



*A note
from the pastor*

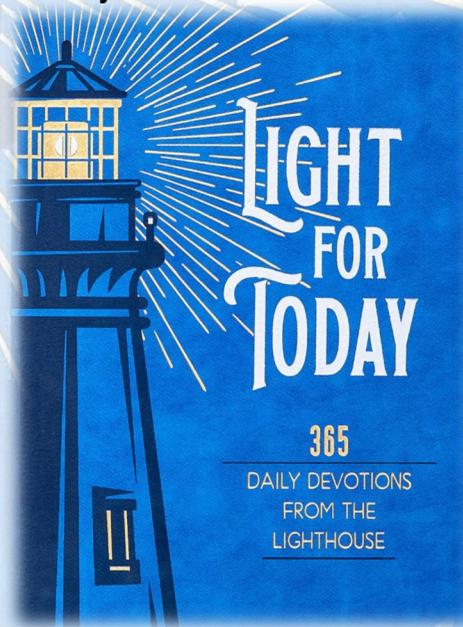


REFLECTIONS

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Dear Church Family,

I know that it might be a little early, but I am already thinking about what kind of devotional I would like to do next year. Yes, Pastor always thinks ahead. Do you recall the synchronous reading of the Gospels we've done the last three seasons of Lent? Well, I want to present to you today an option for us to do a synchronous devotional time together as a church family. Here is the book:



I found this incredible little book at Ollie's. It seems PERFECT for us as a Lighthouse Congregation. Amazon has them for \$9.64. Used copies are available for around \$5. I will purchase today the six copies that Ollie's has left for those who want to do this but are not computer savvy. My plan is that we each do the readings each day in 2026, and once a week, we hold a Zoom meeting from our homes (with a possible same-time "group zoom" meeting at church) where we share something from the devotional that moved us, inspired us, and gave us something to think about. I love the theme of Christ as the Light of the World. I hope you will join us next year. Please send me a message if you'd like to take the journey with us with *Light for Today!*

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty



Prospective Members Classes

Are you new to Lee Road United Methodist Church? Interested in becoming part of our church family? (We are a friendly bunch after all!) Have you been with us “for a while now”, and would like to explore the option of formally becoming a member? Do you have questions about our local church, missions, our denominational beliefs, UMC news, etc., that you would like to get answers to in a small friendly group setting? Well, we have a proposal for you.

Join us for our fall cycle of prospective new member classes! It is absolutely not necessary to take this class to become a member, but we believe that this class is very helpful to help folks make the decision that is right for themselves as led by the Holy Spirit. The classes are designed to be 45-60 minutes in length. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Kids are welcome to stay and learn, or play board games, etc. The dates and topics are as follows:

December 7 “Get Committed” Class — Pastor’s Office at 9:30 AM

At the conclusion of these classes, the Pastor will discuss if people would like to formally join the church in membership during morning worship on Sunday, December 14, 2025 (Third Sunday of Advent = “Joy Sunday” / Gaudete Sunday). This step is not a requirement, but rather an option for those who feel they are ready. Any further questions, please contact Pastor Rusty.

Please RSVP the Pastor if you plan to attend the class. Thank you. My email is revrustyg@gmail.com and you may also text me at my cellphone 864-214-5815.

A MEMBER OF THE CALL TEAMS WILL CONTACT YOU FOR YOUR RESERVATION.

Mark your
Calendar

Young at

Heart

DECEMBER

Tuesday 9



Sounds of the Season

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

by Mckelvie Wilder

\$7

Menu: medallions of pork tenderloin with creamy whipped potatoes, green vegetable and dessert



Christmas Flower Fund

The congregation is invited to make contributions to the "Christmas Flower Fund" which will be used to purchase poinsettias. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make your checks payable to Lee Road UMC and designate the checks for the "Christmas Flower Fund." Please include any requests for memorials or dedications with your contribution. A memorial/dedication list will be published in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 14th. Individual poinsettia plants will be available for **\$15.00** each.

of Poinsettias _____

Your Name: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____



STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS DONATIONS

Spread the Joy!

Please plan ahead now to make a generous gift to our staff. We will collect your gifts until Monday, 15 December 2025. We are so blessed with such wonderful staff members of our Lee Road Family. So, be grateful for the many ways they serve us. Thank you.

Staff Parish Relations Committee



Lee Road UMC Annual Christmas Pageant

2025

Directors: Pastor, Pilar Turner, Laurie Fite, Chelsea Brilliantt

13 Roles Needed: Mary, Joseph, 4 Shepherds, 4 angels (Archangel Gabriel + three others), 3 Wise Men. We can “scale down” the number of angels and shepherds if we need to.

