

Lee Road United Methodist Church
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Dear Congregation,

I am looking forward to the FIFTH ANNUAL PASTOR'S RETREAT at Pleasant Ridge Park this Saturday, October 24 from 11-3. We have done these at Lee Road at the very same spot (Shelter #3) since 2022. Truth be told, I did this same retreat at Monaghan for many years at the same shelter so I have many sacred memories of fellowship, food, music, and games at this place. Benjamin and Louis were relatively fresh "PK's" (preacher's kids) when they first came to this park. In fact, Benjamin had a wonderful bushy, curly head of hair in this period which he loved at that time (now he doesn't like for Dad to show these pictures).



The history of this park is that it used to be a segregated start park for African-Americans in the 1940s through the 1960s. In fact, there is signage about Mr. Leroy Smith served as the park's first African-American superintendent, managing the grounds for 28 years (1951–1979). This park used to be a safe place for blacks to enjoy nature in Greenville County without fear of harassment. Isn't it sad that Americans during this era could not even enjoy the same outdoor recreation spots? Since 1988, this park has been in the hands of Greenville County Parks and Recreation and thus a county park. So what once was segregated is now unified and open for people of all races and creeds to come and enjoy nature.

I am praying that once again, God will show up in a mighty way at our retreat as we celebrate his goodness and seek to discern his will for the future of our Lighthouse Congregation.

In Christ,
Rusty

OCTOBER IS

PASTOR Appreciation MONTH

Celebrating Our Pastor, Pastor Rusty Godfrey

"We give thanks to God for you always."

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2

Thank you, Pastor Rusty, for your faithful leadership, your prayers, your encouragement, and your love for our church family.

With grateful hearts,

Lee Road United Methodist Church

Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 24
from 11 AM – 3 PM

Pleasant Ridge Park
Shelter 3 near pond
(4232 Hwy 11, Marietta, SC 29661)



Music by Cane Creek Band



Cookout



Games



Awards



Visioning

The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish.

TRUNK OR TREAT

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

PLEASE DONATE WRAPPED CANDY!

SIGN-UP TO BRING A CAR!

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX
OR
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP!

The Lee Road UM men have been asked to help with Trunk or Treat. We will be responsible for traffic and possibly other activities. Please let me know if you can help.

Thank You,
Gary Dodson

JOIN US FOR OUR

Midweek Service

Wednesday, October 28
at 6 PM

A new weekly 30 minute midweek service in the sanctuary
(hymn, homily, and prayer)

Followed by our

Wonderful Wednesday Meal

at 6:30 PM



Menu

Potato Soup & Cornbread

$7 per person

♡ *Children and First-Time Visitors* **Eat Free!**



Annual LRUMC Chili Night Wednesday, November 11th– Chili Cooks Needed! 🌶️

We're looking for 6 volunteers to bring a crockpot of chili to share at our Annual Chili Night. Your favorite recipe will help make this evening warm, welcoming, and delicious for everyone! I will provide the bread and cornbread.

Please sign up if you'd like to participate. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and a little homemade goodness! ❤️

Contact Gina Turcotte at 864-325-6245 for more information or to sign up.

C2C RAFFLE

for kids attending
Lee Road UMC
Church Retreat



Saturday, October 24, 2026
11am-3pm

Pleasant Ridge County Park
Hwy 11, Marietta, SC



Bus transportation available
from LRUMC parking lot
by Steven Moser —
bus leaves at 10am

PRIZES



1 $50
Wal-mart



2 $25
Food-Lion



1 $5
Bruster's



1 $5
Starbucks

Must be present to win —
bring this "ticket" with you.

Child's Name: _____

THE BRANCH

LEE ROAD UMC

FROM THE "BRANCH MANAGER"

I find that as I get closer and closer to entering my 30's, loneliness keeps trying to sit beside me, almost like it's trying to be my best friend. I've never been the best at combating the feeling of loneliness. Trying to fit in takes so much maneuvering.

When I read through the Book of Isaiah, I read God's promises to stay with his people through trials, exile, and even abandonment. God promises to carry His people from birth to old age- never having to reach a point where they are completely on their own.

This has really helped remind me that when I do feel alone- God is there. He may be *the breeze*, he may be the *smile of a stranger*, or he might just be *a bird on the branch*. God is always there.

-Steven

ROOTED IN THE WORD

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

-Isaiah 41:10

BRANCHING OUT

Little Beginnings (Ages: Infant-6)

Article: "How to Ease Your Child's Separation Anxiety"

https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/toddler/Pages/Soothing-Your-Childs-Separation-Anxiety.aspx

Growing in Faith (Ages: 7-12)

Article: "How to Help Kids Who Are Lonely"

https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-kids-who-are-lonely/

Navigating Life (Ages: 13-18)

Article: "Helping Teens Connect With Their Community"

https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Community/Pages/helping-teens-connect-with-their-community.aspx

GOING OUT ON A LIMB

This is your weekly Challenge!!!!!

