



*A note  
from the pastor*

## REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

Hope that you enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend with family and friends. Of course, like I said yesterday from the pulpit, Memorial Day is so much more than just cookouts of burgers and hot dogs or a quick trip to the beach. It is a solemn day to remember the Fallen who gave in Lincoln's words, "that last full measure of devotion that this Nation might live" (Gettysburg Address). That concept is echoed in these words from Jesus: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Of course, Jesus was referring to His own sacrifice not just for the Twelve or even just the Nation of Israel, but for the entire world. His sacrifice is the most extreme form of agape love ever shown to mankind. Agape love is the highest, noblest form of sacrificial love which empties itself completely for the benefit of others. Our brave men and women who have given their lives showed agape love for the American people, both living at the time and for generations to come.

Would you be willing to give up your life that this Nation might live? That is an extremely difficult question to answer, isn't it? It's one of those things that is easy to say "yes, I would" while being difficult to actually do. The risks are many in times and theaters of war. Again, to quote my man Lincoln (my favorite president from childhood), it is "altogether fitting and proper that we do this" (honor the Fallen).

Going off of my sermon from yesterday, a fitting card left at the Vietnam Memorial or any grave of a soldier would say these words: "Thank you for being a Friend." God bless our country and our military families.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rusty



We have some exciting news. The Church Council voted to approve the Worship Committee proposals to have a summer trial period to change the worship times and how we celebrate communion as one unified church. This summer, the Bridge service start time will be 9:30 AM, and we will hold one combined communion service each month, alternating between the Sanctuary and the Bridge.

#### WHEN WILL THE SUMMER TRIAL BEGIN?

- † On **Sunday, June 1** will be a **combined service** for “**Communion Sunday**” in the sanctuary at 11 AM.
- † Starting **Sunday, June 8**, the Bridge service will officially **start at 9:30 AM** and be followed by a coffee and refreshments time at 10:30 AM.
- † The **July combined communion service** will be Sunday, July 6, at 9:30 AM in the Bridge
- † The **August combined communion service** will be Sunday, August 3, at 9:30 AM in the Bridge.
- † There will be a **combined Homecoming Sunday service** in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 17 at 11 AM.

The goals of the summer trial are threefold: one, to celebrate the unity of our church by taking regular communion as one body; two, to provide a little more "breathing room" for the Pastor and the Audiovisual Technician / Live Stream Coordinator between the two services when we hold both; and three, to provide a common time for Bridge attendees to stay and fellowship with one another. The Pastor asks all Lee Road UMC members to prayerfully support these changes as we seek to grow our church and worship in new and exciting ways.



# VBS

## Planning Meeting

**Monday, June 2, 2025 at 3PM  
at Active Day**

**(21 McBeth Street, Greenville, SC 29611)**

**All persons who are interested in helping with the  
mid-July VBS with Active Day Greenville are asked to attend.**



# SURROUND THE CROSS

## Brick Pavers to Honor and Remember

Another opportunity is here to order commemorative pavers to honor or remember loved ones, friends, and events. The pavers will be permanently displayed at the cross in the church courtyard along with existing pavers. Order forms are available in the church office, sanctuary narthex, and The Bridge foyer.

The cost of each paver is \$100 and is considered a contribution to the church for tax purposes. Profits from the sale will help fund church mission ministries.

More details are covered in the order form. If you have additional questions or need help with an order, please contact Marsha Wilson 864-238-0052. Deadline to order is Monday, June 9.

The Unity Team





**SATURDAY, JUNE 21 FROM 10AM - 2PM**

# **POOL PARTY**

**AT THE HOME OF PASTOR RUSTY  
(FOR CHURCH KIDS & FAMILIES)**



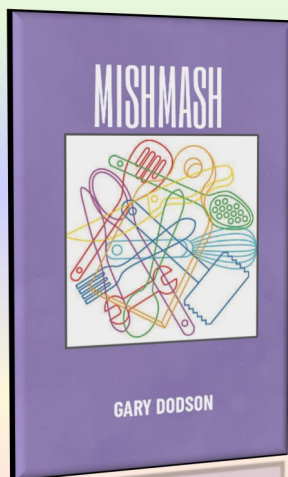
**“MOVIES BY THE LIGHTHOUSE”  
FRIDAY, JUNE 13 AT 6PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT  
DINNER  
OUTDOOR MOVIE**

***(BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LAWNCHAIRS)***



# New Books by Lee Road Authors



## *Mishmash* By Gary Dodson

The Poet Laureate of Lee has gathered a beautiful collection of his blog posts, short stories, and poems for the people to enjoy.

