



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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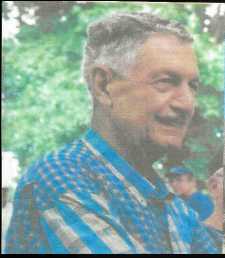
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Dear Church Family,

What are your personal signs that “spring has sprung”? I have noticed several telltale signs this week. First, I just found the first stink bug that got into my house. He came in unawares whilst I was going out to the back porch to grill my salmon. No worries. He has taken a journey through the ReWa system. Secondly, the hood of my blue Ranger – go Lee Road Ranger Club – is now yellowish with pollen. Third, the house for the first time this afternoon felt stuffy as the thermometer read 74 degrees. (Wonder when we will cave in and turn on the air conditioning?) Last, I noticed wearing my “green jeans” out and about today that I wished I was wearing shorts instead! Make no mistake, spring has sprung indeed!

We had a wonderful Easter with three excellent services! I was touched by the number of visitors and everyone’s friendliness and hospitality! Way to go, Lee Road! Please do us another favor: *spread the Lee Road story that God is on the move in our church.* Tell folks about the positive changes in our collective spirit. Relay the “Lighthouse Congregation” story to everyone you meet. Praise our church for its investments in new technologies (such as the new digital board and TV screens in the sanctuary) in order to make our services the best they can be. The best thing you can do: **CONTINUE TO INVITE PEOPLE TO OUR CHURCH.** *In your hands, my fellow Lee Roaders, and not in mine alone, rests the ability for us to continue to grow with this Holy Spirit-provided momentum we’ve been experiencing! Onwards and upwards in Christ! New growth in Spring can be ours!*

In Christ’s Name,
Pastor Rusty



the spotlight

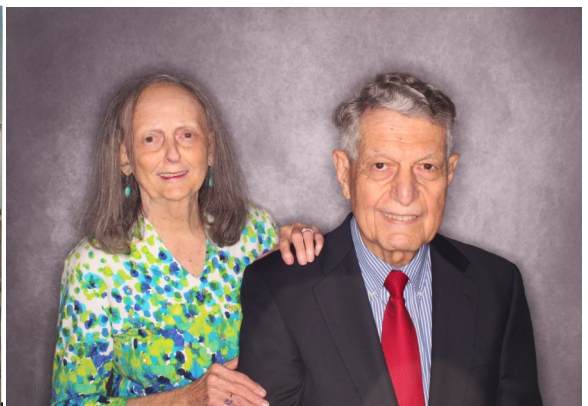
CHRISTOPHER TRABOOKIS!!

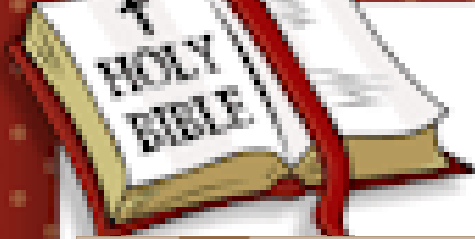
Chris hails from Wyoming. He graduated from the University of Wyoming and the University of Washington in Engineering-and to put it plainly-he is a “hellva engineer”. He was an engineer at Fluor for 22 years as Project Manager. He also was Project Manager for Greenville County School System where he managed the renovation of 16 schools.

He is married to Geraldine (Gerri), a former school teacher in Greenville Country. They have three sons, George (Drew), Zachery (Zach), and Bradley (Brad).

Chris has served on many committees including SPRC, Finance, and UMM. He taught and is still teaching Sunday School and was a member of the Chancel Choir for many years and is currently a member of the New Beginnings Singers. He sets the dining tables each week for Wednesday supper and he is always ready and available for any tasks needed to be done by the Trustees.

Thank you Chris for your dedication and faithfulness to Lee Road UMC.





