



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

I had a wonderful experience yesterday bringing the message at our sister church, St. Matthew UMC-Taylors. Melonee attended this service, and the good people of SMUMC really gave us such a warm welcome and were very complimentary of the message. I heard that the same thing happened here: that you guys loved Dr. Amenti Sujai and her message. We both preached on the Gospel passage from the lectionary: John 13:31-35, the passage in which Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment to “Love one another as I have loved you.” If this is Jesus’ commandment, are our churches today reflective of loving everybody?

It has been said that “11 AM Sunday morning marks the beginning of the most segregated hour of the week in America.” According to author Robert Vischer, 87% of Christian churches in the United States were completely made up of only white or African-American parishioners (2001 study). In 2023, Axios reporter Russell Contreras found that 75% of white Christians say that their churches are mostly white, and 74% of Black Christians say that their churches are mostly comprised of Black members. Finally, 75% of Hispanic Catholics say their church is mostly Latino while only 12% attend mostly multiracial churches. Why is this? Well, it is a combination of complex factors: tradition, history, “comfort zones”, culture, language, etc.

In Heaven, it will not be so. The Church in Gloryland will be unified in every way with Christ as its Head. St. John caught a glimpse of the Church in Revelation 7:9:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

May we continue to partner with other Christians, regardless of denomination, race, ethnicity, or creed. In Christ, we have so much in common, and so much to look forward to!

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

OUTDOOR AT THE FLAGPOLE

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 AT 11 AM



THANK YOU VETERANS

We will have tents and chairs set up as well as bottled water.

At the beginning of the service we will honor those who gave their all to this Nation and at the end of the service we will honor living veterans.

SWEET BABY
GIRL

Aurelia
Mae
Kiser



Born May 14
7lbs, 9oz.





SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

EXCITING
NEWS

We have some exciting news. The Church Council voted to approve the Worship Committee proposals to have a summer trial period to change the worship times and how we celebrate communion as one unified church. This summer, the Bridge service start time will be 9:30 AM, and we will hold one combined communion service each month, alternating between the Sanctuary and the Bridge.

WHEN WILL THE SUMMER TRIAL BEGIN?

- † On **Sunday, June 1** will be a **combined service** for “**Communion Sunday**” in the sanctuary at **11 AM**.
- † Starting **Sunday, June 8**, the Bridge service will officially **start at 9:30 AM** and be followed by a coffee and refreshments time at 10:30 AM.
- † The **July combined communion service** will be Sunday, July 6, at 9:30 AM in the Bridge
- † The **August combined communion service** will be Sunday, August 3, at 9:30 AM in the Bridge.
- † There will be a **combined Homecoming Sunday service** in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 17 at 11 AM.

The goals of the summer trial are threefold: one, to celebrate the unity of our church by taking regular communion as one body; two, to provide a little more "breathing room" for the Pastor and the Audiovisual Technician / Live Stream Coordinator between the two services when we hold both; and three, to provide a common time for Bridge attendees to stay and fellowship with one another. The Pastor asks all Lee Road UMC members to prayerfully support these changes as we seek to grow our church and worship in new and exciting ways.

