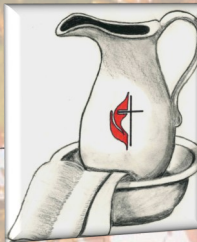




*A note
from the pastor*



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Dear Congregation,

Are you ready for the Fall? I am. After weeks of being battered by punishing heat and ongoing drought, some of our trees are showing tell-tale signs of turning colors. This past weekend and the start of this week are mercifully a little bit cooler. One of the key markers for me of the start of Fall is purchasing a big bucket of deep purple muscadines at my local fruit and vegetable stand. I did that this past weekend. They are so sweet and yummy.

What are your markers of the beginning of Fall? College football games (sorry to my Clemson fans who currently have the LSU Blues)? Halloween candy appearing in the stores? Little awareness flags with cornucopias and pilgrims on them? Fall fruits and veggies including apples, pears, and root crops and hearty greens? From Labor Day (yesterday) to the beginning of Advent (Sunday, November 29), things will start happening very quickly. You wait and see! How many of you have heard the words “Christmas will be here before you know it”?

The challenge for us is to slow down and appreciate all the good things God has done for us. When the heat starts to break, and the evenings soon get shorter and cooler, sit outside and meditate on what a wonderful world God made. Don’t allow the commercial advertising world to turn the rest of the year into some sort of “Hallo-Thank-Mas” mess. In every season, authentically thank God for the providential, bountiful way He cares for all. “For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

– Psalms 100:5

In Christ,
Rusty

FAITH *and* FORGIVENESS *in* CHRIST

Join us for a meaningful **four-Sunday** sermon series
exploring faith, forgiveness, and our
relationships with Christ and one another.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
Getting It Right With Jesus



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
Getting It Wrong With Jesus



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
When Others Wrong Us



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
The Two-Way Street of Forgiveness

Based on Matthew 16:16 and 18
Rev. Rusty Godfrey

10:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP



LEE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1377 E. Lee Road, Taylors, SC

A Lighthouse Congregation Where All Are Welcome

Everyone is invited! Come and be part of this special sermon series!

2026 MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

+ September – Epworth Workday Offering



Epworth

**Work Day
Offering**

September 13, 2026

Give online at epworthsc.org

+ September: Kairos Cookies Baking

+ October 1-4: Pastor at Perry Correctional for Kairos Weekend

+ 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.

JOIN US FOR OUR

Midweek Service

Wednesday, September 16
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

- ♥ Meatloaf
- ♥ Honey Ginger Carrots
- ♥ Mashed Potatoes
- ♥ Dessert

\$7 per person



Children and First-Time Visitors
Eat Free!

Calling All Men

Rethinking Men's Ministry:

BRING THEM JESUS



All Lee Road United Methodist Men are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. We will gather in the Social Hall to discuss our exciting upcoming fall and winter activities. Coffee and biscuits will be served. Please plan to attend if possible—we look forward to seeing you there! Gary Dodson

You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. JAMES 2:22 NLT

Lee Road UMC's

CHARGE

CONFERENCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

**(DUE TO THIS MEETING, WE WILL RESCHEDULE THE HR AND
CAMPUS TEAM MEETINGS TO THE PRIOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5.)**

Welcome to Side by Side Respite ministry at John Knox Presbyterian!

We are a volunteer driven community outreach ministry whose aim is to provide a respite (a rest/break/relief) to individuals living with memory loss and their caregivers. We believe that everyone needs a respite.

Caregivers and their loved ones need a break from the same routine, a break from the house, a break from each other. Side by Side Respite is a safe place for that break.

What does that look like?

Caregivers are able to bring their loved ones to John Knox Presbyterian Church and leave them in the hands of trained volunteers who will be with them throughout the day to guide them through enriching activities and ensure their safety at all times. While here, the lines between Participant and Volunteer are blurred and everyone is simply here as a Friend and Neighbor. During the day, individuals and volunteers will participate in a variety of activities such as: fellowship, physical exercise, mental exercises, creative writing, service projects, arts & crafts, games, music, and lunch. There is also a regular opportunity to participate in worship. (**Note: This is a social model of care. No medications can be passed and no medical personnel are on staff.) Caregivers have the opportunity to use this time for personal replenishment in whatever form serves the moment. For some, that looks like a well-deserved nap! For others, it may look like personal doctor appointments, lunch with friends, errands, or finishing up odds and ends around the house. Stay tuned for information about the opportunity to participate in a monthly support group.

Who can come?

If you are considering a loved one and have questions, please reach out for a discussion with our Director, Laura Reichen! Participants should be able to function in a group setting, feed themselves, and complete toileting tasks without physical assist. It is requested that you reserve a spot a week in advance for planning purposes.

When will this happen?

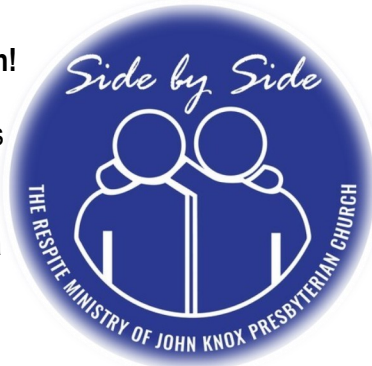
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 1:45

Where will this be?

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
35 Shannon Dr., Greenville, SC 29615

How much does it cost?

