

Lee Road United Methodist Church
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Lee Road UMC

A Lighthouse Congregation That Welcomes and Connects All

Dear Church Family,

Last Thursday, the Leadership Team enthusiastically and overwhelmingly approved a proposal made by the Church Growth Task Force: "That the current Contemporary and Traditional worship services at Lee Road UMC be combined into a single Blended service in the Sanctuary to be held consistently at 10:30 AM every Sunday beginning June 7, 2026 and that the period from 9 AM to 10 AM be reserved for Sunday school meetings."

We are excited about the possibility for new church growth and carrying forth our official church vision statement: "Our vision is to create an environment that enables people to experience a relationship with God and to connect with fellow believers." We believe that combining services will increase the "W.O.W." factor of our beloved Lee Road UMC (our worship, outreach, and witness).

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty

PURPOSE for the UNIFICATION OF SERVICES

The decision to combine the Traditional and Contemporary Methodist services comes from a desire to strengthen our church community and worship together as one body. While each service style has its own meaningful expressions of faith, our shared purpose is to grow in Christ and attendance, support one another, and serve our community.

By bringing the congregation together in a unified service, we create opportunities for deeper fellowship across generations and worship preferences. This also allows us to steward our church's resources, volunteers, and leadership more effectively while maintaining a vibrant and meaningful worship experience.

Our goal is not to lose the richness of either tradition, but to thoughtfully incorporate elements of both styles so that all may feel welcomed, valued, and spiritually nourished. Together, we celebrate the diversity of worship while remaining united in our faith and mission as a church.

LEE ROAD UMC'S FUTURE

There is **ONE** body and **ONE** Spirit, just as you were called to **ONE** hope when you were called;
ONE Lord, **ONE** faith, **ONE** baptism;
ONE God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4: 4-6

By your Spirit make us **ONE** with Christ,
ONE with each other,
and **ONE** in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.

Service of Word and Table II
United Methodist Hymnal

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

for we are all
ONE in Christ

GALATIANS 3:28

Lend a Helping Hand **Church** **WORK DAY**



SAVE
THE DATE

Saturday 21 March

Please save the date for a morning of service and fellowship. We are looking for all men to assist with reducing the Trustee backlog of minor projects across our campus.

We will gather in the Social Hall at 8:00 AM for coffee, donuts, and work assignments. With many hands to help, we expect to be finished before noon.

SMALL PART

BIG IMPACT

**MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT THE WORK**

Lenten Prayer & Supper

On Wednesdays, March 18, and 25, we will practice guided Lenten prayer in our beautiful sanctuary from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by supper in the social hall at 6:30 pm (and then dismissal to go home).



Menu

- ◆ Baked Ham
- ◆ Potato Salad
- ◆ Baked Beans
- ◆ Fruit Dish
- ◆ Key Lime Cake

🍴 \$7 per adult! First-time visitors and children eat FREE! 🍴

Additional funds are needed in order to cover the cross with palms for Palm Sunday and with flowers for Easter Sunday. The congregation is invited to make contributions to an "Easter Flower Fund" which will be used to purchase seasonal flowers for the sanctuary and altar. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make your check payable to Lee Road UMC and designate the check for the "Easter Flowers Fund." Please include requests for memorials/ dedications with your contribution no later than Monday, March 30th. A memorial/dedication list will be published in the weekly reflections.

In Memory or in Honor of: _____

Your Name: _____

Amount \$ _____



REJOICE!



Leadership Team Goals for 2026

- † Gain ten (10) new adult members and five (5) new children/youth.
- † Have at least five (5) non-elected church members serve in each of the new alternative structure committees.
- † Organize a mission trip in November 2026 for a small delegation of Lee Roaders to visit the Charis School in Indonesia.



As the Lenten season draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank Pastor Rusty and my new church family at Lee Road UMC for supporting the valuable mission work that's been being done in Kenya for the past decade by Richard's niece Brooklyn Cole.

As you may know, I was personally invited this year to accompany a group making a mission trip this July to assist her ministry. I look forward to working alongside almost two dozen other participants to fulfill an ambitious itinerary.

There will be conferences held for the boys and girls coming of age in order to instill in them the true hope that is found in Christ. We will also be assisting with VBS programming for the little ones. We will even get some work done on Brooklyn's house.

I know I'll contribute to the mission team because I "have the desire to hug and love on children", and I have the "ability to pray for people".

Again, thanks for all the support.

Grace and Peace,
Stephanie Hamilton



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Rapha House, Kenya Fund
5 week Lenten mission supporting Rapha
House in Mosbasa, Kenya. Please make
checks payable to Lee Road UMC and
write Kenya in the memo line.

