



*A note
from the pastor*



REFLECTIONS

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Dear Church Family,

The Consecration Sunday worship service and meal was very special. Thank you to Steve Frantz, the Consecration Team chairperson, and the entire committee for all its behind-the-scenes work to make this a successful stewardship campaign. Thank you to Joyce and others for the logistics of setting up the meal. Thank you to Mitzi Heaton for all her work in mailing the letters, working on slideshows, etc.

Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it; the world and all who live in it." Every good gift we have proceeds for our bountiful and providential God. As the old hymn says, "All I have needeth, thy hand hath provideth. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

Thank you to all who committed to the Lord to give what the Lord placed on their heart. May the Lord bless you and keep you! And now I shall conclude with words of another hymn regarding holy commitments made to the Lord:

But "I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty



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: _____

A row of small Christmas decorations including a green tree, two gift boxes, and decorative swirls.

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

A decorative border at the bottom of the page featuring green and white swirls and small white dots.

Lee Road UMC Annual Christmas Pageant

A nativity scene set against a dramatic sunset sky. In the foreground, a wooden manger contains silhouettes of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus, surrounded by sheep. In the background, three wise men on camels are silhouetted against the horizon. A bright, multi-pointed star shines in the upper left sky. The year '2025' is displayed in large, white, outlined numerals in the bottom right corner.

2025

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

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.**

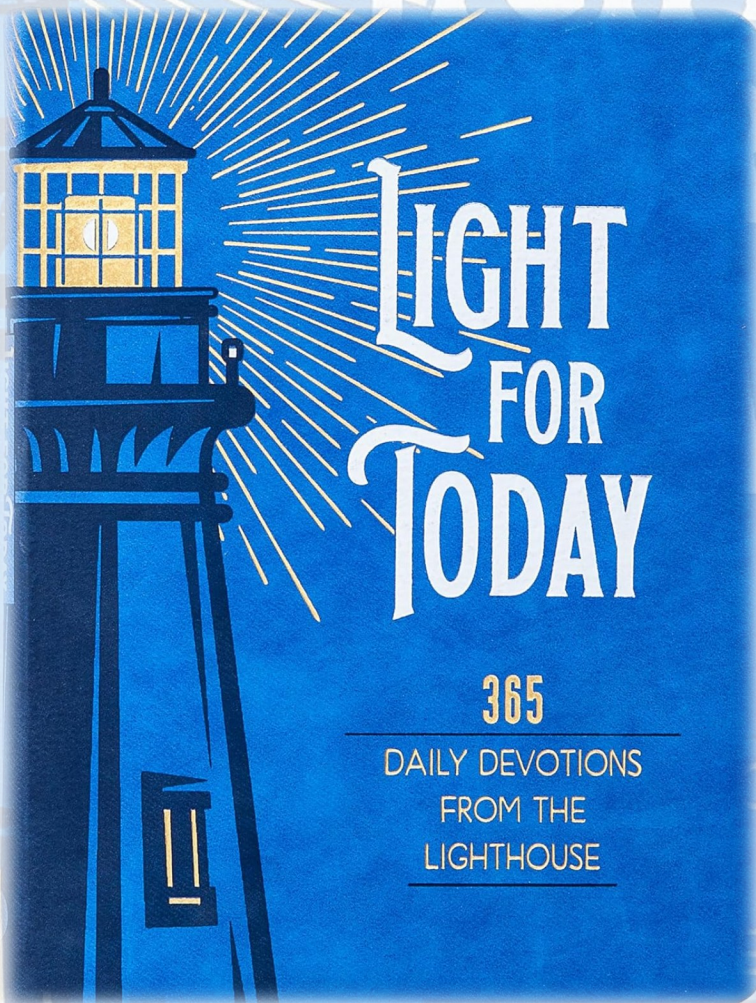
Congratulations & Thank you!!

Consecration Sunday was a success with 18 households increasing their annual giving! Thus far, we have a total of 42 households committed to giving \$225,000 in 2026. Based on past giving, this is a 14% increase! Thank you to all who committed to the Lord to give!

PRAISE
the lord

2026 Devotional

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 have six copies 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!* Pastor Rusty



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.



