



*A note
from the pastor*



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Dear Church Family,

Melonee and I went to Pelzer last Friday night to see the Mill Town Players' production of South Pacific. We were blown away by the show! I had never seen it, although I knew of it. The BIG songs are "Some Enchanted Evening" and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair." What particularly interested me was the social context behind the fictional romances of Arkansas-born Navy nurse Nellie Forbush and a local plantation owner, Frenchman Emile De Becque. Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote their Tony award-winning musical based on James Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Tales of the South Pacific*. Forbush falls head-over-heels in love with the sophisticated (and older) Emile *until she finds out that he has two biracial (French and Polynesian) children by his late wife*. Oh my goodness! She struggles [at first] with her racism to accept these precious children! Another ill-fated romance is between a U.S. Marine lieutenant and a young Tonkinese woman. He was a Princeton man from the wealthy Cable Family, and he abruptly broke off the romance with "I can't marry you" because although he passionately loved her, he knew his family would not accept the woman due to her race. **THIS MUSICAL DEBUTED IN 1949!** Wow! These were topics that many in the country would rather not discuss openly back then.

Cable sings a song called "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught." Read a few lines:

*You've got to be taught
To hate and fear,
You've got to be taught
From year to year,
It's got to be drummed
In your dear little ear
You've got to be carefully taught.*

Racism is indeed something that people are taught. People aren't "born with it." Race prejudice has no place in God's Kingdom. Peter states considering Jews and Gentiles, "I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism." (Acts 10:34). Paul also writes, "For there is no respect of persons with God." (Romans 2:11) Why can't humanity get past racism? Let's be agents of peace and love in this world for Jesus!

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty

*Rodgers and Hammerstein's
Enchanting Musical*

SUMMER 2025 - LEE ROAD UMC

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
BRIDGE (BUILDING WITH MURAL)

FRIDAY

AUGUST 8

11:00 AM GAME

12:00 PM LUNCH

(ADULTS PAY \$7, KIDS EAT FREE)

12:30 PM MATINEE MOVIE “STAR WARS IV: A NEW HOPE”



Serve the Lord with gladness

-Psalms 100:2

trustees



*Managing the
Property,
Equipment, and
Investments
God Has Entrusted
to Our Ministry*

Saturday, Aug. 2 @ 8AM



WORK DAY

Lee Road United Methodist Church

“Come Home —

the Light Is On”



Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, August 17, 2025 @ 11:00AM

Guest Pastor: Reverend Adrienne Stokes Sermon: "Be the Light!"

Potluck Lunch after the service.

Each household please bring 2 “bountiful dishes”!
The church will provide the meat, beverage and rolls.

HOMECOMING SPIRIT:

EVERYONE WEAR YOUR BLUE LEE ROAD SHIRTS or A BLUE SHIRT

Memorial Pavers Dedication Outdoors (weather permitting)



Once again we are collecting school supplies for HOLLIS ACADEMY in West Greenville. Please purchase supplies and bring them to church the next 3 Sunday mornings (7/27; 8/3; and 8/10) and put in the collection box in the Bridge Foyer or the Sanctuary Narthex. In place of the wired notebooks, please bring the old fashioned "speckled" composition notebooks. Thank you!



FACEBOOK @ FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL - THE BRIDGE AT LRUMC

Family Fall Festival

FREE KIDS EVENTS

Saturday, September 27th
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LEE ROAD UMC
1377 E LEE RD. TAYLORS SC

PLUS VENDOR EVENT
BAKE SALE
BREAKFAST & LUNCH SOLD



PETTING ZOO

FIRE TRUCK

BOUNCE HOUSES

FACE PANTING

RAFFLE

LEE ROAD UMC CHURCH

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

VENDOR EVENT

1377 E LEE ROAD
TAYLORS, SC 29687

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
27

10AM-2PM

FREE KIDS EVENTS
BOUNCY HOUSES- FACE PAINTING
PETTING ZOO - FIRE TRUCK
RAFFLE PRIZES

BREAKFAST & LUNCH SOLD
AND BAKE SALE

We need donated baked goods for the bake sale, please!

FACEBOOK @ FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL - THE BRIDGE AT LRUMC

Great time on the Saluda River Saturday, July 26!





Hello, I'm Joshua and I want to share some of my experiences this May. On May 11th and 12th I attended a retreat in Kaliurang, Yogyakarta, this event was very enjoyable for me, I was able to gain new experiences with my friends, both spiritual experiences and also experiencing moments with church friends and moments of togetherness with family, in this event there were also many events that built spirituality, as well as events for fellow church members. Apart from this event, as usual I still pursue my hobby which is playing music, even though I am still learning, I hope that one day I can be an expert in playing music and can serve God with the talents that I have. That is the story of some of my experiences during this May.

Lord Jesus bless you



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:30 a.m. Joint Communion Sunday (Bridge)

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

Monday, August 4, 2025

7:00 p.m. Children's Planning Mtg. (Conf. room)

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Conf. room)

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (Conf. room)

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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

Friday, August 8, 2025

11:00 a.m. Game (Bridge)

12:00 a.m. Lunch (Bridge)

12:30 a.m. Movie "Star Wars IV: A New Hope"

Saturday, August 9, 2025

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

Sunday, August 10, 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)

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class



Carol will not be in the office next Monday, August 4. She will be in the Bahamas!

**NO UMM PRAYER BREAKFAST
FOR: JUNE, JULY & AUGUST**



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

Special Prayer Requests

Linda Black
Prudy Cook
Steve McGahee
Mckelvie Wilder
Max Cromer
Carl Kohlhepp
Mary Jo Gay
Mel Casby
Geno Cope
Steve Frantz
Patricia Gordon
Jeff Adams

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

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie
Wilder

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene
Turner

Nephew of: Sandy & Joan Davis

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



Sunday, July 20, 2025

Contemporary Service—37

Traditional Service—44

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Contemporary Service—40

Traditional Service—44

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

July 6	\$4,247.00
July 13	\$4,278.00
July 20	\$3,553.00
July 27	\$3,997.50
Total	\$16,075.50

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

