



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

In my daily readings in *The One Year Chronological Bible*, last week I was struck by the story of two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, taking “unholy fire” into the “Tent of the Meeting” (the tabernacle) by each lighting a censer with incense and taking it before the Divine Presence. Leviticus 10:2 records the consequence: **“And fire came forth from the presence of the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.”** Nadab and Abihu were novice priests, and had only recently been consecrated for the priesthood after their father Aaron, the first high priest, had been consecrated by his father Moses. I was also struck by the response of the father Aaron at the sudden death of his two sons: **“And Aaron held his peace.”** Later Moses gets onto Aaron’s case for not eating his portion (priests were permitted a portion to live) of the sin offering in the “place of the sanctuary”, thus completing the rite so the people could be forgiven. Aaron responds, **“Behold, today they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the Lord; and yet such things have befallen me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been acceptable in the sight of the Lord?”** Even more puzzling is the next verse: **“And when Moses heard that, he was content.”** Why? Did the logic of Aaron’s answer make sense to him? Or was it because he saw that his brother was quietly grieving his loss? What did the Lord God think of Aaron’s refusal to eat? Certainly Aaron was not punished for this refusal.

I will admit that this passage is troubling. Some Bible passages are troubling as we have limited understanding and they seem contrary to the way WE THINK God is. I remember in my children’s Sunday School learning about Uzzah. Remember him? Once, while the Ark was being moved, the men slipped and Uzzah touched the Ark of the Covenant to steady it. He too was killed by the Lord for his error (2 Samuel 6 and 1 Chronicles 13). When I asked my Sunday School teacher, “Why was Uzzah killed?”, all she said was, “Honey, he touched the ark and he shouldn’t have.” What more could she say?

Here’s what I am deeply thankful for: the fact that Jesus Christ came to this Earth on a mission to heal us and forgive us of our sins so that we might not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty

TOGETHER

— AT —

Wednesday Night
DINNER

\$7 (ADULTS) KIDS EAT FREE!

2/26/25

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY KIDS PROGRAM 5PM / DINNER 6PM / BIBLE STUDY 6:45PM

menu: Italian Stuffed Jumbo Pasta Shells, Garden Salad, Bread & Dessert

Bible Study - Meet St. Patrick



Get **let's have a** **ADULTS ONLY**
together
get - to - geth - er : an informal social gathering



Announcing:

THE BRIDGE GET-TOGETHER / DROP-IN!!



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 FROM 3PM-5PM



AT THE STRONG HOME
6 BURLWOOD CT.
TAYLORS, SC 29687



FINGER FOODS & REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE

RSVP

EMAIL: OFFICE@LEEROADUMC.COM

OR YOU CAN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (864) 244-6427

time to UPDATE

LRUMC will be printing a directory at the end of this month, please take a moment to make sure your information is up to date and let the office know of any changes as soon as possible!





UPDATES FROM PASTOR RUSTY FOR LEE ROAD UMC PEOPLE

- † Pastor will be at Tyger River Correctional this Saturday, March 1st giving a talk on the Good Samaritan.
- † Lee Road UMC has hosted thus far three Tyger River (TR) Kairos Chapter meetings on Saturdays from 8 AM - 1 PM. It is expected from each team member to attend 80% of the 36 hour training and discipleship sessions in preparation for each long weekend ("walk").
- † Sandy Davis has submitted an approved application with the SC Department of Corrections so he can join the food prep logistical team that provides the meals for the May "walk."
- † Kairos does two 4-day "walks" in the prisons per calendar year. The next 4-day "walk" at Tyger River is "T.R.#33" from May 1-4, 2025 (Thursday through Sunday).
- † Pastor needs to sell 20 meal tickets for \$10 a piece. These are placed on the prisoner's placemat to let him know someone cared enough about him on the outside to buy them a meal. Many of you have supported this in the past, and I humbly ask you to consider doing so again. Make checks out to LRUMC and on the comment line put "Kairos meal ticket."
- † Pastor will be asking the church this time to produce 100 dozen homemade cookies for T.R.#33 Walk in early May. (We produced over 560 dozen last Fall! Two artists made works thanking LRUMC for this accomplishment.)

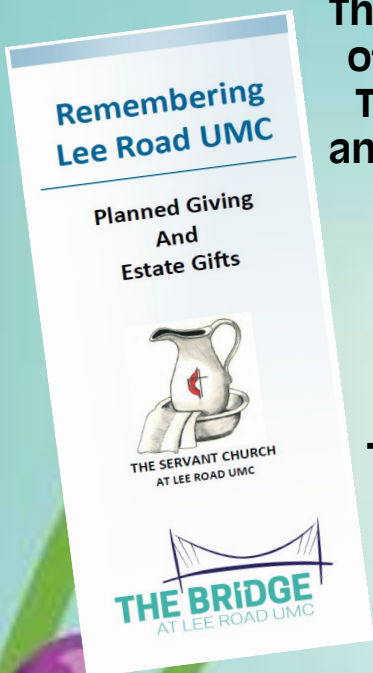


Like the crocus and the daffodils, spring has brought Young at Heart Program and Luncheon back.

