

Lee Road United Methodist Church
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To the fine members of Lee Road UMC,

While Pastor Rusty is away on mission work in Indonesia, my mom, Mitzi, who you all may know as your favorite administrative assistant, asked me if I wanted to fill in and write the front page for the weekly Reflections. I've not made it this far in my life by saying "no" to my mom, so here I am, writing to all of you. A quick introduction for those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet: my name is Bayleigh, I am Mitzi's (favorite) daughter, and, currently, I am a junior at the University of South Carolina studying Political Science. In case it helps jog anyone's memory – you may have seen me taking a nap or two under my mom's desk when I was younger. It's really quite comfortable down there. Now, figuring out what to reflect upon is something I found to be a bit difficult. After all, I am not a pastor, nor someone with any kind of special knowledge, and I generally lack the years necessary to requisite wisdom. In fact, the more I learn and the older I get, the more I realize how little I really know. I guess that's what college-level math does to a person.

I'm here in my mom's office, not napping, but waiting with her so we can go vote in the midterm elections when she gets off work. (It's my first year being legally allowed to vote, and I am very excited about it. Thank you, 26th Amendment!) Especially as I'm continuing my education and studying global political events, I recognize the immense blessing it is to be able to vote and to have that vote count. To confess to all of you, I believe I may have fallen into the trap that I'd guess a lot of young people find themselves in; that trap of not realizing quite how good you have it until it's gone. I guess that's what paying rent for the first time does to a person.

I suppose the thing I most want to reflect on is just how much I am finding there is to be grateful for. It's easy to get caught in the current news stream, believe me, I'm majoring in it, and it's easy to get lost in the pain of this sometimes volatile world. It's certainly easy to worry. Yet at the same time, I'm learning just how easy it is to love. I'm learning how there is always something to find gratitude in because God's blessings have always been boundless, I may have just needed practice in recognizing it. So, while there might not be much for a congregation to learn from a 19 year old, there is certainly a lot from a 19 year old to learn from a congregation. I've learned from Mrs. Prudy's generosity, Mrs. Jane's abnegation, Mrs. LuAnn's creativity, Mr. Gene's friendliness, Mrs. Joyce's altruism, Pastor Rusty's leadership, and just about everything from my mom. Believe you all me, I'm taking notes. I guess that's what coming home does to a person.

With Love,
Bayleigh

Young at Heart in Returning!



Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Mark Your Calendar

for a day of Learning, Lunch, Laughter and Fellowship!

The Advent Wreath will take center stage with our own ***Denise Wilson*** presenting the story and facts regarding the Advent Wreath and assistance for making one so that each person or couple will take home for the up coming season.

We will gather at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall. The program will be followed by luncheon at 12:00. The cost is still just

$7.00 per person – *a bargain for sure in this economy!*

The entre will feature ham, broccoli and rice casserole with salad, dessert and beverage.



If you do not receive a call for making your reservation, please call the office by 10 A.M. on

Monday, November 9.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

We need caring, willing volunteers to provide transportation for people attending the

Wonderful Wednesday

evening prayer service and meals.



Call the Office if you can help with transportation during **"Standard Time."** (when it gets dark early)

Mitzi will help pair you with a beloved fellow church member to help out with transportation.

Let's come together to make Wonderful Wednesday accessible for all!

Coming Down The ROAD....

Join us for these up-coming events at Lee Road UMC!

Wed
Nov 18th
6:30 PM



A CHARLIE BROWN FRIENDSGIVING

Join us for dinner, prizes, and a showing of "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"

LOCATION: THE SOCIAL HALL

Sat
Nov 21st
4:00 PM



DOUGLAS DOBSON MEMORIAL ORGAN CONCERT

Come and witness our special guest organist: **Nancy Smith. Reception to follow in the Social Hall**

Sun
Nov 22nd
2:00 PM



TEEN FORUM: THE FUTURE OF AI

Join us for an informative discussion on the state of Artificial Intelligence and what it could mean for the future of technology, education, and youth.

LUNCH TO BE SERVED

LOCATION: THE SOCIAL HALL

Tues
Nov 24th
6:00 PM



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join us for our yearly Thanksgiving service, followed by a **SOUP AND CORNBREAD SUPPER at 6:30.**

Sat
Nov 28th
9:00 AM



Advent Decoration

Come and help us decorate the Sanctuary for Advent!!

Doughnuts and coffee available



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.

THE BRANCH

LEE ROAD UMC

FROM THE "BRANCH MANAGER"

I try to spend my life by being a "giver." Rather it be physical or spiritual, I always feel happiest when I can give to others. I wrote this poem years ago to help describe that feeling:

Some will tell you:
"Save what you have left and give it to yourself."
But that's not why I have it.
I will give and give and give everything I have until I've nothing left.
Until I'm empty and hollow-
And if someone can use this bag of bones as shelter or say, bus fare to a better place,
I hope they take it and I hope they get there because I'll already be on my way.

-Steven

ROOTED IN THE WORD

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

• Galatians 6:10

BRANCHING OUT

Little Beginnings (Ages: Infant-6)	Growing in Faith (Ages: 7-12)	Navigating Life (Ages: 13-18)
2 ways to be a blessing to others: 1. Smile at others 2. Sharing toys with others	2 ways to be a blessing to others: 1. Help a friend without being asked 2. Being respectful to teachers	2 ways to be a blessing to others: 1. Notice a need and take initiative to help 2. Put together a care package for someone

GOING OUT ON A LIMB

This is your weekly Challenge!!!!!

Find a way to SECRETLY bless someone without anything in return

Share 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

TEEN FORUM:
THE IMPACT OF AI

Panel Discussion for the Adult Leaders of Tomorrow



Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM

Lee Road UMC Social Hall

Youth Director Steve Moser

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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

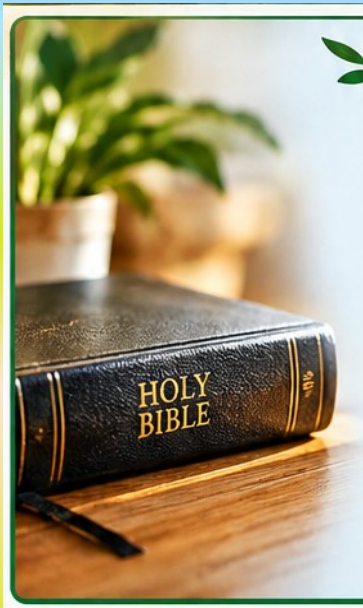

2026 Trunk or Treat!
NEXT STEPS


BEAUTIFUL CAROLYN GILLIAM & HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE
MEDLINE

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!

Instant
Church Directory™

Your church directory
on your
mobile device.
Instantly!



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Lee Road United Methodist Church

A Lighthouse Congregation That Welcomes All!

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, November 9, 2026

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

11:00 a.m. Young At Heart

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

Wednesday, November 11, 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 12, 2026

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Quilting Guild

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

Friday, November 13, 2026

Saturday, November 14, 2026

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Guest Speaker: Rev. Christine Matthews

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Sunday School

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

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

Jimmy Gaddy
Marsha Wilson
Rev. Cathy Joens
Robert Whitfield
Virginia Crowell
Kevin Clardy
Steve McGahee
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, Ann Huntley

At Home
Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner

Sister of: Robert Whitfield

Nephew of: Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan Davis

Niece of: Gene Turner, Richard & Stephanie Hamilton

Grandson of: Gary Dodson

Granddaughter of: Rick & Lisa Stanford

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Worship Service—64

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

November 1	$4,855.00
November 8	
November 15	
November 22	
November 29	
Total	

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

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