APRIL 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

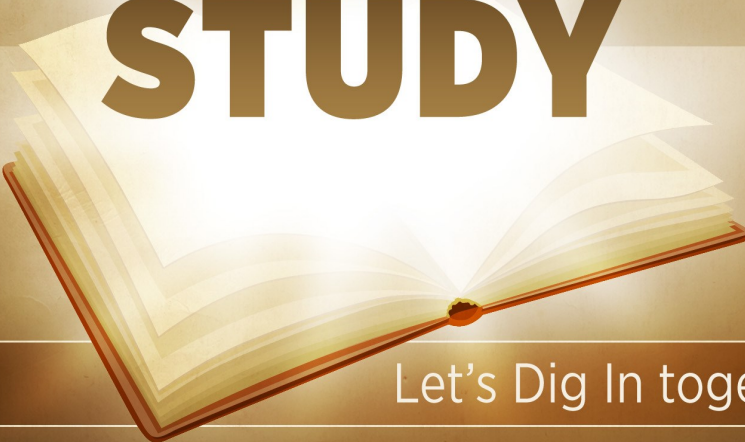
WONDERFUL



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DINNER

CHICKEN FETTUCCHINE ALFREDO, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT

**BIBLE
STUDY**



Let's Dig In together



YOUNG AT HEART

One sure way to know that Spring is here is the very yellow covering of pollen on everything!! Along with spring is the April gathering for Young at Heart. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. for a wonderful program of music presented by Nancy Smith. Nancy is a retired church organist and music educator at the Governor's School, where she taught many music students as well as accompanied the dancers during recitals on piano.

Ms. Smith will lead a group of Flutists in presenting a wonderful program of music. The name of the group is the Senior Action Flute Choir. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. The cost is \$7.00 per person. You should receive a call for reservation and if you miss the call, please call Mitzi in the office for reservation.



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Upstate SC will take place on Friday, May 3, 2024 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.

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More than just a fundraising walk, the ACS Relay For Life brings together passionate supporters who embody the American Cancer Society vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. This volunteer-led experience unites communities to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

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, and 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, click the link above, or contact Linda Schinck at (864) 414-7268.



Lee Road has a long history of paying their Apportionments in full each year; however, we haven't given 100% of our Apportionments since 2017. We quit giving entirely in 2018 for lack of funds. We gave nothing in 2019 and 2020. In 2021, because of COVID, we received a substantial amount of government monies and at year-end we paid 25% of our Apportionments. We ramped up to 50% in 2022, 65% in 2023, and we've budgeted to pay 80% in 2024.

The Conference Asking for 2024 is \$40,000, so 80% is \$32,000. We need an additional \$8,000 to be a 100% giver in 2024. The Finance Committee is asking congregation members to consider making an additional Apportionment gift this year above their current planned giving. There is an updated Apportionment Board in the back hallway that has note cards with a \$ amount written on each card, ranging from \$50 to \$500. Please remove the card that represents the amount of your additional gift. Take the card with you as a reminder. The total of all the cards is \$8,000, the additional amount needed to return Lee Road UMC to a 100% Apportionment giver. On the "For" line of your check please write "Extra Apportionments." There are flyers on Apportionments in the bottom right -hand corner of the bulletin board. Inside the front cover is an excellent explanation of how Apportionments are calculated. Take one.
Jimmy Gaddy, Finance Chair.

PEOPLE

Revenue that exceeds the cost of the meals will only be used for other functions of the Weekend.
#121

Kairos Inside
Tyger River, SC #31
May 2 - 5, 2024

I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:36



#121

Kairos Inside

TYGER RIVER, SC #31

May 2 - 5, 2024

This meal is provided by:

Name _____

City _____

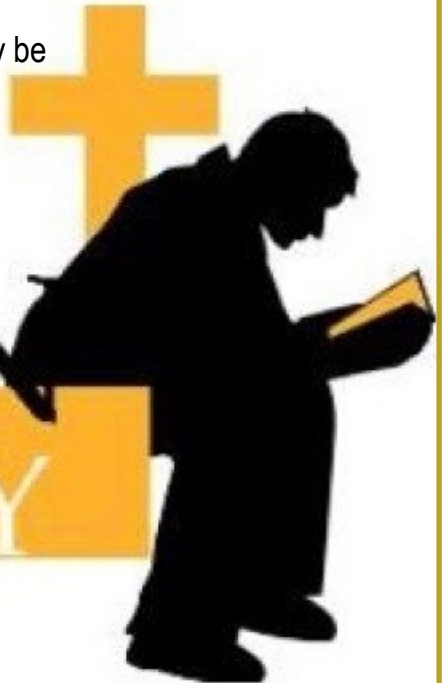


The Pastor is selling meal tickets for \$10 each for donors to purchase a meal for a "resident" of the Tyger River Correctional Institute. The Kairos team cooks all the meals for residents during each long weekend "walk" (the next one is May 2-5, 2024). The ticket is placed on each person's placemat as a way of saying that Christians on the "outside" care for them. You can have your first name only on the ticket if you wish or just "Lee Road UMC" and "Taylors." The cost for each long weekend (and there are two per year) is about \$5000. Pastor Rusty is participating in the May event and has a goal of raising \$200. **Would you prayerfully consider purchasing a ticket from the pastor? I will provide each person a receipt for their donation, and one can purchase more than just 1 ticket if you wish!**

Any revenue that exceeds the cost of the meals will only be used for other functions of the Weekend.