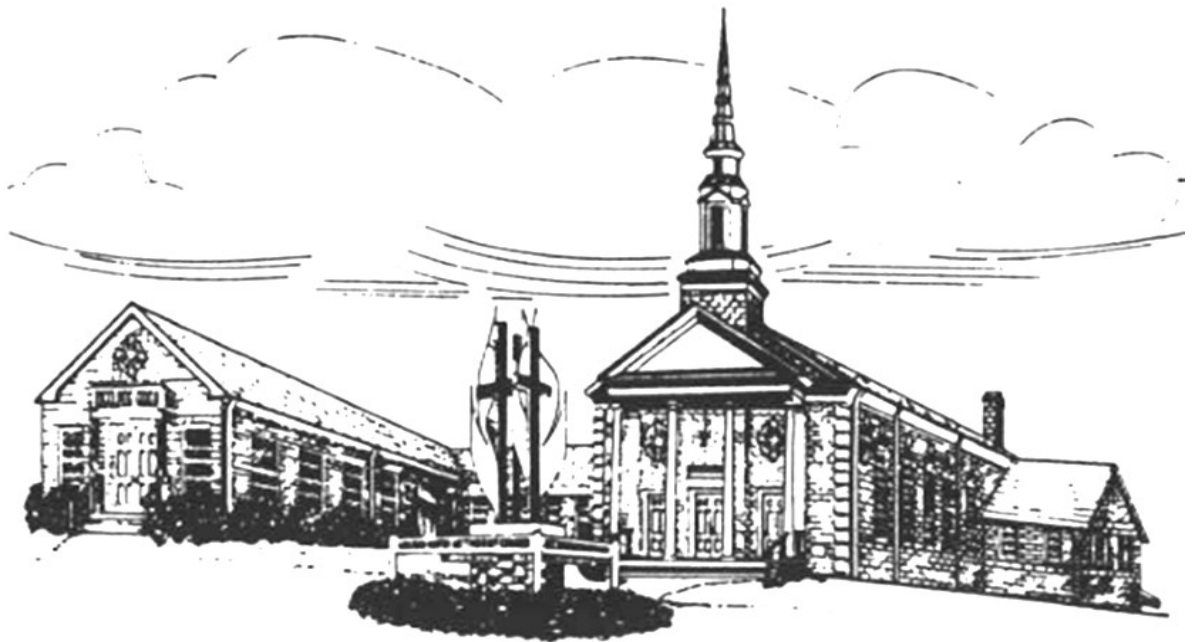
INTRODUCING THE NEW CAMPUS TEAM

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 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)

10:45 a.m. Church Growth Task Force Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2025

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Pizza Dinner for Church (S.H.)

6:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 18, 2025

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

Friday, December 19, 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025

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

Sunday, December 21, 2025—Advent 4

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)



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

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Adelaide Kiser, Contemporary Worship Coord.

Organist, Mary Berry

Media Specialist, Chaunce Youngblood

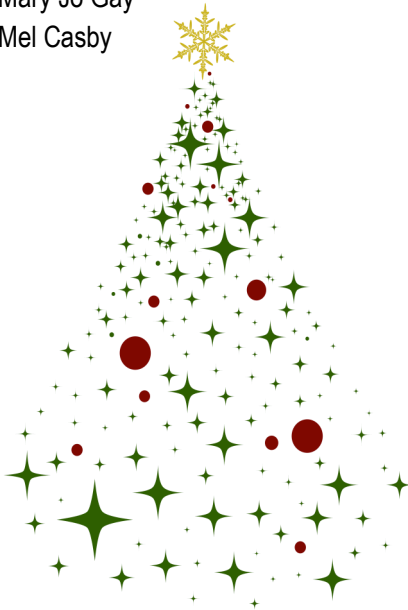
Custodian, Gene Turner



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

Special Prayer Requests

Wayne Dorr & Family
Eddie Smith & Family
Steve Frantz
Dawn Ronaldo, Mother of Chuance
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



December 7, 2025

Combined Traditional Service—85

2025 Tithes & Offerings
Thank you for giving toward
the budget. Your faithfulness
is much appreciated.

12/07/25	\$4,555.00
12/14/25	\$
12/21/25	\$
12/28/25	\$
	\$
Total	\$4,555.00

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