2 Required Rehearsals*

- ⇒ **Rehearsal 1: Wednesday, 12/3 at 5:00 PM in sanctuary
(Wonderful Wednesday kids meal available in social hall)**
- ⇒ **Rehearsal 2: Wednesday, 12/10 at 5:00 PM in sanctuary
(practice and then have pizza and drink for pageant people in social hall)**
- ⇒ **Actual Pageant Performance* Wednesday, 12/17 at 6:45 PM in sanctuary
(6 PM pizza and drink in the social hall for entire church)**

***Involves commitment of adults and kids to make this the priority for these 3 dates and times.**

INTRODUCING THE NEW STEWARDSHIP TEAM

This committee is a part of our new administrative structure that starts on January 1, 2026. The committee is comprised of Gene Turner (chairperson), Steve Frantz, Peggy Briggs, and Denise Wilson. The team will meet **every-other-month** on the **third Mondays at 6 PM in the board room** (the chair may need to call additional meetings as necessary). Starting in February, the **scheduled dates in 2026 are Feb. 16, Apr. 20, June 15, Aug. 17, Oct. 19, and Dec. 21.**

All meetings are **OPEN to anyone in the church** who has an interest in the core functions of the committee, which are as follows:

- To create a budget for the church
- To manage all fiduciary aspects of the church
- To be good stewards of church monies
- To encourage faithful giving

Have any questions? Please contact Gene Turner.



Everything we Have is a Gift from God
that we Are to Use to Help Others.

INTRODUCING THE NEW WITNESS TEAM

This committee is a part of our new administrative structure that starts on January 1, 2026. The committee is comprised of Laurie Fite (chairperson), Joan Davis, Cindy Stewart, and Prudy Cook. Starting in February, the team will meet every-other-month on the third Mondays at 7 PM in the board room (the chair may need to call additional meetings as necessary). Therefore, the **scheduled dates in 2026 are Feb. 16, Apr. 20, June 15, Aug. 17, Oct. 19, and Dec. 21.**

All meetings are **OPEN to anyone in the church** who has an interest in the core functions of the committee, which are as follows:

- To facilitate missions for the church
- To greet and welcome visitors and follow-up
- To plan evangelistic activities and outreach for the church
- To help care for members

Have any questions? Please contact Laurie Fite.



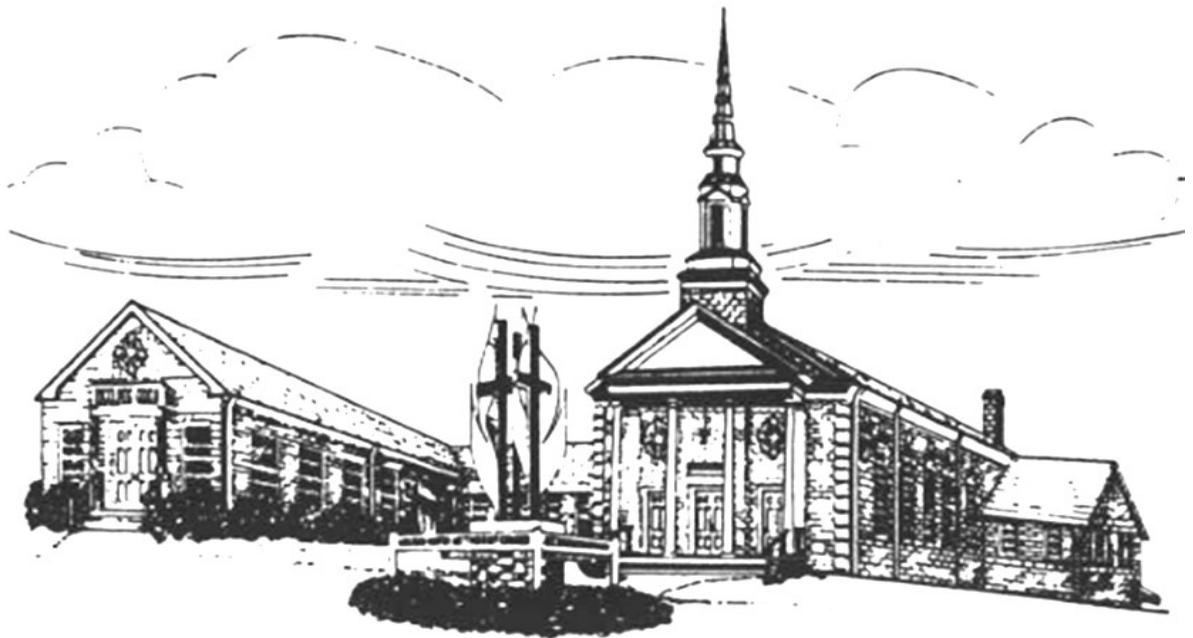
INTRODUCING THE NEW CAMPUS TEAM

This committee is a part of our new administrative structure that starts on January 1, 2026. The committee is comprised of Trace Silvers (chairperson), Greg Strong, Geno Cope, and Debbie Gantt. The team will meet every-other-month on the second Mondays at 7 PM in the board room (the chair may need to call additional meetings as necessary). Starting in February, the **scheduled dates in 2026 are Feb. 9, Apr. 13, June 8, Aug. 10, Oct. 12, and Dec. 14.**

