



*A note  
from the pastor*



## REFLECTIONS

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Dear Church Family,

As you have probably heard already, our church is currently discussing a proposal to combine both worship services into one blended Sunday morning service. “Blended” meaning that it would be a combination of worship elements of both the traditional and contemporary worship styles, but in keeping with our United Methodist heritage. No decisions have been made yet, and there are “focus groups” currently meeting that will give everyone a chance to participate in the discussion. The data from the focus groups will flow back to a special task force that will make a recommendation to the Church Council. The Church Council is the body that will make the ultimate decision.

The primary question is “Why should we combine our two services into one?” There are many answers for this. Primarily, it would potentially create a weekly service of 80-90 attendees in place of two smaller services of 30-40 people. This could help us grow our church. Research presented by Laurie Fite states that if visitors do not see at least 25% of the seats filled, they get spooked and do not return. The sweet spot seems to be having at least 40-50% of the available seats filled which eases the visitors’ comfort. Secondly, as Adelaide Kiser stated, it would open new opportunities for The Collective (our band) to play some hymns and contemporary songs with a more acoustical feel in our beautiful sanctuary with natural light and great sound. Thirdly, Greg Strong, a relatively “new” member, stated that he didn’t know what to expect with the first combined communion service in the sanctuary on August 17, but was amazed at the sunlight through the windows and the sound and feel of the integrated worship.

Change is hard work. I call on every Lee Road worshipper to pray to the Holy Spirit what He would have us to do. Pray also for a spirit of unity and peace to pervade our discussions. As Paul says in Ephesians 4: 2-5:

*“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

In Christ,  
Pastor Rusty

# ESTATE SALE

## Furnishings

Our Board of Trustees are holding an Estate Furnishings Sale at our church parsonage at 104 S. Orchard Drive on Saturday, November 15 from 8 AM—10 AM for church members and 10 AM—2 PM open to the community. All furnishings must be cleared out by November 18 to prepare for renting the parsonage. Furnishings available include:

- ♦ multiple bed room sets
- ♦ night stands
- ♦ upholstered chairs
- ♦ chests of drawers
- ♦ lamps
- ♦ wall pictures
- ♦ wall mirrors
- ♦ couches
- ♦ end tables
- ♦ dinette set
- ♦ rugs
- ♦ miscellaneous accent pieces.



Although SC UMC Conference statistics show that our attendance at Lee Road is among the top third of all churches in SC, it is clearly recognized that we need to grow our attendance. Our Church Council has established a special purpose Task Force to take a comprehensive look at all of our church activities from the lens of growth. This is expected to be a long term, multi-initiative which will look hard at what changes are needed to grow our attendance.

The first order of business for the Task Force will be seek feedback from our membership on a proposal to combine our traditional and contemporary services into a single blended service. We are seeking your feedback on 1) should we consolidate services yes or no, and 2) if so, what time should the service start and what do we want our blended service to look like to be attractive and meaningful for us and visitors.

No decisions have been made, or will be made, until we have the opportunity to get your feedback. This will be done by hosting multiple “focus group” sessions facilitated by members of our Task Force. Two sessions will be held in the Bridge at 10:30 AM on November 9 and 16 and a single session will be held in the Social Hall on November 16 at 12 PM for members of the traditional service.

Please give prayerful consideration to this impactful proposal and plan to attend one of these sessions.

# Young at Heart

Young at Heart luncheon (and learn) will meet on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025** at 11:00 am. Our November program is special and you will not want to miss it. Our very own Gina Turcotte will be guiding us in the making of a beautiful terrarium that you will take home. Each couple or person will make one. Many thanks to Gina for leading us in the “creative craft”.

A “THANKSGIVING” lunch will be served and we can enjoy fellowship, fun and get a head start on turkey. All this for \$7 per person. Mark your calendar and make your reservation with the call team. Reservations are **NECESSARY** for craft and food planning.