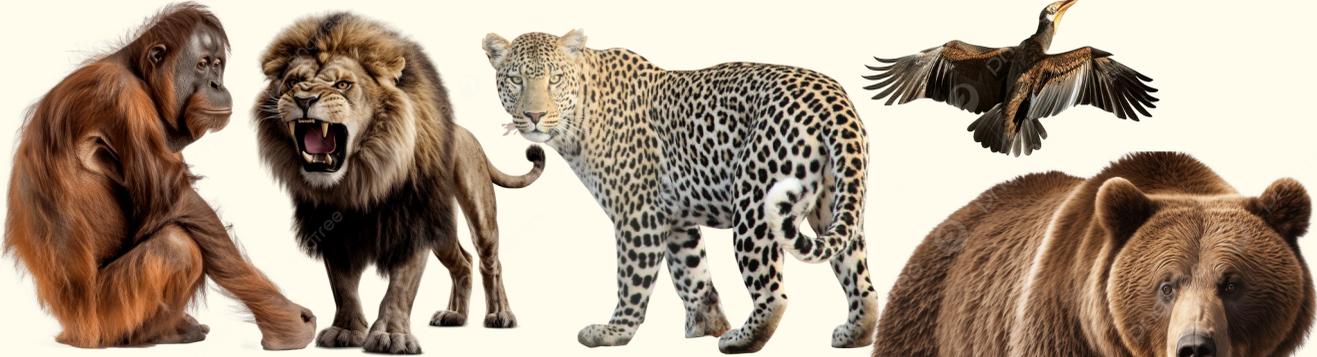


Reverend Cynthia Taylor, trainer for UMVIM-SC (United Methodist Volunteers In Mission), met last week on Friday with the Lee Road mission team headed to Indonesia November 4-17, 2026. Rev. Lee's father was a charter member of Lee Road in 1958.

Rusty, Laurie Fite, Susan Ford, Cindy Stewart, and Cynthia Taylor



Reverends Cynthia Taylor and Rusty Godfrey



Let's Go to the ZOO



Join us on Saturday, March 21st
from 1-3pm for a day at the zoo!
The church will be covering admission
for all kids and adults, so pack a water
bottle and come enjoy the day with us!



Greenville Zoo
150 Cleveland Park Dr.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 18th
(864)631-9252



*Create
in
me*

2026

*Lenten
Devotional*

[Click here to open devotional.](#)



Holy WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 AM & 11 AM

LRUMC will have 2 special services with a triumphant procession with palms into the worship spaces for morning worship.



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM (Combined service @Sanctuary)

Join us for a combined evening service with Holy Communion and foot washing in the sanctuary. We will also have a modified "drama" of each of the Twelve disciples and Jesus telling the story of the Last Supper.



Good Friday, April 3 at 12 Noon (Combined service @The Bridge)

Join us for a solemn service with Stations of the Cross in The Bridge.



Easter Sunday, April 5

7 AM: Brief Sunrise Service, then breakfast in social hall
10:45 AM: Church Group Photo in Front of the Yard Cross
11:00 AM: Combined Worship and Communion in Sanctuary



Lee Road UMC Committee Members for 2026

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Rusty Godfrey, Pastor; Sandy Davis, Lay Leader;
Jimmy Gaddy, Chairperson; Debbie Gantt; recording secretary; plus all Sub-Team officers below

HUMAN RESOURCES SUB-TEAM

Marty Cook (Chairperson)
Sidney Skardon
Pat Youngblood
Smitty Ervin

CAMPUS SUB-TEAM

Trace Silvers (Chairperson)
Greg Strong (Vice-Chairperson)
Geno Cope (Safety Coordinator)
Debbie Gantt (Safe Sanctuary)

STEWARDS SUB-TEAM

Gene Turner (Chairperson)
Steve Frantz
Peggy Briggs
Denise Wilson (Church Treasurer)

WITNESS SUB-TEAM

Laurie Fite (Chairperson)
Joan Davis
Cindy Stewart
Prudy Cook

LEADERS BEYOND NEW ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE

Lay Leader and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Sandy Davis
UMM President: Gary Dodson
Prayer Ministry Coordinator: Gail Bachman
Bereavement Meals Coordinator: Karen Turner
Young at Heart & Wonderful Wednesday Coordinator: Joyce McKenzie
Homebound Communion Coordinator: Marcia Guffey
Youth Director & Contemporary Music Coordinator: Adelaide Kiser
Traditional Music Coordinator: Laurie Fite
Sunday Pre-K / Nursery: LuAnn Kingsbury & Janet West



Let them
praise
HIS name
with
dancing
Psalms 149:3

If you're interested in being a part of our new Lee Road liturgical dance team, please attend a short organizational meeting next Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 PM in the conference room.

You do **NOT** need previous dance experience and **ALL** ages are welcome!

Please contact Susan Ford (803) 586-1615 for further information.



UMM Social Gathering next Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM

Wade Hampton Lanes

3065 Wade Hampton Blvd, Taylors, SC 29687

No RSVP necessary, just show up!



Let's go



You're Invited!