\$40 per day



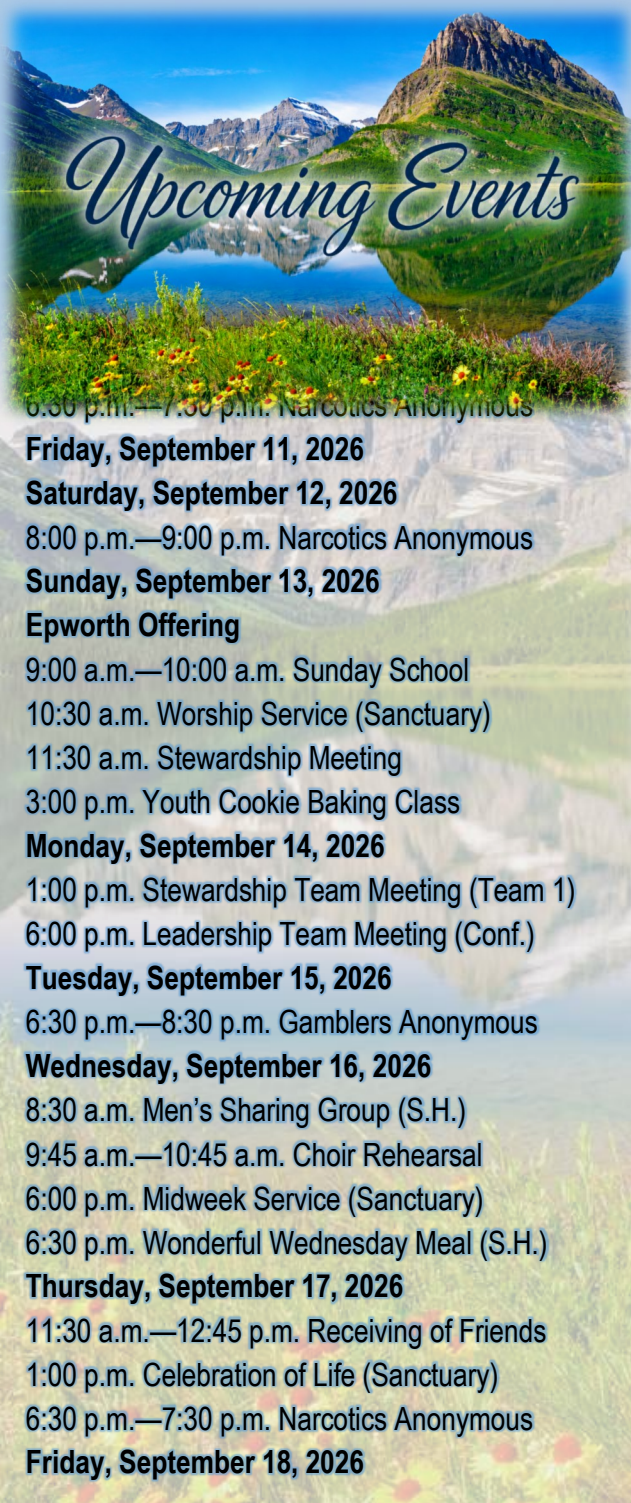
**Come join us on Monday, September 21,
from 9am-1pm for volunteer training at John Knox
for our Side by Side Respite ministry for individuals
living with memory loss and their caregivers!
Please let Laura know if you plan to attend!
(lreichen@johnknoxpres.org or 864-244-0453)**



There will be a puzzle swap at the Greer branch of the public library on Saturday, September 19 from 3 PM to 4 PM. They will accept puzzles to swap from September 14 through September 18. The Greer branch is at 505 Pennsylvania Ave. across the street from the Post Office.

For each puzzle you donate you will receive a coupon which you can use to buy a puzzle on September 19. We are going to submit about 50 puzzles on September 14. We will keep our supply of coupons in the church office. If you don't have puzzles you want to swap, you can pick up coupons in the office to use on Saturday.

Strategy: Be early on the 19th. Swappers get first choice at 3:00 PM. Those without coupons will be allowed in at 3:30. It's all free.



Upcoming Events

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

Friday, September 11, 2026

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Epworth Offering

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:30 a.m. Stewardship Meeting

3:00 p.m. Youth Cookie Baking Class

Monday, September 14, 2026

1:00 p.m. Stewardship Team Meeting (Team 1)

6:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting (Conf.)

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 16, 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, September 17, 2026

11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Receiving of Friends

1:00 p.m. Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)

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

Friday, September 18, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

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

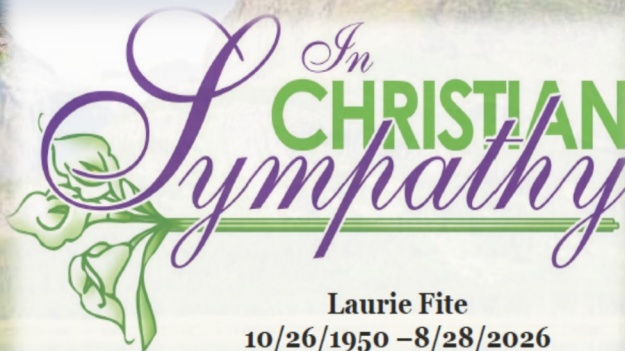
Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast Meeting (S.H.)

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:30 a.m. Stewardship Meeting



Laurie Fite

10/26/1950 – 8/28/2026

Thursday, September 17, 2026

11:30 AM—12:45 PM: Receiving of Friends (Sanctuary)

1:00 PM: Service (Sanctuary)

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

Special Prayer Requests

Jimmie Shaver
Gene Hutson
Virginia Crowell
Kevin Clardy
Steve McGahee
Jimmy Gaddy
Beth Kohlhepp
Marie Watt
Vicky Williams
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

Brother of: Vicky Williams

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

Family of: Don Sandor, Patsy
Kleman

Friends of:

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Worship Service—58

2026 Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for giving toward
the budget. Your faithfulness
is much appreciated.

September 6	\$6,265.00
September 13	\$
September 20	\$
September 27	\$
Total	\$6,265.00

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



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