## FALL 2025 Wednesday Kids Programming 5-6 PM

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON	BIBLE LESSON
11/12	Cooking Class	Joyce McKenzie	Sandy Davis	Jesus & Satan
11/19	Angel Craft and Pine Cone Craft	Debbie Gantt	Sandy Davis	Jesus & Judas Iscariot
12/3	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Pilar and Felicity Turner	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pageant Rehearsal
12/10	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal ** pizza/drink provided	Pilar and Felicity Turner, Laurie Fite	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pageant Rehearsal

**12/17 — 6 PM pizza dinner and 6:30 Christmas Pageant Performance in the Sanctuary**

**Menu: Shepherds Pie, Vegetable, and Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream**



**🍴 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 a hearty meal 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!



# 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](mailto:revrustyg@gmail.com) and you may also text me at my cellphone 864-214-5815.



# Medicare Educational Seminar

**MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR HOSTED BY CHURCH MEMBER, MCKELVIE WILDER**

**Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 3 PM in Social Hall.**

**RSVP Mckelvie Wilder either by calling him at (864) 329-6828**

**or emailing him at [info@wilderins.com](mailto:info@wilderins.com)**



Mckelvie is an insurance broker with T Dyar and Associates Insurance. He specializes in helping folks make smart decisions regarding the Medicare plan that best suits their needs. He is of course also an amazing musician and the pianist with our Bridge Contemporary Service band, The Collective.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Mark Your Calendar



**Combined Sundays in December 2025  
(Communion Sundays + Special Sundays)**

**Advent 2 / Consecration Sunday  
December 7 (Sanctuary at 11 AM)**

**Advent 3 / Communion Sunday / Membership Sunday  
December 14 (Bridge at 9:30 AM)**

**Christmas Eve Service  
Wednesday, December 24 (Bridge at 6:00 PM)**



**Thank you to Sandy Davis, Trace Silvers & Rick Stanford  
for installing lights to shine on our beautiful mural at night!**



**Tuesday, November 25, 2025**

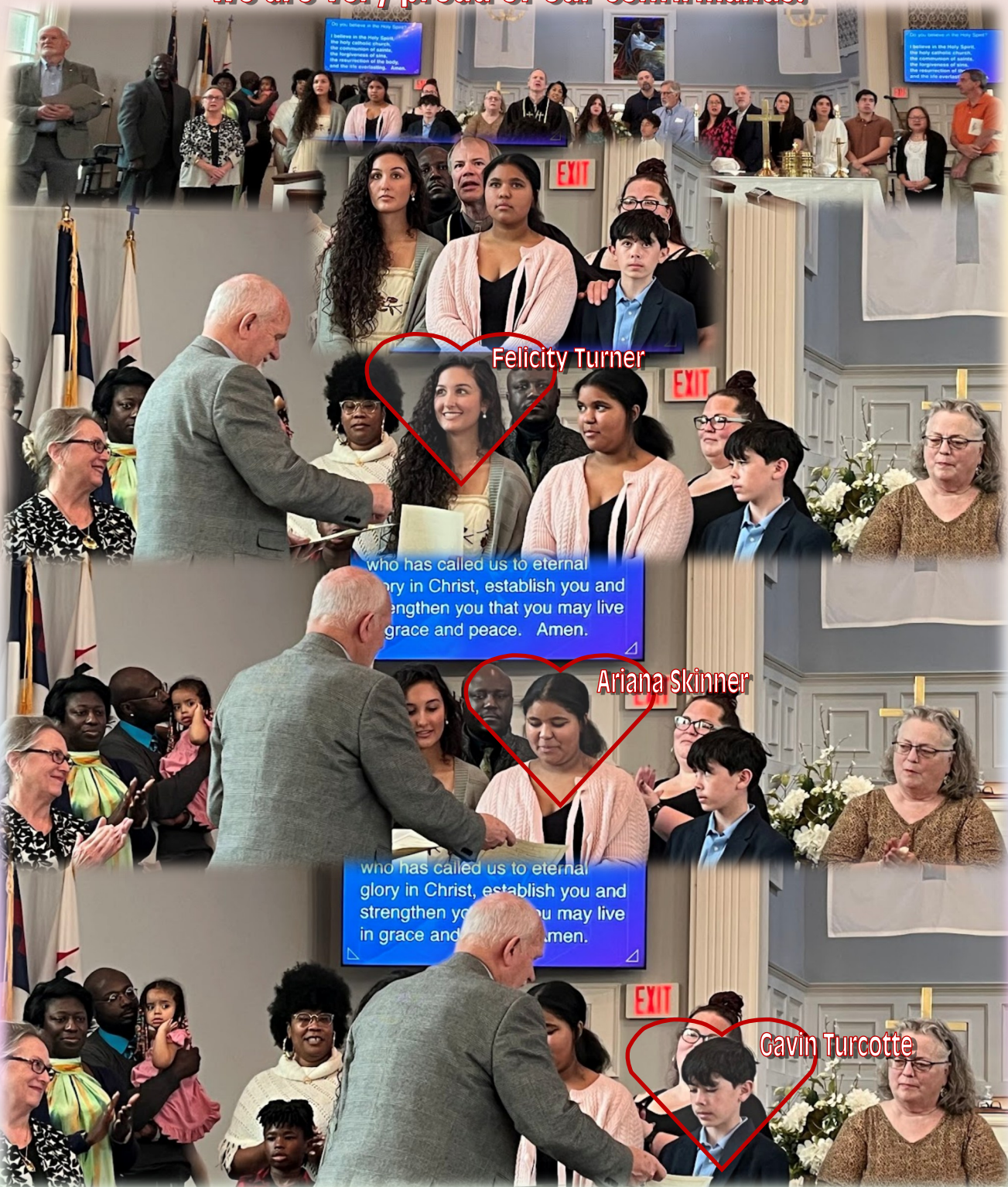
**@ LCOS at 6:30 PM with meal to follow.**

