for your lesson that you wish to be reimbursed for please save receipts (with no personal items on them) and staple them to the disbursement authorization form (next page). Turn the form with receipts into the church office.
8. Pastor will get a "safe sanctuary" person assigned to each Wednesday.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

Friday, March 14, 2025

Saturday, March 15, 2025

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. UMM Prayer Breakfast

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

Monday, March 17, 2025 (St. Patrick's Day)

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Faith Montessori (Bridge)

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (S.H.)

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

5:00 p.m. Bridge Kids Program

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal

6:45 p.m. Lenten Study

Thursday, March 20, 2025 (Spring Begins)

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

Friday, March 21, 2025

Saturday, March 22, 2025

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

Sunday, March 23, 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)

4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice



St. Patrick's Day Monday, March 17

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864-631-9252

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Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

Custodian, Gene Turner



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

Special Prayer Requests

- Patti Sandor
- Mel Casby
- Julie Ross
- Geno Cope
- Phil Whitlock
- Nona Walser
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Steve Frantz
- Patricia Gordon
- Tammy Brown



**PRAYER BREAKFAST
THIS SUNDAY 3/16 @8:30AM**

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

At Home

Sadie Murphy
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

Son-in-Law of: Carl & Beth
Kohlhepp

Nephew of: Linda Black, Sandy &
Joan Davis

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



Sunday, March 9, 2025
Contemporary Service—37
Traditional Service—51

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

March 2	\$17,345.00
March 9	\$2,650.00
March 16	
March 23	
March 30	
Total	\$19,995.00

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

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



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