



*A note
from the pastor*



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Confirmation

Dear Church Family,

It is hard for me to overstate how proud I am of Ariana, Gavin, and Felicity, our three amazing confirmands. They have studied and prepared for their confirmation for over 6 months now. They have shared with me and Sidney, their “sponsor” (I prefer to call her the “church mother”), their thoughts about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It has been amazing to see and hear their personal growth in these classes. They are courageous and not ashamed of the Gospel. They are determined to make a difference in this world for Jesus, looking out of those persons that society may shun or neglect. Even in their schools, they are already a beacon of light for their fellow students.

We will be privileged to hear each of them for a few minutes this Sunday, October 26 (Laity Sunday). Just imagine if they are showing these types of leadership traits now, what they may be like in ten years with their spiritual journey and gifts and graces. Then, the following Sunday, in our combined communion service in the sanctuary on November 2 (All Saints / Confirmation Sunday), we will hold a brief service of confirmation and celebrate this milestone in the life of a young Methodist Christian in the Social Hall.

If you haven’t penned a card for each one expressing your appreciation and prayers for them, you still have two Sundays to do so. There is a collection spot in both The Bridge foyer and the sanctuary narthex.

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty





CHURCH FAMILY
JOIN US FOR
TRUNK

OR

treat

LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEETS NEAR
THE FRONT DOOR OF EACH CHURCH

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26TH

4:00-6:00

PLEASE DONATE CANDY FOR OUR CARS



**CARS WILL BE IN THE
FRONT PARKING LOT**



For questions or more information please
contact Donna Whitlock 864-884-5715



UPDATES FROM PASTOR RUSTY FOR LEE ROAD UMC PEOPLE

DATES: The next Tyger River Long Weekend (“TR #34”) is almost here! The 4-day “walk” at Tyger River is October 30-November 2, 2025 (Thursday through Sunday); however, Rusty will not attend the last day on Sunday, November 2 as that is All Saints Sunday and we will be having a confirmation service for our 3 awesome confirmands!

UPDATE: SCDC is not allowing us to bring in meals as in the past. The prison Warden is allowing to us to bring in snacks, breakfast muffins, cookies (see below), and 1 MEAL on Saturday, Nov. 1. (Please don’t ask me to explain b/c I can’t. I am just the messenger.) So, if you would like to donate money to Kairos, write check to Lee Road UMC and put Kairos on the comment line. The money will go to support the Kairos Ministry in the Upstate, perhaps Tyger River, or 1 of the 17 SC prisons Kairos chapters that need help. This is to spread the Gospel and Christ’s love for these men. I believe that this is a worthy cause.

COOKIES: If your Sunday School class (or you as an individual) would like to bake a few dozen cookies for Kairos, please contact Sandy Davis, our cookie coordinator. He knows the approved recipes, how to bag them and freeze them, the collection date to bring them to church, etc.

PRAYER: Would like to pray for 30 minutes for our specific Kairos long weekend while it is going on? People all over the world do! The link to Kairos Tiger River #34 for prayer sign-ups at [TR #34 Prayer Vigil](#) is now available for you to sign up for 1/2 hour slots to be praying for the men during the weekend of our walk. Please sign up and pray for us.

JESUS: *“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” (Matthew 25:36)*

Cookies
for Kairos





**Revised Combined Sundays
October - December 2025
(Communion Sundays + Special Sundays)**

**All Saints Sunday / Communion Sunday / Confirmation
Sunday November 2 (Sanctuary at 11 AM)**

**Advent 2 / Consecration Sunday
December 7 (Sanctuary at 11 AM)**

**Advent 3 / Communion Sunday / Membership Sunday
December 14 (Bridge at 9:30 AM)**

**Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24 (Bridge at 6:00 PM)**



Prospective *Members* Classes

Are you new to Lee Road United Methodist Church? Interested in becoming part of our church family? (We are a friendly bunch after all!) Have you been with us “for a while now”, and would like to explore the option of formally becoming a member? Do you have questions about our local church, missions, our denominational beliefs, UMC news, etc., that you would like to get answers to in a small friendly group setting? Well, we have a proposal for you.