124 pages. \$20 a book. Available for purchase at the church office. Profits from church sales go to specifically support the renewal of Charis School in Solo, Indonesia. Make checks to "Lee Road UMC" or bring cash.

## *Rusty's Poetry & Songs* By Rusty Godfrey

The Pastor has gathered a collection of poems and songs he has written over the last 30+ years.

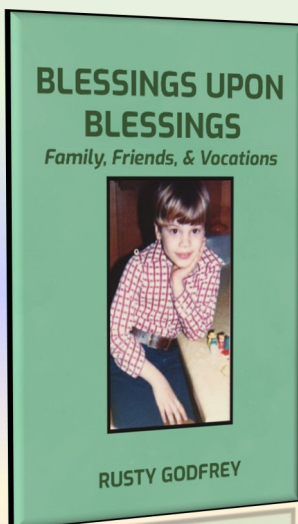
92 pages. \$20 a book. Available for purchase at the church office. Profits from church sales go to specifically support the renewal of Charis School in Solo, Indonesia. Make checks to "Lee Road UMC" or bring cash.



## *Blessings Upon Blessings* By Rusty Godfrey

In 2022, as he was about to retire from teaching in the SC public schools, the Pastor began a memoir of "the first half" of his life. He completed it in 2025.

188 pages. \$20 a book. Available for purchase at the church office. Profits from church sales go to specifically support the renewal of Charis School in Solo, Indonesia. Make checks to "Lee Road UMC" or bring cash.



**Buy all 3 for \$60! Proceeds go to Missions!**



Hello, how are you? Jason is fine here. In my place this month we are celebrating Eid Mubarak. We visit our relatives, whether they are far or near. This holiday is to gather the extended family. im visited some of my relatives. During this holiday, most people wait for the fitrah money. So on this holiday, older and married relatives usually give us money that we call fitrah or THR. Praise God, Jason got a lot of money. Jason also travels everywhere. Jason also travels to the mountains to visit relatives. Is there a holiday similar to this in your place? That's all Jason wants to say, thank you.





## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 29, 2025**

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

**Friday, May 30, 2025**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

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

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

**Monday, June 2, 2025**

5:30 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting at Active Day

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

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

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

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

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

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

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

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

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

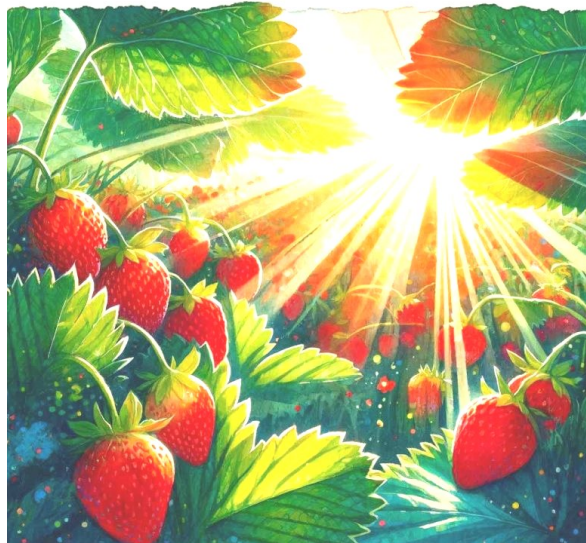
9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

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

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class



### Church Staff

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

### Special Prayer Requests

Max Cromer  
Marie Watt  
Susan Ford  
Carl Kohlhepp  
Mary Jo Gay  
Mel Casby  
Geno Cope  
Phil Whitlock  
Nona Walser  
Steve & Monica Frantz  
Patricia Gordon

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



### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

June—Tim Briggs  
July—Trace Silvers  
August—Marcy Durham  
September—Tim Briggs  
October—Trace Silvers  
November—Greg Strong  
December—Robin Duncan

### 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

Daughter of: Laurie Fite

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Sister of: Jane Pingley

Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie  
Wilder

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene  
Turner

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, May 25, 2025

Contemporary Service—43  
Traditional Service—41

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

May 4	\$5,945.00
May 11	\$5,896.00
May 18	\$1,645.07
May 25	\$3,178.00
Total	\$16,664.07

**Prefer to pay your tithe online?**



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