The program will the inaugural presentation of The Endowment Fund of Lee Road UMC. This has been a long time dream and goal and after a year of commitment and pursuit by a dedicated task force, it is a reality.

Please mark your calendar for this day of fellowship, learning, and luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.00 per person.

Tuesday, March 11 @ 11:00 in the Social Hall





The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Upstate SC will take place on Friday, April 25, 2025 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.

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
- † 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 or contact Linda Schinck at 864-414-7268

2025 Wednesday Kids Programming

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON
1/15	Orientation	Jane Pingley	Pastor
1/22	Cooking Class	Joyce McKenzie & Julie Ross	Nona Walser
1/29	Fleece Blankets	Debbie Gantt	Pastor
2/5	Veggie Seed Planting	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Nona Walser
2/12	Valentine Card Making	Ann Shaver & Laurie Fite	Linda Hand
2/19	Sewing Class	Debbie Gantt	Chris & Gerri T.
2/26	Game	Pilar Turner	Chris & Gerri T.
3/12	Singing Lesson	Adelaide Kiser	Nona Walser
3/19	Soil Garden Site Prep	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Pastor
3/26	Transplanting Seeds	Adelaide Kiser & Sandy Davis	Pastor
4/2	Mulching Beds	Sandy Davis	Kisers
4/30	Craft	Pilar Turner	Kisers
5/7	Needlepoint or Knitting	Laurie Fite	Ray Youngblood
5/14	Memorial Garden Work	Sandy Davis	Ray Youngblood

1. Plan for at least 45 minutes of instruction / hands-on activities. Begin no later than 5:05 PM. Any late "scholars" will be folded in as best they can be.
2. Plan to eliminate any downtime (such as cooking time).
3. Plan for at least 12 children to attend your session (ages 8-14 years old).
4. Try to foster teamwork and no competition or contests.
5. Begin the lesson by having a short kid-appropriate devotion (aim for 5th grade level) followed by a prayer. Next, inform them what the activity is and go over rules (cell phones must be in the basket, no talking when the presenter is speaking, raise your hand if you have any questions).
6. End your lesson at ten minutes until 6 PM and get the kids to clean up the space. Then walk them up to the social hall for the church dinner. Get them to sit at the kids' table. (Some will be picked up by their parents at 6 PM and taken home.)
7. Any consumable materials that you need for your lesson that you wish to be reimbursed for please save receipts (with no personal items on them) and staple them to the disbursement authorization form (next page). Turn the form with receipts into the church office.
8. Pastor will get a "safe sanctuary" person assigned to each Wednesday.



Hi! This time, I want to share a little story

about my school activities.

In January,

my school is celebrating the Lunar New Year.

We are learning about different cultures

so that we can appreciate and respect diversity.

We decorated our classroom with Lunar New Year ornaments,

and on January 31, 2025, our school have a Lion Dance performance,

an exciting and fun traditional show!

Besides that, our school asked us to wear Lunar New Year-themed outfits. It's truly an amazing experience for us.

Even though we come from different cultures, there's no need for hatred—we can still celebrate and learn together.

Thank you for all the support.
May God bless you always!

Best regards
Miyosasih Embun Chantigi



To: Greenville District Lay Servants
From: Ken Moore, LSM District Director
Subject: Spring 2025 Greenville District LSM School
Date: 6 February 2025



Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenville District Lay Servant Ministry is pleased to announce that registration for our Spring 2025 Lay Servant Ministry School is now open. Descriptions of the courses being offered during this school as well as details on the school are provided below. We have limited space in each course, so register early in order to guarantee your first choice. For this school we are using electronic registration, so please go to this website to register:

<https://www.umcsc.org/gvdistlsmregistration/>

When registering, you will have the choice to pay online (credit card or bank draft), request a scholarship or indicate that you will pay by check or cash. If you select check or cash then please bring your payment to a book pickup or to the first class. Contact me if you have problems with the electronic registration.

Deadline for registration is Feb 28th.

SCHOOL DATES

Saturday, March 8th: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. No Lunch.

Saturday, March 15th: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. No Lunch.