Look for someone who might feel left out at church, school, or another activity. Invite them to sit with you, join a game, or be part of a conversation.

A branch doesn't grow strong by standing alone. It grows strong by staying connected to the vine.

Find your Youth Director (or email youthdirector@leeroad umc.com) and tell them what you did for a prize!

"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."
-JOHN 15:5

ROOTED IN PURPOSE. RISING IN FAITH.

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Missions

Local • National • International

Sharing Christ • Serving Others • Making a Difference

November 4-17

Indonesian Mission Trip: Solo, Indonesia

(Pastor Rusty, Cindy Stewart and Susan Ford)





November 24

Special Offering for Feed Our Neighbors Food Pantry

December

Choose your own personal charity such as Toys for Tots, etc.



Together We Can Make a Difference!

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food..."

Matthew 25:35

Joy in All Seasons

Based on Philippians



October 11

Joy in Suffering

(Philippians Chapter 1)



October 18

Joy in Serving

(Philippians Chapter 2)



October 25

Joy in Believing

(Philippians Chapter 3)



November 1

Joy in Giving

(Philippians Chapter 4)

Pastor Rusty Godfrey

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A Lighthouse Congregation That Welcomes All!

It's that time of year again—**Santahatchie signups are officially OPEN!** We're excited for another opportunity to come together and serve our Spartanburg community this Christmas season.

This year's Santahatchie will take place **Friday–Sunday, January 1–3, 2027!** We can't wait to kick off the new year by serving our neighbors and making a difference in our community.

Here's what you need to know:

Dates: January 1–3, 2027

Cost: $50 per person

Includes: Six meals during our two workdays and a camp T-shirt

Requirements: Must be 14 or older—no experience necessary!

Sign up here: https://forms.gle/fozCXMvNqxuZQwf99

There are so many ways to get involved, whether as a Team Captain, Worksite Volunteer, Kitchen Crew member, or Runner. Whatever your skills or experience, there's a place for you on the team!

The Christmas season can be a busy time of year, but it's also a wonderful opportunity to give back. What better way to share the spirit of Christmas than by giving your time to serve a neighbor in need? We would love to have you join us again this year!

If you can't participate in person, you can still make a difference by donating to the Santahatchie fund. Your generosity helps cover the cost of materials for home repairs throughout our community. Projects can range from approximately $1,000 for carpentry repairs to $5,000 for a new roof, and every contribution helps make this work possible.

Thank you for being part of the Santahatchie family. We hope you'll join us for another incredible year of serving our community!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Love,
Mary Burgess H. Allen
864-641-5117



Will Your Medicare Plan Work For You in 2027?

Find out what's changing in Medicare & discover some exciting new options for this area.

Sunday | November 8th | 3 pm

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For more information: (800) 520-3608
This is a free educational event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
No event listed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Church Retreat @ Pleasant Ridge
8:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026
No event listed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)
9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Midweek Service (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal (S.H.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
No event listed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
8:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
Daylight Savings Time Ends!
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Together in Faith, Service and Love ♥



Church Staff

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PRAYER
CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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

Special Prayer Requests

Marsha Wilson
Rev. Cathy Joens
Robert Whitfield
Virginia Crowell
Kevin Clardy
Steve McGahee
Jimmy Gaddy
Marie Watt
Cindy Jones
Geno Cope
Ann Huntley
Rev. Jim & Carolyn Gilliam
Harry & Betty Johansen
Gene & Nancy Johnson
Max & Susan Cromer
Mary Jo Gay



Residential Care
Linda Black, Bob Elson, Jim Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith, Gene & Nancy Johnson, Sadie Murphy, Max & Susan Cromer, Catherine Hamill, Jim & Carolyn Gilliam, Maxie Wood, Brenda Sharp

At Home
Ann Huntley (Hospice)
Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner
Sister of: Robert Whitfield
Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan Davis
Niece of: Gene Turner, Richard & Stephanie Hamilton
Grandson of: Gary Dodson
Granddaughter of: Rick & Lisa Stanford
Cousin of: Gene Turner

Friends of:
Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Alida Weber, Trace Silvers, Susan Ford, Pastor Rusty Godfrey

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Worship Service—60

2026 Tithes & Offerings
Thank you for giving toward the budget. Your faithfulness is much appreciated.

October 4	$6,100.00
October 11	$4,225.00
October 18	$2,485.40
October 25	
Total	$12,810.40

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

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