



*A note
from the pastor*



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Dear Church Family,

Many of you have heard of the quote, “you can’t go home again.” In 1940, Thomas Wolfe’s novel “You Can’t Go Home Again” was posthumously published. Here’s a line from the book: “You can’t go back home to your family, back home to your childhood ... back home to the old forms and systems of things which once seemed everlasting but which are changing all the time.”

Tomorrow, I will help Louis move out from our home (he’s been with us since July 20) for his senior year at Clemson. A few weeks ago, he moved out of an apartment he shared with three other friends in Central SC, and he is moving back on campus. Of course, Melonee and I have been delighted to have Louis home with us. We shared meals around the table, got in the pool, etc. Louis and I have watched “Dirty Harry” movies with Clint Eastwood. Do you think I’m gonna be a little bit sad when he is gone (again)? You betcha.

I asked Louis how being back home had been for him these last few weeks. I was crushed by his answer! “Alright.” “Alright!? What do you mean ‘alright’?” I said. “Well, Dad, things are different. Some of the pets have died and my room’s got other stuff in it.” “OK”, I said, “But your Mother and I are still the same ‘wonderful people’, aren’t we?” He laughed.

Can one ever truly “go home again”? This Sunday, August 17, we are celebrating our 67th Homecoming. Has Lee Road changed over the years? Of course, it has. But “thanks be to God”, we celebrate this homecoming by thanking our merciful and bountiful God (“Great is Thy Faithfulness”) for not only preserving us (“And Are We Yet Alive?”), but *giving us a renewed mind and heart and new visions* (“Be Thou My Vision”).

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty

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)



PLANT A SEED
CREATE A
Legacy

Lee Road UMC
Endowment Fund

The Lee Road UMC Endowment Fund was chartered earlier this year. Contribution gifts to the fund help insure the long-term financial stability for the mission and ministries of Lee Road UMC. Gifts can be in many forms – cash, stocks, life insurance, real estate, IRA distributions, among others. The fund is professionally managed for us by [South Carolina United Methodist Foundation](#).

If you would like to consider making a tax-deductible legacy gift to our fund, informative trifold brochures are available in The Bridge lobby and sanctuary narthex. Specific questions can be directed to Jimmy Gaddy or Sandy Davis.

🎉 Wonderful Wednesday is Back — Get Ready for an Unforgettable Night! 🎉



Wonderful WEDNESDAY

JOIN
US

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**, because **Wonderful Wednesday** is returning—and it's bigger and better than ever! We've got a *delicious* fall lineup of dinners and programming that you won't want to miss. Whether you're a longtime member of our Lee Road family or a first-time visitor, there's something for everyone!

🍴 **Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.**, and **programming kicks off at 6:45 p.m.** The best part? For just **\$7 per adult**, you'll enjoy a hearty meal and a night full of fun, fellowship, and inspiration. And guess what? **First-time visitors and children eat FREE!** It's a deal you won't find anywhere else!

Join us every week to connect with friends, grow in faith, and be part of something truly special. As they say, **"It takes a village to raise a child"**, and we've assembled an amazing team to create a memorable experience for all ages. We can't wait to see YOU there!

Let's Connect
grow *in Faith*

= **TRULY** Special

FALL 2025 Wednesday Kids Programming 5-6 PM

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON	BIBLE LESSON
9/10	Back 2 School Prizes and Pint the Tail on the Donkey	Pilar and Felicity Turner	Nona Walser	Balaam & the Donkey
9/17	Poetry Activities	Gary Dodson	Nona Walser	Cain & Abel
9/24	Potholder Making	Laurie Fite	Nona Walser	Esther & Haman
10/1	Terrarium Making with Succulents	Sandy Davis	Pastor	Samuel & Saul
10/8	Writing Activities	Rusty Godfrey	Bob & Carlie Stevens	Moses & Pharoah
10/15	Spooky Halloween Cards	Ann Shaver	Bob & Carlie Stevens	David & Goliath
10/22	Scripture Scavenger Hunt	Pilar and Felicity Turner	Bob & Carlie Stevens	Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego & Neuchadnezzar
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 & Jerri Trabookis	Jesus & Pontius Pilate
12/10	Christmas Song Practice ** pizza/drink provided	Adelaide and Jacob Kiser and Laurie Fite	Chris & Jerri Trabookis	The Birth of Jesus
12/17	Christmas Song Practice ** pizza/drink provided	Adelaide and Jacob Kiser and Laurie Fite	Chris & Jerri Trabookis	The Wise Men and King Herod

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

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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

Day

The stars are in the heavens, I know, there to help the moon give us light as the day grows short.

The sun goes out of sight, perhaps to rest, or share with others, its glorious light.

The hoot from an owl in a nearby tree, the sound of crickets, break the silence of night for me.

The sound of ocean's waves crashing against the shore, or perhaps the babbling of a nearby creek rushing across the shoals.

Through the open window comes a gentle breeze to cool the night, to give you peace to sleep.

God's sleep aids, all these things are, until you are rested, then see a morning star.

The sun reappears in the eastern sky, and lights the ripples on the sea with brilliance.

Rising higher in the sky, the sun warms the earth, and the cool night's dew begins to dry.

The workers are on their way to complete the chores that God has set aside for man, while the children laugh and play.

Work, chores, and play, meals, worship and pray. Time to rest and reflect on another day.

The sun slips away in the west as the faint beginning of stars and moon appear in the east.

The cycle is complete, another of God's days is done. Let us now thank him, and ask that, if it is his will for us, to have another one.

2025/08/10 - Day by Gary Dodson

THANK YOU LEE ROAD for your generosity once again! We delivered the school supplies to Maria Sallurday, social worker at Hollis Academy Tuesday afternoon!





A team of Lee Road men traveled to Spartanburg to deliver a trailer load of gently used early childhood furniture and equipment from the former CEP. The recipients were the good People and Staff of the Bethlehem Center in downtown Spartanburg. They are a part of the UMC in SC!



SINCE we are a LIGHTHOUSE CONGREGATION, a group of Lee Road men "had to" visit the BEACON DRIVE-IN last week!



We had a great STAR WARS Friday with bingo, prizes, pizza, movie and popcorn!





Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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

Friday, August 15, 2025

Saturday, August 16, 2025

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Danny Smith Memorial Service (S.H.)

Sunday, August 17, 2025—Homecoming

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch (S.H.)

Monday, August 18, 2025

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

5:45 p.m. The Bridge Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

Thursday, August 21, 2025

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

Friday, August 22, 2025

Saturday, August 23, 2025

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

Sunday, August 24, 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)




CHURCH
Congregational Meeting

Monday, August 25, 2025
6 PM—7 PM
Congregational Meeting
We will discuss Alternative Structure
(changing the committee structure
to a leaner system)



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

Thank!
you!

Lee Road Family,

Thank you for all the prayer,
thoughts and love during my surgery
and recovery. I am glad I found Lee
Road and took a chance to get
involved. You are such a loving,
caring and serving group. I look
forward to returning to church soon.

Much Love,
McKelvie Wilder

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

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



Attendance



Sunday, August 10, 2025
Contemporary Service—42
Traditional Service—44

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

August 3	\$4,920.00
August 10	\$2,792.00
August 17	\$
August 24	\$
August 31	\$
Total	\$7,712.00

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



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