Saturday, March 29th: 9:00 AM – 1:45 PM; Lunch provided; Closing at 2:00 PM

Early Book Pickups: Sunday, February 23rd from 3-4 PM at Aldersgate

Wednesday, February 26th from 7-8 PM at Aldersgate

Sunday, March 2nd from 3-4 PM at Aldersgate

Sunday, February 23rd from 5-6 PM at Advent UMC, Simpsonville

SCHOOL LOCATION

Aldersgate UMC, 7 Shannon Dr., Greenville, SC 29615

[COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#) ← active link

If you have any questions or need additional information, or help with registration, you may contact me by phone or text at 864-288-8311 or by e-mail at kmoore8311@outlook.com.

We look forward to a dynamic and spirit filled school so make plans to join with us. This is an exciting opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ and enjoy fellowship with fellow Lay Servants.

Peace and Joy,
Kenneth D. Moore

Music

MINISTRY



I am looking for a minimum of four (4) people who would like to play handbells. Practice will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. Prior experience is not necessary. If you would like to learn to play handbells, you are welcome! All ages welcome as long as you can get to practice. If you don't read music, we will work with that also! I am hoping we can play around Easter in the traditional service and would love to work into playing once a month. Come ring with us.
Laurie Fite

Send a text to

81010

Text this message

@revgod

I am starting a Remind text group to send updates about important church information (closures due to weather, event reminders, death in church family, etc.). This will be used VERY SPARINGLY for just the most important announcements. There will be no dialogue, conversation, or personal responses with this system. The advantages of Remind are many, and this allows me as your pastor to send something after hours and/or away from my office. To sign up for Lee Road notifications, follow the instructions to the right. If you need assistance, bring your smartphone on a Wednesday night or drop by the office.

Thank you!

NEW BOOKS BY LEE ROAD UMC AUTHORS

Friday Afternoons With

BILL

*Reflections on a Friendship
That Spanned Generations*



RUSTY GODFREY

Friday Afternoons With Bill **By Rusty Godfrey**

How could two men 48 years apart in age have so much in common? Pastor Rusty Godfrey soon discovered that he and retired Pastor Bill Shepard had so many dovetails in their lives. They “clicked” from the first time they met in early 2022 before Bill turned 100 years old. For the next two years, Rusty visited Bill most every Friday afternoon for hours of conversation, laughter, and sharing stories of life, teaching, and ministry. It was a friendship that Rusty will treasure for a lifetime.

155 pages. \$15 a book. Available for purchase at the church office. Profits from church sales go to LRUMC’s

A Lint-Head's Life **By Gary Dodson**

This book is a beautiful and touching memoir of Gary Dodson, a proud “lint-head” and native of Dunean, SC. Gary states “this is not a story about me, although some might call it a memoir. It is a story about people who impacted my life...this story is about these people, and I do this is appreciation for what they did for me.” This book tell stories of what some might call a “bygone era” of the Southern textile mill culture plus surprising and heart-warming tales of Gary’s life and travels.

60 pages. \$15 a book. Available for purchase at the church at the church office. Profits from church sales go to LRUMC’s missions. Make checks to “Lee Road UMC” or bring cash.

A Lint-Head's Life



by Gary Dodson



Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Friday, February 28, 2025

Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

Monday, March 3, 2025

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Faith Montessori (Bridge)

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee (Conference)

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

11:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Pastor Rusty at Walk to Emmaus 3/6-3/9

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

Friday, March 7, 2025

Saturday, March 8, 2025 →

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

Sunday, March 9, 2025 (Jimmy Gaddy Preaching)

8:30 a.m. UMM Prayer Breakfast

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

COMING SOON!!
March 4, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**



@ LCOS

(Lutheran Church Our Saviour)

TOGETHER
— AT —
Wednesday Night
DINNER

No Dinner or Bible Study on March 5th

March 5, 2025

11:00AM

6:30 PM

**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICES**





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

Special Prayer Requests

- Jeff Adams
- Julie Ross
- Geno Cope
- Phil Whitlock
- Nona Walsler
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Steve Frantz
- Patricia Gordon
- Tammy Brown



Father of Tammy Brown



SCAN ME

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

Residential Care

Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson,
 Jim & Jean Crain, Annette
 Hunter, Natalie Smith

At Home

Sadie Murphy
 Ann Huntley (with daughter)

Extended Family

Mother of: Dusty Ross, Tammy
 Brown

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen
 Turner

Daughter of: Laurie Fite

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Sister of: Jane Pingley

Son-in-Law of: Carl & Beth
 Kohlhepp

Nephew of: Linda Black, Sandy &
 Joan Davis

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene
 Turner

Nephew of: Sandy & Joan Davis

Family of: Don Sandor, Mike
 Lewis, 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



Sunday, February 23, 2025

Contemporary Service—38

Traditional Service—51

2025 Tithes & Offerings
 \$7,200 (needed weekly to
 meet budget)

February 2	\$5,774.00
February 9	\$3,174.00
February 16	\$5,410.00
February 23	\$3,093.51
Total	\$17,451.51