Easter Egg Hunt & Games

**Saturday,
March 28
10AM-12PM**

**Rain
or
Shine**

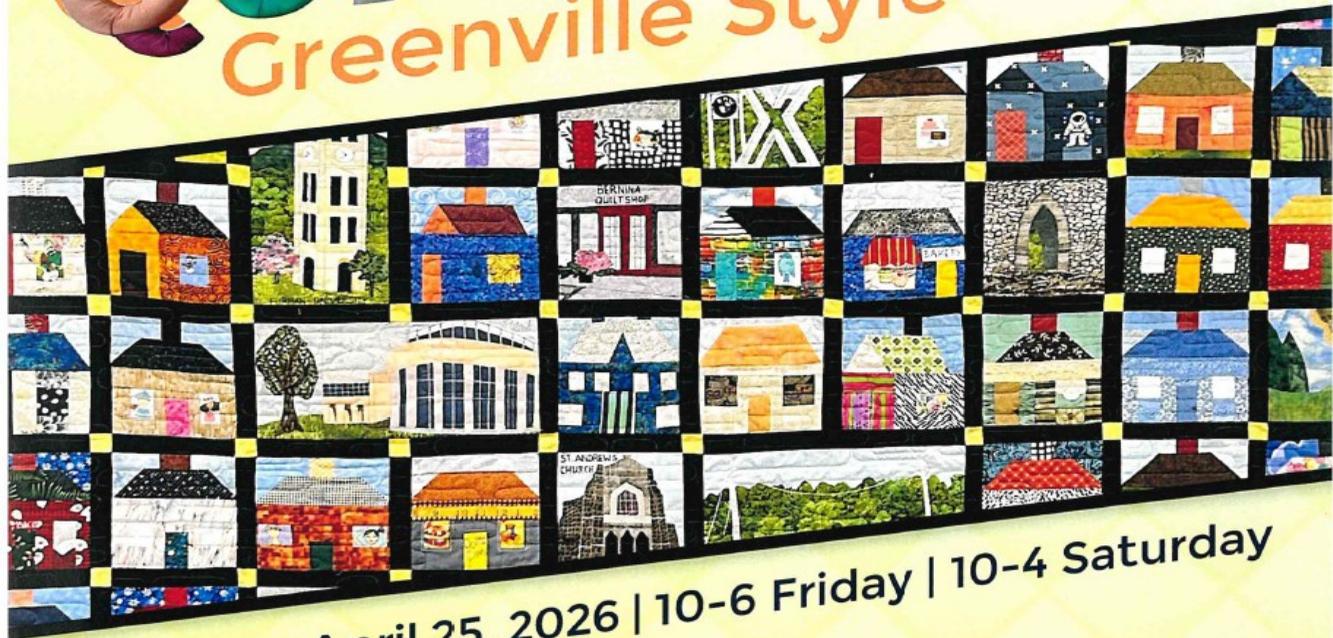


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Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild



QUILTING Greenville Style



April 24 – April 25, 2026 | 10-6 Friday | 10-4 Saturday

Shriners Hejaz Greenville Event Center
119 Beverly Rd, Greenville, SC
Cost \$8.00 per person

Raffle Quilt Featuring
Greenville Landmarks
Local Vendors
Children's Activities
Quilt Demos
Mystery Bags

Food & Beverages
(available for purchase)
Raffle Baskets
Silent Auction
Free Parking
ATM

Quilts of Valor presentation - 11 am | Saturday | April 25



Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 19, 2026

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

6:30 p.m.—Liturgical Dance Organizational Meeting (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m.—UMM Bowling Social Gathering

Friday, March 20, 2026—Spring Begins

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:00 a.m. Church-Wide Workday

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Youth Zoo Trip

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

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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. Zoom Devotional (“Create In Me”)

Monday, March 23, 2026

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. Men’s Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Kids Program (Bridge)

6:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. Supper (S.H.)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

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

Friday, March 27, 2026

Saturday, March 28, 2026

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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

Sunday, March 29, 2026—Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:20 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

(outside processional with liturgy of the palms)

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

10:50 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
(outside processional with liturgy of the palms)

4:00 p.m. Zoom Devotional (“Create In Me”)



Dear Lee Road Family,

Thank you for the many ways you have reached out to me recently. Your phone calls, cards, and prayers have been a source of great comfort, and your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

♥ Linda Hand





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

Special Prayer Requests

- Linda Hand
- Geno Cope
- Ann Huntley
- Rev. Jim & Carolyn Gilliam
- Gail Bachman
- Don Sandor
- Harry & Betty Johansen
- Steve Frantz
- 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

At Home

Ann Huntley (Hospice)
 Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)
Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner

Mother of: Angela Patterson
 (Angela is a friend of Kimberlee Paradis)

Brother of: Vicky Williams

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

Niece of: Gene Turner, Richard & Stephanie Hamilton

Cousin of: Alida Weber

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, Trace Silvers, Susan Ford, Pastor Rusty Godfrey

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

March 1	\$4,213.50
March 8	\$3,725.00
March 15	\$5,851.00
March 22	
March 29	
Total	\$13,789.50

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



SCAN ME

ATTENDANCE

March 15, 2026

Contemporary Service—33

Traditional Service—37