Thank you for your generosity, and although you won't be physically going "inside" as I will, your contributions will spread the love of Jesus.

PRISON
MINISTRY



Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

To make our services more welcoming to all, we would like to reinstitute the practice of having parking lot greeters for both services. The greeters would be sharing their gift of hospitality by doing the following:

- ◆ Be ready and in the parking lot at least 30 minutes before the service begins with your provided vest on. You will stay there until 10 minutes after the service time.
- ◆ Greet those who arrive, showing them that they are welcome to worship and be part of our church family. Make sure you introduce yourself to the guest(s) and ask their name(s).
- ◆ If the car is close enough to you or in a handicapped parking place, be ready to help open the car door and assist the guests. If at the traditional service, direct those who might need it to the lift at the side of the front porch.
- ◆ If it is raining, have an umbrella with you to hold over the guest as they get out of the car. There are courtesy umbrellas in the Bridge lobby and the narthex of the sanctuary that you may give them to use. Just ask the guest to drop it off inside the door when they enter the building.
- ◆ Return your vest and courtesy umbrellas to the lobby/narthex when your shift has ended.

Our goal is to make everyone attending our services feel the love of Christ and the welcome we want to share with them. If you feel the Holy Spirit leading you to do this work, please let Laurie Fite know by sending a text to (864) 420-1131 or an email to Laurie@Fite.com. If we get enough people to respond, we will set up a schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

Friday, April 5, 2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

Monday, April 8, 2024—Solar Eclipse

Tuesday, April 9 2024

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

Friday, April 12, 2024

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Sunday, April 14, 2024

You're invited to our

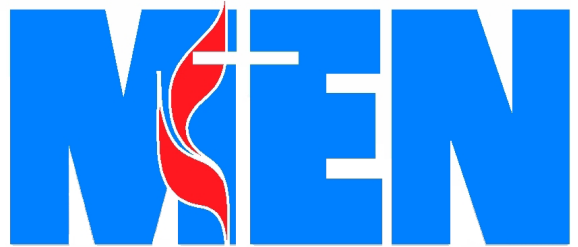
**COMBINED
SERVICE**

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

12:00 p.m. Church Cookout

UNITED METHODIST



Your United Methodist Men are providing a Cookout following our combined church service on Sunday, April 14, 2024 to celebrate the progress we are enjoying at Lee Road.

Grilled kabobs (beef, chicken and shrimp), hillbilly caviar, roasted potatoes, and a fresh green salad. Plan to attend, to mix, to mingle and to celebrate each other and our church family.

mix & mingle



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

Special Prayer Requests

- Linda Black
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Nona Walser
- Jimmy Gaddy
- Chris Fite
- Steve Frantz
- Joan Davis
- Betty Perdue
- Penelope McPeters
- Patricia Gordon
- Rev. Bill Shepard

- Residential Care
Betty Perdue, Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson, Jim & Jean Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith
- At Home
Larry Hand
- Ann Huntley (with daughter)
- Extended Family
- Mother of: Dusty Ross
- Son of: Annette Hunter
- Father of: Debbie Gantt, Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner
- Brother of: Vicky Williams
- Son-in-Law of: Carl & Beth Kohlhepp
- Nephew of: Linda Black, Sandy & Joan Davis
- Niece of: Laurie Fite
- Family of: Don Sandor, Mike Lewis
- Friends of:
Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Annette Hunter, Wayne & Denise Dorr, Alida Weber, Mike Martin

Attendance



Sunday, March 31, 2024
Contemporary Service—65
Traditional Service—95

2024 Tithes & Offerings
\$6,990 (needed weekly to meet budget)

March 3	\$6,579.00
March 10	\$4,316.00
March 17	\$2,696.00
March 24	\$3,638.00
March 31	\$6,888.66
	\$24,117.66



SCAN ME



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