



*A note  
from the pastor*



## REFLECTIONS

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### *A New Year's Plan*

*I tried to think of a clever new phrase—  
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,  
A motto to live by this coming New Year,  
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.  
And then I heard His still small voice  
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:  
With each new dawn and close of day  
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."  
"Don't look back, caught in regret  
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;  
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,  
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."  
"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.  
You are held secure by my strong hand.  
Give me this one thing—your all in all:  
Into my grace, let yourself fall."  
So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.  
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.  
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,  
To give Him my everything—all that I am.*

*--Mary Fairchild*

Happy New Year! May God Bless You!  
Pastor Rusty

## November 2023 Financials

Financial performance for November was excellent, the second consecutive month of significant positive cash flow. For the second consecutive month, low Trustee expenses of only \$4,081 combined with Total Revenue of \$27,966 resulted in positive cash flow of \$4,136 for the month. Total Revenue for 2023 is projected to finish 2% above forecast while Total Expenses are projected to finish 3% below forecast. Available cash on hand (BBLD) to pay operating expenses grew to \$171,648. For the year, we have paid 100% of budgeted Apportionments of \$28,506. There were 70 "Givers" for November vs a 2023 monthly average of 66 household giving units. Respectfully submitted.

Jimmy Gaddy, Finance Chair.

### November 2023 Financial Reporting to Church

	Nov-23	Year-to-Date	Budget	%
Church Contribution/Income	\$27,966	\$324,975	\$347,552	93.50%
Church Expenses	(\$23,830)	(\$307,819)	(\$347,552)	88.57%
Income Less (Expense)	\$4,136	\$17,156	\$0	
Total Assets in Bank Accounts	\$205,290			
Dedicated Accounts (100% Funded)	\$33,642			
Available Cash (Undedicated Bank Assets)	\$171,648			
Total Apportionments Billed Not Budgeted	\$43,856			
Apportionment Paid (100% of Budgeted Amt)	\$28,506			
Percent Paid	65%			
Giving Households for Month	70			

# Upcoming

The word "Upcoming" is written in a large, orange, cursive font. Below it, there is a horizontal row of colored dots: yellow, orange, red, green, blue, and then a blue oval containing the word "EVENTS" in white capital letters. This is followed by another blue, green, red, orange, and yellow dot.

- † The first Wonderful Wednesday Night will in 2024 will be January 17, at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to new weekly biblical and spiritual givings and some fun-filled evenings thrown in.
- † The first Young at Heart Luncheon will be Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. The luncheon has been moved from Tuesday to Thursday to help ease the scheduling for other Church Activities. We look forward to everyone enjoying programing, fellowship and luncheon.
- † Sunday, January 14 at 2 PM: Moravian Love Feast in Fellowship Hall for all Lutheran Food Pantry Volunteers
- † Monday, January 22 at 7 PM: All Lee Road Volunteers Appreciation BBQ Supper (Mike and Jeffs) - RSVP by calling or emailing the church office by Thursday, January 18.
- † Sunday, January 21 at 2 PM: Church Growth Task Force meets in Fellowship Hall
- † Sunday, January 28: Missions Sunday: find out about our church plans for local, state, and global missions for 2024 and how you can help



**GREENVILLE DISTRICT  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

# **CLUSTER MEETING**

**For women whose church does not have a unit, but  
would like to connect with other Women in Faith in  
Greenville**

**SATURDAY | 3 | 10 AM  
FEBRUARY**

**TAYLORS LIBRARY MEETING ROOM- 316 WEST MAIN  
STREET, TAYLORS SC**

**FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:**

**GREENVILLEDISTRICTUMW@GMAIL.COM**

**OR**

**CALL VICKIE FAILOR AT 864-354-8842**

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

**Friday, January 5, 2024**

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

**Sunday, January 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, January 8, 2023**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2023**

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

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

**Wednesday, January 10, 2023**

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

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

6:00 p.m. **NO** Wonderful Wednesday

**Thursday, January 11, 2023**

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

**Friday, January 12, 2023**

**Saturday, January 13, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations

**Sunday, January 14, 2023**

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

2:00 p.m. Moravian Love Feast (S.H.)  
(LCOS and LRUMC)



Dear Members and My LRUMC Friends,

I wish to thank you for your most generous Christmas gift to me, and I am grateful to serve you as your “traditional service” organist.

In Christ's service,  
Don Sandor





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

### Special Prayer Requests

Jimmy Gaddy  
Cindy Jones  
Chris Fite  
Steve & Monica Frantz  
John Hunter  
Joan Davis  
Betty Perdue  
Gary Dodson  
Penelope McPeters  
Patricia Gordon  
Bryson Turner  
Samuel Beutner  
Gail Bachman  
Marsha Wilson  
Carl Kohlhepp  
Rev. Bill Shepard

### Residential Care

Betty Perdue, Linda Black, Bob &  
Ellen Elson, Jim & Jean Crain

### At Home

Larry Hand  
Ann Huntley (with daughter)

### Extended Family

Daughter of: Gary Dodson

Mother of: Dusty Ross

Son of: John & 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, John &  
Annette Hunter, Wayne & Denise  
Dorr, Alida Weber, Mike Martin

## Attendance



Sunday, December 24, 2023

Combined Service—108

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Contemporary Service—39

Traditional Service—49



Lee Road UMC Mission:  
To be the Servant Church  
that leads people into a  
growing relationship  
with Jesus Christ.

CLICK HERE



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