**2600 Wade Hampton Blvd. (Across from Denny's)**

*Thanksgiving  
Service*



We are very proud of our confirmands!



Felicity Turner

Ariana Skinner

Gavin Turcotte



"THANK YOU LEE ROAD FOR SUPPORTING KAIROS"

Just for the  
wishes from all  
your wonderful  
91 letters! Bill

## KAIROS # 34



## TYGER RIVER CI

OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Daniel Barnhart

Erin Ridley

Bob Batcher

Bill Patterson



James Holcomb

Johnny Carr

Kelly Brejman

Tom Carter



## Upcoming Events

### **Thursday, November 6, 2025**

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

### **Friday, November 7, 2025**

### **Saturday, November 8, 2025**

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Quilting Guild Class

4:00 p.m. Douglas Dobson Memorial Concert and Reception (Don Sandor, organist)

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

### **Sunday, November 9, 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) and Focus Group meeting

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

### **Monday, November 10, 2025**

6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Conf. room)

### **Tuesday, November 11, 2025—Veterans Day**

11:00 a.m. Young at Heart (Social Hall)

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

### **Wednesday, November 12, 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. Kids Program (Bridge)

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

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

### **Thursday, November 13, 2025**

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

### **Friday, November 14, 2025**

### **Saturday, November 15, 2025**

9:00—2:00 p.m. Estate Sale at Parsonage

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Quilting Guild Class

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

### **Sunday, November 16, 2025**

(Jimmy Gaddy is preaching)

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge) and Focus Group meeting

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

12:00 p.m. Focus Group meeting (Social Hall)



### Church Staff

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

### Special Prayer Requests

Nancy Johnson  
Joan Davis  
Deborah Elgin  
Geno Cope  
Jimmy Gaddy  
Jim Crain  
Linda Black  
Max & Susan Cromer  
Mary Jo Gay  
Mel Casby  
Prudy Cook

**I CAN SMELL  
AUTUMN DANCING  
IN THE BREEZE  
THE SWEET CHILL OF  
PUMPKIN  
AND CRISP  
SUN BURNT LEAVES**

### 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

## Attendance

**November 2, 2025**

Combined Service — 91

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

11/02/25	\$4,074.00
11/09/25	\$
11/16/25	\$
11/23/25	\$
11/30/25	\$
Total	\$

**Prefer to pay your tithe online?**



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