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In 1917 A small Methodist Church near Greeleyville, named New Market Methodist Church was destroyed by a wind storm. The same year there was another Methodist church called Gourdin about three miles East of Lane with only a small number of members. After the destruction of New Market some officers from each of these two churches met and planned to build a new Methodist Church at Lane. A lot near the center of town was secured from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company which owned a large area of land in the community. The Church was organized that year (1917) and construction was begun at once on the new building.

The Lane Church was grouped with the Greeleyville Church and the two were known as the Greeleyville-Lane Charge. Several years later the Salters Church joined this group. The three churches then became a circuit. Prior to the occupancy of the new building the Baptists offered the use of their church for the new congregation. Their offer was appreciated and Church School and Church Services were held for sometime in the Lane Baptist Church.

The known Charter members were: J. B. Clarkson, Sr., Mrs. J. B. Clarkson, Sr., P. C. Shirer, Mrs. P. C. Shirer, A. W. Montgomery, Mrs. A. W. Montgomery, G. C. Parsons, Mrs. G. C. Parsons, E. J. Parker, Mrs. E. J. Parker, Mrs. Annie Jane (Lanier) Donnelly, Mrs. Idell Mitchum.

The Building Committee was made up by J. B. Clarkson, Sr., P. C. Shirer, G. C. Parsons, E. J. Parker. These with the help of the congregation drew up the church.

Trustees elected were, J. B. Clarkson, Sr. and Mr. P. C. Shirer.
Stewards elected were J. B. Clarkson, Sr., P. C. Shirer, E. J. Parker, and G. C. Parsons.

J. B. Clarkson, Sr. was named General Superintendent of the Church School Program.

The present structure was completed and dedicated in the fall of 1918. Bishop U.V. W. Darlington presided at the dedication which had to be held outside due to an influenza epidemic. During this time the Congregation was not allowed to gather as a body.

Among the Ministers who attended the dedication service were the Presiding Elder, The Reverend Mr. Phillips, and The First Minister, The Reverend G. W. Davis.
No records could be found to give information about Lane Church during the years 1919--1935. The Committee on History hopes that this information can be recovered and added to this history at some later date.

The same year (1918) the Church was Dedicated, Mr. W. C. Bruner, Roadmaster for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company moved with his family to Lane and transferred their membership to the Lane Church. In the late 1930's Mr. Bruner gave impetus to a campaign for physical improvements to the building. He carried out much of the planning and work himself.

A center entrance was designed and constructed. This closed the two former entrances and made possible two additional classrooms. The ceilings in the classrooms were lowered. The plastered ceiling in the center of the church was removed and replaced with cellotex. Four small cylindrical columns were erected to better support the body of the church. The woman's society of Christian Service purchased carpet runners and altar cushion. After this work was completed the church was painted on the inside. Later improvements were; sanding the floors, installing gas heaters, building a new cement walk and replacing the steps with brick steps with handrails.

During the appointment of the Reverend R. W. Wells an activities building was constructed at a cost of $4,000. This building has been very useful for meetings and socials for the youth fellowship, and for various social gatherings.

Minor improvements were made in 1965, and the entire church was repainted. The Church property is now valued at $14,500.

The work in the Church school has been carried on continuously since the organization. Those who have served as Sunday School superintendent are: J. B. Clarkson, Sr.; Mrs. P. C. Shirer; G. D. Elmore; L. M. McRoy; C. R. Walker; and Hugh M. Donnelly, presently serving (1967).

Following the unification of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and The Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1939 some of the most faithful members withdrew from the Lane Church. Included were the Church School Superintendent and some of the officers and teachers. At this time Mrs. P. C. Shirer was named superintendent of the Church School and she served until her death in 1943. Other officers and teachers were named to fill vacancies. The loss of these members was a serious one, but those remaining have served faithfully in carrying on the work of the Church.
The Former Lane Missionary Society was reorganized as The Woman's Society of Christian Service in September 1940. This was during the appointment of the Reverend J. C. Smiley. The Reverend Smiley presided at the reorganizational meeting. Officers for the Society were elected at this time. Attached to this history is a brief history of the progress of the society during its first fifteen years.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized in the late 1920's but the work was not carried on continuously in the Lane Church. At times the Methodist sponsored the work, and at other times the Presbyterians. The youth attend the sponsoring church. Miss Dorothy Evelyn Donnelly, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Donnelly of Lane, is the only person of this fellowship who has gone into full time Christian service. She later joined the Baptist Church and after completing her education she went to Brazil as a Missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Donnelly has proved to be a faithful servant of God and we are proud of our association with her.

The parsonage for the circuit of which the church is located at Greeleyville. The old parsonage was moved and a new one built during the appointment of the Reverend Iverson Graham. As no records as to the joint ownership of the property the Lane Trustees signed a quit claim deed giving the parsonage to the Greeleyville Church. During the years the Lane Church furnished some needed articles and also contributed to the upkeep of the old parsonage. The Lane Church assisted in furnishing the new parsonage by providing a bedroom suit, boudoir chair, lamp and spread.

It is interesting to note that for many years prior to the building of the Lane Church that there was a Methodist Parsonage in the town. The structure still stands and the property is now owned by G. Gresham Eagerton, a member of the Lane Church.

Ministers who have served this church area as follows:

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In 1971 the Lane Church was transferred to the Trio charge and remained in that charge for two years. Rev. Dan Powers was the Pastor during those two years. Then in July, 1973, it was transferred back to the Greeleyville Charge.

