



*A note  
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

As I write this at the beginning of the workweek, the weather news is aflutter (great word - it means “nervously excited”) of “it’s gonna snow” this Wednesday. I just returned from the kids’ skating party at Roller Sports and believe me, the kids all knew about the forecast for the possibility of some frozen precipitation midweek. What about you? Do you want it to snow? Do you get excited about the “pretty snowfall” covering your piece of the world in a blanket of white? Or is your attitude more of “Bah, humbug”?

What does the Bible say about snow? The first thing to say is that is a rare occurrence, both in ancient Israel and modern Israel. According to Wikipedia, “Snow in Israel is uncommon, but it occurs in higher elevations; including the northern part of the country and in Jerusalem District.” Therefore, ancient Israelites must have been all the more affected when they witnessed snow. It was connected – then as now – with a sense of freshness and purity. In Psalm 51:7, “*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*” In Revelation 1:14, St. John witnessed the risen Christ having hair “*white like wool, as white as snow.*” The purity of Christ is being emphasized in this passage as well as his righteous divinity.

I have sung a Fanny J. Crosby song as a duet many times in my churches. Witness the power of the first line, “*Tho’ your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.*” Wow. Think of all the sins you have ever done. They were nailed to the cross and the precious shed blood of Jesus purged them completely. That is the singular power of cleansing and forgiveness that only Christ can give us. Whether it snows this week or not, thank Jesus for the power to cancel our sins and figuratively make us “as white as snow.”

In Christ,  
Pastor Rusty

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 2968**



**FINGER FOODS & REFRESHMENTS**

**PLEASE**

**RSVP**

**EMAIL: [OFFICE@LEEROADUMC.COM](mailto: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!**





**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**

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: Chicken Fingers with sides & Dessert**

**Bible Study - Meet St. Patrick**





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



Dear Lee Road Church Family,

Thank you all for the birthday cards and wishes for a happy day! Your kindness never ceases to amaze me! I was blessed to be able to spend part of my birthday with you, in the house of the Lord, worshipping and praising God. A wonderful day shared with wonderful people!

Pastor Rusty

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

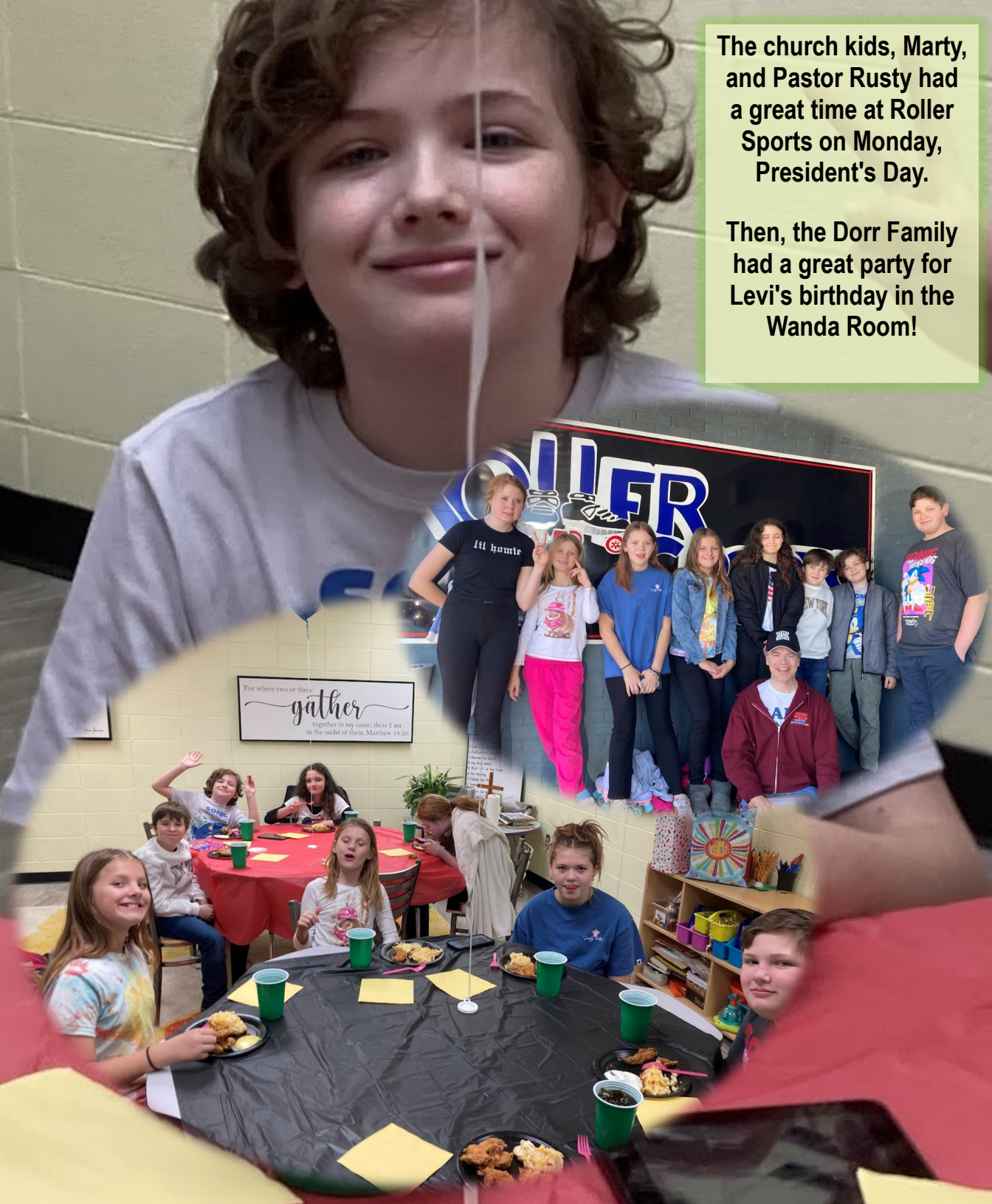
If you have any questions or need additional information, or help with registration, you may contact me by phone or text at 864-288-8311 or by e-mail at [kmoore8311@outlook.com](mailto:kmoore8311@outlook.com).