All meetings are **OPEN to anyone in the church** who has an interest in the core functions of the committee, which are as follows:

- To care for the physical plant of the church
- To ensure “safe sanctuary” policies and the safety of everyone
- To make LRUMC an attractive and up-to-date facility for worship

Have any questions? Please **contact Trace Silvers.**



INTRODUCING THE NEW HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM

This committee is a part of our new administrative structure that starts on January 1, 2026. The committee is comprised of Marty Cook (chairperson), Sidney Skardon, Pat Youngblood, and Smitty Ervin. Starting in February, the team will meet **every-other-month** on the **second Mondays at 6 PM in the board room** (the chair may need to call additional meetings as necessary). Therefore, the **scheduled dates in 2026 are Feb. 9, Apr. 13, June 8, Aug. 10, Oct. 12, and Dec. 14.**

Due to the sensitive nature of this committee's work, the committee may close its meetings in executive session. The core functions of the committee are as follows:

- To care for the staff persons of the church
- To maintain church harmony and unity between the clergy and laity
- To facilitate communication amongst all sectors of the church
- To complete annual pastor evaluation and advisory forms
- To nominate people to fill offices (when this occurs, Pastor chairs meeting)

Have any questions? Please contact Marty Cook.



INTRODUCING THE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

This committee is a part of our new administrative structure that starts on January 1, 2026. The committee is comprised of Jimmy Gaddy (chairperson), the Lay Leader, Pastor, and the 4 members of each subteam (Witness, Campus, Stewardship, and HR). Starting in January, the team will meet **every-other-month** on the **second Mondays at 6 PM** in the board room (the chair may need to call additional meetings as necessary). Therefore, the **scheduled dates in 2026 are Jan. 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, Sept. 14, and Nov 9.**

All meetings are OPEN to anyone in the church who has an interest in the core functions of the committee, which are as follows:

- To make important church-wide decisions
- To charter a course for the future of our church
- To maintain our church mission and vision

Vision Statement

"Our vision is to create an environment that enables people to experience a relationship with God and to connect with fellow believers."

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to be the Servant Church that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

Have any questions? Please contact Jimmy Gaddy.





Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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

Friday, December 5, 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025—Advent 2

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. “Get Committed” New Member Class (Pastor’s Office)

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

12:00 p.m. Consecration Catered Luncheon

Monday, December 8, 2025

5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. Men’s Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
(pizza dinner afterwards)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

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

Friday, December 12, 2025

Saturday, December 13, 2025

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

Sunday, December 14, 2025—Advent 3

Membership Sunday

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Combined Service (Bridge)

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



**6 PM pizza dinner and
6:30 PM Christmas Pageant
Performance in the Sanctuary**

Church Staff

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Adelaide Kiser, Contemporary Worship Coord.

Organist, Mary Berry

Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

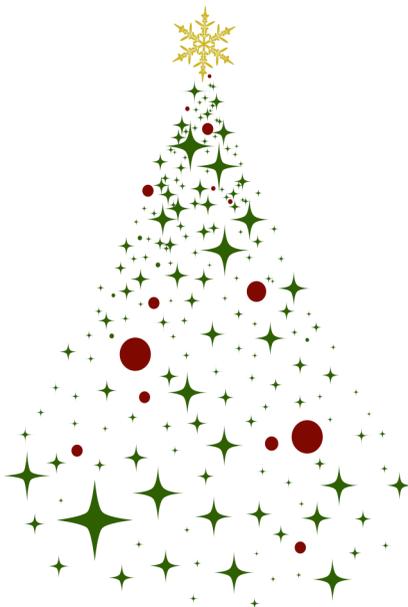
Custodian, Gene Turner



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

Special Prayer Requests

- Steve Frantz
- Dawn Ronaldo, Mother of Chuanca
- Nancy Johnson
- Joan Davis
- Geno Cope
- Jimmy Gaddy
- Jim Crain
- Linda Black
- Max & Susan Cromer
- Mary Jo Gay
- Mel Casby



Residential Care

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

At Home

Ann Huntley (with daughter)

Extended Family

Mother of: Tammy Brown

Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Nephew of: Linda Black,

Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan Davis

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene

Turner

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



November 23, 2025

Contemporary Service — 43
Traditional Service—37

November 30, 2025

Contemporary Service — 36
Traditional Service—38

2025 Tithes & Offerings	
Thank you for giving toward the budget. Your faithfulness is much appreciated.	
11/02/25	\$4,074.00
11/09/25	\$12,330.00
11/16/25	\$3,688.00
11/23/25	\$5,806.00
11/30/25	\$6,164.00
Total	\$32,062.00

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



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