



*A note
from the pastor*



REFLECTIONS

Lee Road United Methodist Church
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Church Office (864) 244-6427

Dear Congregation,

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22: 37-39 NIV)

Last week the new Witness Team met on Monday evening and had a very productive meeting. Chairperson, Laurie Fite, had a packed agenda of items for us to discuss and consider for Lee Road, and it was hitting all areas of nurture, outreach, and witness. Concerning missions, the team discussed a calendar for Lee Road that would establish a roadmap for all our missions ranging from local to international. Here is the draft of the proposal:

- + New Year (Now) - Lutheran Food Pantry – request \$60 donation (\$5.00 per month). This is a continued asking from the last two years with a partner church in missions.
- + Lenten Mission (March) – Break The Cycle Global, Victor’s Children’s Home, Kenya. Brooklyn Cole (Richard Hamilton’s niece) will be invited to speak to our church, and we will take up a church-wide offering to support her ministry during the six weeks of Lent.
- + Easter (April 5) - May – Relay for Life and Charis Scholarships for Indonesian students. Gary and Pastor Rusty will be selling their books with the proceeds going to this fund. We will discuss the Lee Road mission trip to visit the school in November.
- + Mother’s Day – Annual Epworth Mother’s Day Offering - to support our conference children’s home in Columbia
- + July – Collect school supplies for Hollis Academy and possibly Brook Glen Elementary.
- + September – Epworth Workday Offering
- + December – Catholic Joy boxes

We may also be starting a year round mission with the Eastside Family YMCA After School Program in which we donate specific items each month for snacks. More to come.

Which of these missions is more important? You know the answer. They are all equally important and valuable ways that Lee Road can give back in missions from Taylors SC to Columbia SC to Kenya to Indonesia. **THANK YOU DEAR CHURCH** for making your pastor so proud of the faithful ways that you support missions time and time again. Collectively we can do so much! We are the **SERVANT CHURCH!**

Blessings,
Rusty

Wonderful WEDNESDAY

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

JANUARY

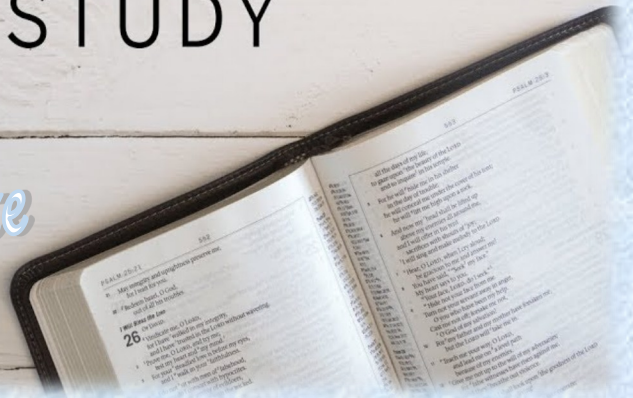
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Mid Week

BIBLE STUDY

Methodism

Teacher: Laurie Fite



2026 Wednesday Kids Programming 5PM - 6PM

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORD.	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON	BIBLE LESSON TEACHER
1/21	Learning Song for Bridge Performance on 2/1	Adelaide Kiser	Bob & Carlie Stevens	Pastor
1/28	Learning Song for Bridge Performance on 2/1	Adelaide Kiser	Bob & Carlie Stevens	Pastor
2/4	Valentine Craft	Debbie Gantt	Nona Walser	Pastor
2/11	Valentine Cards	Ann Shaver	Nona Walser	Pastor
2/25	Cooking Class	Joyce McKenzie	Nona Walser	Pastor
3/4	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
3/11	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
3/18	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
3/25	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
4/15	"Junior Trustees Month": Safety / First Aid	Geno Cope	Sandy Davis	Pastor
4/22	"Junior Trustees Month": Cleaning the Sanctuary	Gene Turner	Sandy Davis	Pastor
4/29	"Junior Trustees Month": Cleaning the Bridge	Gene Turner	Sandy Davis	Pastor
5/6	VBS Planning Session with the Kids	Pastor and All volunteers	Sandy Davis	Pastor

2026 Combined Sundays

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Sunday	02-01	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Wednesday	02-18	Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	03-01	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Thursday	04-02	Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday
Friday	04-03	Bridge	12:00 PM	Good Friday
Sunday	04-05	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion
Sunday	05-03	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion
Sunday	06-07	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Sunday	07-05	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion
Sunday	08-02	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Sunday	08-16	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Homecoming
Sunday	09-06	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Sunday	10-04	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion / Consecration Sun.
Sunday	11-01	Bridge	9:30 AM	All Saints / Communion
Sunday	11-24	Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving
Sunday	12-06	Bridge	9:30 AM	Advent 2 / Communion
Thursday	12-24	Bridge	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve

SIX BEAGLES!