SURROUND THE CROSS

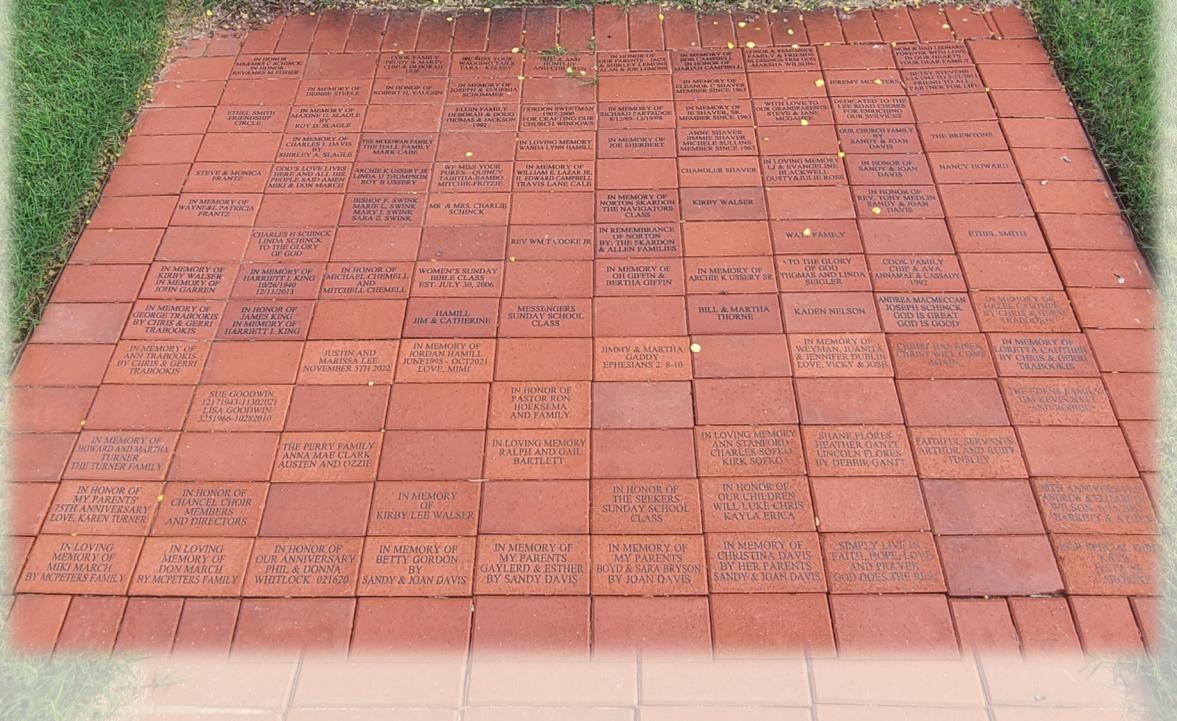
Brick Pavers to Honor and Remember

Another opportunity is here to order commemorative pavers to honor or remember loved ones, friends, and events. The pavers will be permanently displayed at the cross in the church courtyard along with existing pavers. Order forms are available in the church office, sanctuary narthex, and The Bridge foyer.

The cost of each paver is \$100 and is considered a contribution to the church for tax purposes. Profits from the sale will help fund church mission ministries.

More details are covered in the order form. If you have additional questions or need help with an order, please contact Marsha Wilson 864-238-0052. Deadline to order is Monday, June 9.

The Unity Team





VBS

Planning Meeting

**Monday, June 2, 2025 at 3PM
at Active Day**

(21 McBeth Street, Greenville, SC 29611)

**All persons who are interested in helping with the
mid-July VBS with Active Day Greenville are asked to attend.**



OUR SAVIOUR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES PANTRY

2600 Wade Hampton Blvd.
Greenville, SC 29615

Vision: to create a community in which each person is valued and their basic needs are attainable

Mission: to provide food for our neighbors in need

May 10, 2025

Lee Road United Methodist Church
Attn: Rev. Rusty Godfrey
1377 E. Lee Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Dear Rev. Godfrey:

On behalf of Our Saviour Community Ministries Board and all those who will benefit from your gift, we thank Lee Road United Methodist Church for the generous gifts of \$575.00. We continue to appreciate the volunteers who are assisting with food distribution and other administrative activities. The cash donation will help feed approximately 126 hungry people through our Pantry. The volunteers have been a true blessing.

Your gifts will help us continue to offer food to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being God's hands in this important Christian service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Carlson". The ink is black and the signature is fluid and legible.

Angela Carlson
OSCM Treasurer

Hello, my name is Joshua.

I would like to share some of my activities during the month of March. Along with my school friends, I had the opportunity to go on an educational trip to Cimory Dairy Land and also to Taman Bunga Celosia. Through this experience, I gained valuable insights and felt great joy.

At the end of the month, I also visited my grandmother's house in Ngawi, East Java, to commemorate the Eid al-Fitr holiday. We gathered with our extended family, many of whom are of the Islamic faith.

These are some of the activities I experienced this month. Thank you, and may the Lord Jesus bless you.





Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

Friday, May 23, 2025

Saturday, May 24, 2025

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

Sunday, May 25, 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)

Monday, May 26, 2025—Memorial Day

Church office closed!

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

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

Thursday, May 29, 2025

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

Friday, May 30, 2025

Saturday, May 31, 2025

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

Sunday, June 1, 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)



Church Staff

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864-631-9252

Organist, Mary Berry

Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

Custodian, Gene Turner



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

Special Prayer Requests

Max Cromer
Marie Watt
Susan Ford
Carl Kohlhepp
Mary Jo Gay
Mel Casby
Geno Cope
Phil Whitlock
Nona Walser
Steve & Monica Frantz
Patricia Gordon

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



TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

March—Greg Strong
April—Trace Silvers
May—Tim Briggs
June—
July—Trace Silvers
August—Marcy Durham
September—Tim Briggs
October—Trace Silvers
November—Greg Strong
December—Robin Duncan

Residential Care

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

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

Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie
Wilder

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, May 18, 2025

Contemporary Service—43

Traditional Service—41

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

May 4	\$5,945.00
May 11	\$5,896.00
May 18	\$1,645.07
Total	\$13,486.07

Explanation for higher than
usual deposit: A member
paid their annual tithe.

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

