



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

What are your childhood memories of starting a new school year? Was your attitude one of excitement to see friends you hadn't seen in awhile or one of deep regret over the summer being over? A combination of both? I submit to you that for most people, the early childhood years of schooling (elementary/primary school) are mostly fun. There's field trips, recess, field days, dress up days/spirit days, Valentine's Day cards, etc. The new learning is mostly exciting (frogs, alligators, times tables, planets, presidents, etc.). There is usually not too much homework assigned in these early grades.

So what happens to the excitement? I think part of the problem is teachers assigning too much homework. Another factor is that many of the fun things go away after sixth grade. There is not as much emphasis placed upon creativity and the joy of learning. Competition replaces teamwork in many classrooms. Academic pressure to succeed begins to build. Tests, tests, tests. Projects, projects, projects. Plus the social media screen culture has changed everything. Bullies and mean kids now have tools to torment and pick on some students pretty much 24/7. Plus, as we grow into puberty and adolescence, we begin to worry so much more about belonging and being accepted by others. Thus school can become a place of drudgery and danger to self esteem.

My prayer for ALL our church children and youth is that they have a SAFE and EDUCATIONAL new school year. May their teachers and school leaders find ways to build excitement and kindle a lifelong love of learning in each student. And may they find ways to exemplify Christ in their schools by looking out for classmates in need of a friend.

In Christ,
Pastor Rusty



PLANT A SEED
CREATE A
Legacy

Lee Road UMC
Endowment Fund

The Lee Road UMC Endowment Fund was chartered earlier this year. Contribution gifts to the fund help insure the long-term financial stability for the mission and ministries of Lee Road UMC. Gifts can be in many forms – cash, stocks, life insurance, real estate, IRA distributions, among others. The fund is professionally managed for us by [South Carolina United Methodist Foundation](#).

If you would like to consider making a tax-deductible legacy gift to our fund, informative trifold brochures are available in The Bridge lobby and sanctuary narthex. Specific questions can be directed to Jimmy Gaddy or Sandy Davis.



Once again we are collecting school supplies for HOLLIS ACADEMY in West Greenville. Please purchase supplies and bring them to church the next 3 Sunday mornings (7/27; 8/3; and 8/10) and put in the collection box in the Bridge Foyer or the Sanctuary Narthex. In place of the wired notebooks, please bring the old fashioned "speckled" composition notebooks. Thank you!



Lee Road United Methodist Church

“Come Home —

the Light Is On”



Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, August 17, 2025 @ 11:00AM

Guest Pastor: Reverend Adrienne Stokes Sermon: "Be the Light!"

Potluck Lunch after the service.

Each household please bring 2 “bountiful dishes”!
The church will provide the meat, beverage and rolls.

HOMECOMING SPIRIT:

EVERYONE WEAR YOUR BLUE LEE ROAD SHIRTS or A BLUE SHIRT

Memorial Pavers Dedication Outdoors (weather permitting)

🎉 Wonderful Wednesday is Back — Get Ready for an Unforgettable Night! 🎉



Wonderful WEDNESDAY

JOIN
US

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**, because **Wonderful Wednesday** is returning—and it's bigger and better than ever! We've got a *delicious* fall lineup of dinners and programming that you won't want to miss. Whether you're a longtime member of our Lee Road family or a first-time visitor, there's something for everyone!

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

Join us every week to connect with friends, grow in faith, and be part of something truly special. As they say, **"It takes a village to raise a child"**, and we've assembled an amazing team to create a memorable experience for all ages. We can't wait to see YOU there!

Let's Connect
grow *in Faith*

= **TRULY** Special

FACEBOOK @ FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL - THE BRIDGE AT LRUMC

Family Fall Festival

FREE KIDS EVENTS

Saturday, September 27th
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LEE ROAD UMC
1377 E LEE RD. TAYLORS SC

PLUS VENDOR EVENT
BAKE SALE
BREAKFAST & LUNCH SOLD



PETTING ZOO

FIRE TRUCK

BOUNCE HOUSES

FACE PANTING

RAFFLE

LEE ROAD UMC CHURCH

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

VENDOR EVENT

1377 E LEE ROAD
TAYLORS, SC 29687

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
27

10AM-2PM

FREE KIDS EVENTS
BOUNCY HOUSES- FACE PAINTING
PETTING ZOO - FIRE TRUCK
RAFFLE PRIZES

BREAKFAST & LUNCH SOLD
AND BAKE SALE

We need donated baked goods for the bake sale, please!

FACEBOOK @ FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL - THE BRIDGE AT LRUMC



Hi how are you, I hope you are fine. This week I am working on the exam for class promotion, and today the test is finished I hope to get good grades and also move up a class And this week my school will hold a Classmeet for junior high school and the committee and student council will hold a meeting for the Classmeet because I am part of the committee and also the student council So I attended the meeting, pray that the event runs smoothly. And does your school have a classmeet? That's all the letter from me, thank you



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 10, 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

Monday, August 11, 2025

5:00 p.m. Trustees Committee (Conf. room)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (Conf. room)

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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

Friday, August 15, 2025

Saturday, August 16, 2025

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

Sunday, August 17, 2025



9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Combined Homecoming Service
 (Sanctuary)
 12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch (S.H.)

August 2025

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Greenville County School's Begin



Church Staff

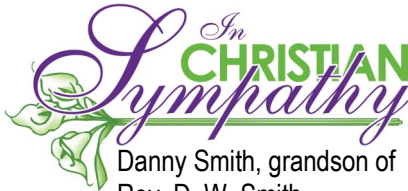
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To add to or delete from the list,
please call the church office.

Special Prayer Requests

Linda Black
Prudy Cook
Steve McGahee
Mckelvie Wilder
Max Cromer
Carl Kohlhepp
Mary Jo Gay
Mel Casby
Geno Cope
Steve Frantz
Patricia Gordon
Jeff Adams



Danny Smith, grandson of
Rev. D. W. Smith
(See Facebook for further details)



Mr. & Mrs. Julian Smith &
Danny

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

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie
Wilder

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene
Turner

Nephew of: Sandy & Joan Davis

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

Attendance



Sunday, August 3, 2025
Combined Service—62

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

August 3	\$4,920.00
August 10	\$
August 17	\$
August 24	\$
August 31	\$
Total	\$4,920.00

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