\$10

STORY AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY:
RUSTY GODFREY



ABOUT RUSTY GODFREY

Pastor Rusty Godfrey is a licensed local pastor with the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a native of Greenville, SC, and a retired high school social studies educator. He and his wife Melnee have owned six beagles in their marriage of over thirty years, and they have loved every one of them!

Get all books for \$40. Books are available at the church office. Make checks payable to "Lee Road UMC" and put "book sale" on the memo line. All profits go to the Indonesian Charis School.



COLOR AND LEARN ANIMALS FROM THE WORLD

\$10

GARY DODSON

GARY DODSON

\$20

THE BIXBYS' ALTAR OF FREEDOM



Rusty Godfrey

THE BIXBYS'

ALTAR OF FREEDOM

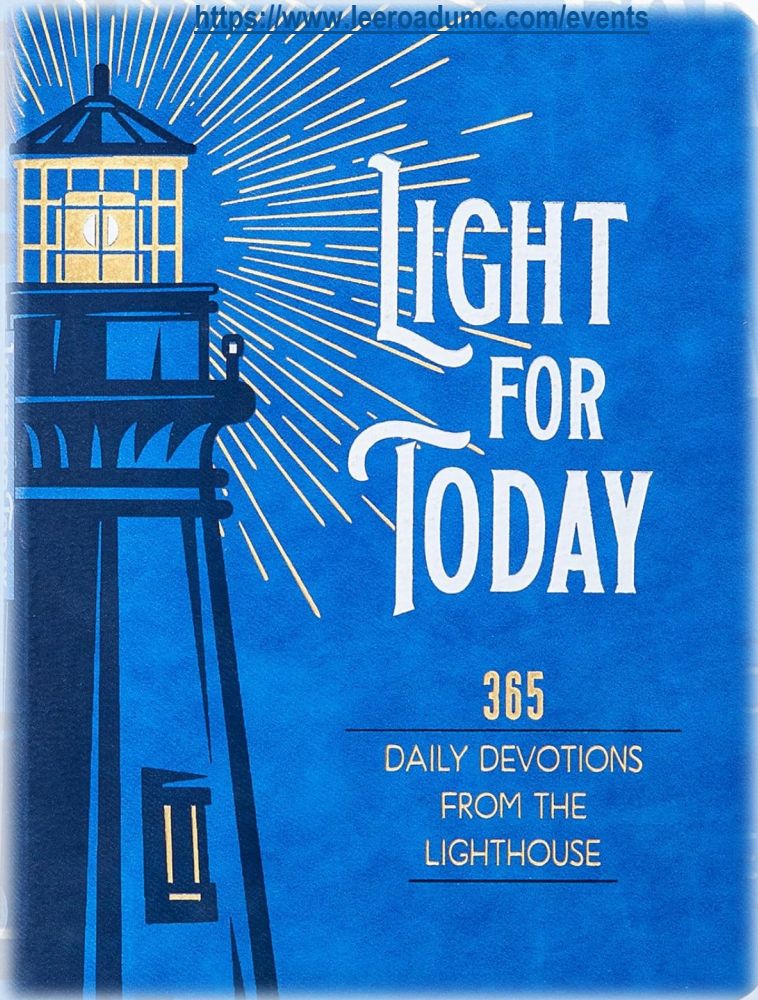
What would a Union Mother do in order to survive the Civil War having lost all her sons?
What would a Union prisoner of war do to survive a hellhole prison camp, escape, and reinvent himself?

Gary Dodson is the proud father of 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren (and soon to be great-grandchild). A native of Greenville, South Carolina, he spent much time in the American Southwest and in the State of Florida in his working career. He retired from working at the age of 87. His favorite animal is the dog, especially the golden retriever. His hobbies include fishing, writing, and watching old movies. The author has a very strong faith in the Creator God who made all living creatures on this planet.

2026 Devotional - January 25 at 4pm (Pastor will send email zoom invitation)

A PERFECT devotional for us as a Lighthouse Congregation. Amazon has them for \$9.64. Used copies are available for around \$5. There are a few copies left in the church office for those who want to do this but are not computer savvy. Readings will be each day in 2026, and every Sunday, we hold a Zoom meeting from our homes (with a 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. Please send me a message if you’d like to take the journey with us with *Light for Today!* Pastor Rusty

<https://www.leeroadumc.com/events>



Hello people of Lee Road! Many of you know me as the Worship Director of The Bridge service. But as of this new year, I have acquired the title of Youth Director as well! Growing up in a Presbyterian Church, I have always been very heavily involved in youth groups. I have also, throughout my adult life, always been working with children in some capacity: nannying, teaching etc. I am happy to take this new role in leading the youth of Lee Road in hopes of growing in number and faith. I have many fun and exciting things planned for whatever youth want to be involved! Please contact me if you have any questions, want to get involved, or know someone who might! Thank you!