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

The church kids, Marty, and Pastor Rusty had a great time at Roller Sports on Monday, President's Day.

Then, the Dorr Family had a great party for Levi's birthday in the Wanda Room!





Pastor Rusty presented new Church Council chairperson Jimmy Gaddy with a "rare and valuable" thrift store find yesterday at the start of the session!



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!

Send a text to

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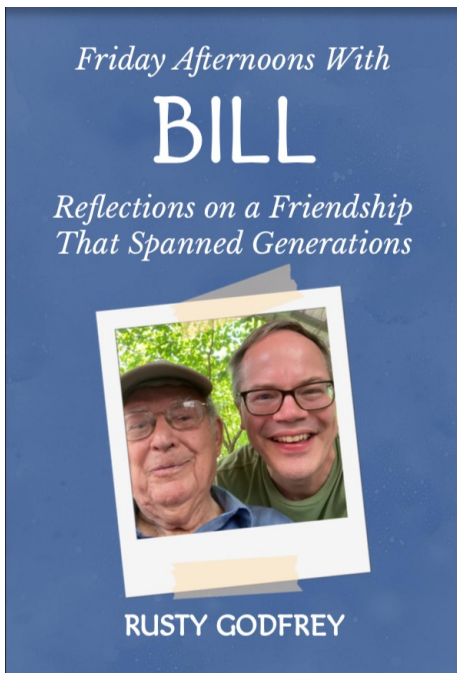
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## 2025 Wednesday Kids Programming

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.

## NEW BOOKS BY LEE ROAD UMC AUTHORS



### ***Friday Afternoons With Bill*** **By Rusty Godfrey**

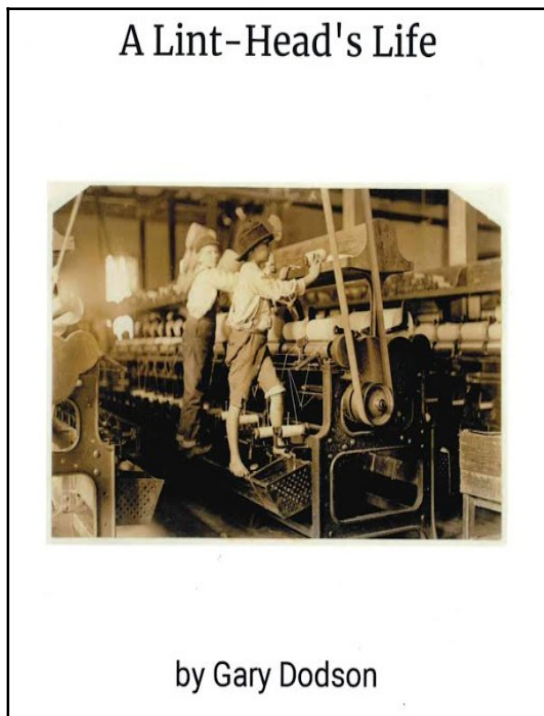
How could two men 48 years apart in age have so much in common? Pastor Rusty Godfrey soon discovered that he and retired Pastor Bill Shepard had so many dovetails in their lives. They “clicked” from the first time they met in early 2022 before Bill turned 100 years old. For the next two years, Rusty 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.





## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

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

### Friday, February 21, 2025

### Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Kairos Meeting (S.H.)

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

### Sunday, February 23, 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, February 24, 2025

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

### Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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

### Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

5:00 p.m. Bridge Kids Program

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal

6:45 p.m. Bible Study

### 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

## COMING SOON!!

March 4, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



@ LCOS

(Lutheran Church Our Saviour)

# TOGETHER

— AT —

## Wednesday Night

# DINNER

No Dinner  
on March 5th

FOOD FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS FUN

### Church Staff

Pastor, Rev. Rusty Godfrey

(864) 214-5815 / revrustyg@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Jim Gilliam

Administrative Assistant, Mitzi Heaton

Office (864)244-6427 / office@leeroadumc.com

(Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)

Financial Secretary, Carol Hyde

finance@leeroadumc.com

Adelaide Kiser, Contemporary Worship Coord.

864-631-9252

Organist, Mary Berry

Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

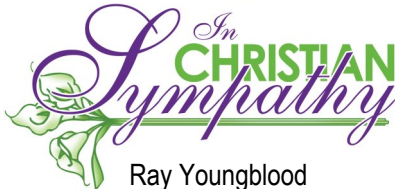
Custodian, Gene Turner



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

Special Prayer Requests

- Jeff Adams
- Julie Ross
- Geno Cope
- Phil Whitlock
- Nona Walser
- Kelly Murphy
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Steve Frantz
- Patricia Gordon
- Tammy Brown
- James & Margaret Brown, parents of Tammy Brown



Ray Youngblood

Funeral on Saturday, Feb. 22  
 Visitation at 2 pm  
 Funeral at 3:15 pm



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  
Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen  
 Turner, Tammy Brown

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

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 16, 2025

Contemporary Service—40

Traditional Service—42

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,948.00</b>