Join us for our fall cycle of prospective new member classes! It is absolutely not necessary to take this class to become a member, but we believe that this class is very helpful to help folks make the decision that is right for themselves as led by the Holy Spirit. The classes are designed to be 45-60 minutes in length. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Kids are welcome to stay and learn, or play board games, etc. The dates and topics are as follows:

November 2 “Get Connected” Class (leader: Sandy Davis)

After combined communion service in Sanctuary (starting @ 12:10 AM)

December 7 “Get Committed” Class (leader: Pastor)

After combined Consecration Sunday in the Sanctuary (starting @ 12:15 PM)

At the conclusion of these classes, the Pastor will discuss if people would like to formally join the church in membership during morning worship on Sunday, December 14, 2025 (Third Sunday of Advent = “Joy Sunday” / Gaudete Sunday). This step is not a requirement, but rather an option for those who feel they are ready. Any further questions, please contact Pastor Rusty.

Please RSVP the Pastor by Monday, September 29, 2025 if you plan to attend the Oct. 5 class. Thank you. My email is revrustyg@gmail.com and you may also text me at my cellphone 864-214-5815.

FALL 2025 Wednesday Kids Programming 5-6 PM

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON	BIBLE LESSON
11/5	Thanksgiving Table Centerpieces Making	Jane Pingley	Sandy Davis	Samson & Delilah
11/12	Cooking Class	Joyce McKenzie	Sandy Davis	Jesus & Satan
11/19	Angel Craft and Pine Cone Craft	Debbie Gantt	Sandy Davis	Jesus & Judas Iscariot
12/3	Christmas Ornaments Making	Pilar and Felicity Turner	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Jesus & Pontius Pilate
12/10	Christmas Song Practice ** pizza/drink provided	Adelaide and Jacob Kiser and Laurie Fite	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	The Birth of Jesus
12/17	Christmas Song Practice ** pizza/drink provided	Adelaide and Jacob Kiser and Laurie Fite	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	The Wise Men and King Herod

OCTOBER

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No Wonderful Wednesday. Will resume November 5, 2025

Wonderful
WEDNESDAY



Medicare Educational Seminar

MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR HOSTED BY CHURCH MEMBER, MCKELVIE WILDER

Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 3 PM in Social Hall.

RSVP Mckelvie Wilder either by calling him at (864) 329-6828

or emailing him at info@wilderins.com



Mckelvie is an insurance broker with T Dyar and Associates Insurance. He specializes in helping folks make smart decisions regarding the Medicare plan that best suits their needs. He is of course also an amazing musician and the pianist with our Bridge Contemporary Service band, The Collective.



RETREAT 2025



**Our Lee Road kids had fun tonight making spooky Halloween cards!
Thanks Ann Shave for organizing this!**





Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 23, 2025

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

Friday, October 24, 2025

Saturday, October 25, 2025

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge)

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

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27, 2025

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Mitzi out of office Tues-Thurs (husband's surgery)

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

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Pastor Rusty at Kairos Tyger River

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

Friday, October 31, 2025 — Happy Halloween!

Saturday, November 1, 2025



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

Sunday, November 2, 2025—Daylight Savings

All Saint's / Confirmation Sunday (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

12:10 p.m. New Member Class & Lunch (S.H.)

Monday, November 3, 2025

5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Bridge Kids Program

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner

6:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, November 6, 2025

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

Friday, November 7, 2025

Saturday, November 8, 2025

4:00 p.m. Douglas Dobson Memorial Concert and Reception (Don Sandor, organist)

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge)

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

Sun., Nov. 2 - Fall Back 1 hr.





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

Special Prayer Requests

Nancy Johnson
Joan Davis
Deborah Elgin
Geno Cope
Jimmy Gaddy
Jim Crain
Linda Black
Max & Susan Cromer
Mary Jo Gay
Mel Casby
Prudy Cook

**I CAN SMELL
AUTUMN DANCING
IN THE BREEZE
THE SWEET CHILL OF
PUMPKIN
AND CRISP
SUN BURNT LEAVES**

Residential Care

Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson,
Jim Crain, Annette Hunter,
Natalie Smith, Gene Johnson &
Sadie Murphy

At Home

Ann Huntley (with daughter)

Extended Family

Mother of: Tammy Brown

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen
Turner

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Nephew of: Linda Black,
Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan
Davis

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene
Turner

Family of: Don Sandor, 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

Attendance



October 19, 2025

Contemporary Service — 39
Traditional Service — 45

2025 Tithes & Offerings
Thank you for giving toward
the budget. Your faithfulness
is much appreciated.

10/5/25	\$4,245.00
10/12/25	\$3,816.05
10/19/25	\$4,451.00
10/26/25	
Total	\$12,512.05

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