OUR SAVIOUR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES PANTRY

2600 Wade Hampton Blvd.

Greenville, SC 29615

Vision: to create a community in which each person is valued and their basic needs are attainable

Mission: to provide food for our neighbors in need

January 12, 2026

Lee Road United Methodist Church
Attn: Rev. Rusty Godfrey
1377 E. Lee Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Dear Rev. Godfrey:

On behalf of Feed Our Neighbors Food Pantry and all those who will benefit from your gift, we thank Lee Road United Methodist Church for the generous gifts of \$2,140.00 on December 14, 2025. We continue to appreciate the volunteers who are assisting with food distribution and other administrative activities. The cash donation will help feed many hungry people through our Pantry. The volunteers have been a true blessing.

Your gifts will help us continue to offer food to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being God's hands in this important Christian service.

Sincerely,

Angela Carlson
FONFP Treasurer



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February 24, 2026

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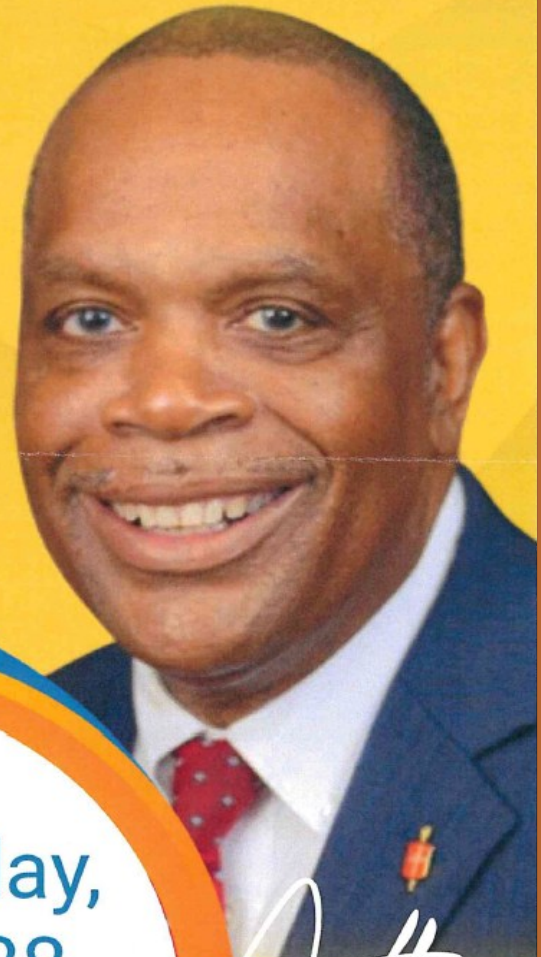
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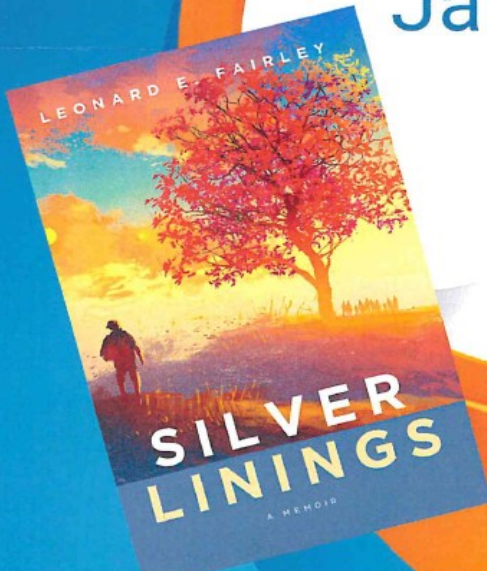
BOOK SIGNING

at
Saint MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | THE 9-1-1



Wednesday,
January 28,
2026
6 PM

Author
Bishop
Leonard
Fairley



SC United Methodist Conference

911 St. Mark Road | Taylors, South Carolina 29687

www.stmark911.org

Rev. Dr. Carlton J. McClam, Sr., Senior Pastor



Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

Friday, January 23, 2026

Saturday, January 24, 2026

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

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)

4:00 p.m. Zoom Devotional (*Light for Today*)

Monday, January 26, 2026

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (SH)

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Kids Program (Bridge)

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal (S.H.)

6:45 p.m. Methodism Study (S.H.)

Thursday, January 29, 2026

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

Friday, January 30, 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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)

4:00 p.m. Zoom Devotional (*Light for Today*)



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

Special Prayer Requests

- Linda Hand
- Geno Cope
- Ann Huntley
- Rev. Jim & Carolyn Gilliam
- Gail Bachman
- Don Sandor
- Harry & Betty Johansen
- Steve Frantz
- Gene & Nancy Johnson
- Joan Davis
- 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, Max & Susan
Cromer

At Home

Ann Huntley (Hospice)
Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)
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, Richard & Stephanie
Hamilton

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, Trace
Silvers



January 18, 2026

Contemporary Service—37
Traditional Service—31

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

January 4	\$5,027.00
January 11	\$4,363.50
January 18	\$5,635.00
January 25	\$
Total	\$15,025.50

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