Since that time we have had the following pastors:

- James M. Aiken - 1973-74
- Duncan L. Floyd - 1974-76
- C. L. Woodard - 1976-78
- A. L. Griffis - 1978-79
- Steven D. Morgan 1979-

In 1971, a hail storm did quite extensive damage to the roof of the church. While it was being repaired, another storm came and part of the roof collapsed, causing damage to the ceiling of the church also. After the roof was completed, the ceiling of the church was repaired, and the inside of the church painted by Ned & Bill McCrea. The Steeple was also repaired at this time.

During the next ten years, many improvements were made to the church building. These were made possible by gifts as memorials, by generous donations from members, by donations from the Sunday School and by the many donations from the Women of the Church. They raised money by having bazaars, bake sales, and raffles. Carol Geddings conducted a very successful raffle. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Donnelly gave a donation to the heating system and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Shepard to the pew cushions.

The following improvements were made to the Church:

- Carpet was put throughout the church in March, 1976, by the Kingstree Carpet Company.
- In April, 1976, the Church was insulated by Eaddy Insulation Company.
- Central heat and air-conditioning systems were installed in May 1976, by Suburban Gas Company.
The Church was rewired in May 1979 by Lamar Duke. He also added some inside overhead lights and some outside lights.

Beautiful memorial stained glass windows were installed in June 1980. Each one depicts a Christian symbol. They were bought from High Point Glass and Decorative Company of High Point, North Carolina, and were installed by B. J. McDonald Construction Company of Kingstree, South Carolina. All of these windows were given as memorials or to honor someone. (The list is attached, along with a diagram of the windows and the symbols used.)

Plaques were placed below each window.

The church was sandblasted and painted on the outside by Cramer, McElveen Re-un-it Company of Manning, South Carolina in October 1980.

In January 1981, pew cushions were bought from Consolidated Upholstery and Church Pew Cushion Company, Greenville, South Carolina, and put in the church.

The following things were done to help with the up-keep, the services and beauty of our church:

An Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner was purchased in December 1976 from Fairey James.

In September 1974, fifty-one new Cokesbury Worship hymnals were bought. Two new tablecloths for the communion table were given to the church in September 1975, by the Women of the Church.

A new engraved communion set was purchased in April 1979. A six piece parament set of scarves were given to the church in July 1979, by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Martin. In August 1979, a candlelighter was given to the church by the Sunday School. Two brass offering plates were donated to the church by Mrs. Richard J. Blakely. The piano was tuned and refinished in March 1980 by Adrian Hallman of Columbia, South Carolina. The old Stool was also refinished and a new bench bought. The piano is a Francis Bacon piano made in 1911, according to A. L. Chandler, Jr.

Seventy five red United Methodist Hymnals and a loose leaf edition for the pianist were donated by members of the Church in April 1981.

In addition to the windows, the following memorials were given;

Two marble top fern stands were given as memorials to Miss Ellen T. Chandler

A 30 inch brass cross, two 13½ inch candlesticks and two vases were given as memorials to Mrs. Rheta D. Blakely.
The handles and locks on the front door were placed there as memorials to E. Stanley Shirer, Jr.

A Baptismal Font was given to the church as a memorial to Edmund Whitfield Parker, Sr., in 1981.

The program of the church has continued to go on. We have Worship Services in the morning at 10:00 o'clock.

For many years, Eddie Parker and Alice Vaughan Parker were our faithful pianists. Many other members and friends willingly filled in for us. Norma Shepard is our present pianist. Matthew Martin is our acolyte.

Several revivals were held during this period. In 1975, Rev. Barney Fowler was the leader. Rev. R. Wright Turbeville was our guest minister in December 1978, with Rev. Frank Ling in charge of the music. In 1980, we joined Greeleyville in our revival services with Rev. Frank Ling as leader. A fellowship supper was served in Lane before one of the services with Greeleyville members as our guests.

We have enjoyed special worship services. The cantata "Christ is Born" was presented by the St. Stephen Community Choir on December 21, 1976. Refreshments were served after the service.

At Christmas time we join with the other churches in the community for a program and Christmas tree.

The following infants have been christened in this church.

Matthew Wayne Martin and Melony Laine Martin, (twins) son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Michael Martin, in 1973 by Rev. James M. Aiken.

Dargan Dewey Haddock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Haddock, in 1975 by Rev. Duncan L. Floyd.

Stacy Carol Ranta, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon A. Ranta, in 1975 by Rev. Duncan L. Floyd.

Bryan Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper on July 29, 1979, by Rev. Steven Morgan and Rev. M. Eugene Mullikin.

Special offerings are taken each year for Epworth Children's Home on Orphanage Day and on Mother's Day.

The past two years milk cartons have been distributed to collect contributions toward World Hunger. They are collected on the Sunday nearest Thanksgiving Day.
In 1981, a drive for the Pension Fund for our ministers was begun. A film was shown and a talk was given by Rev. Ernest Heape on March 1, 1981. Our members decided to contribute what they could and send it directly to the conference.

The Lane Church contributes to the upkeep of the Methodist Parsonage in Greeleyville each year.

Since 1970, Mr. Beverly C. Rogers has been our Sunday School Superintendent. The teachers are Mrs. Sylvia Roberts, Mrs. Lois Martin, Mrs. Pearl Bell, Mrs. Mildred Cooper and Mrs. Laura Mae Rogers. Twenty eight members are enrolled.

Our Woman's Society of Christian Service continues its service. We have thirteen active members and two inactive members. We meet the second Tuesday night of each month at 8 P.M. The last several years we have omitted the meetings in July and August.

We have a card committee that send cards to the sick and "shut-ins" of the community.

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial is observed each year with a program and an offering taken.

Mrs. Carlisle Shirer showed slides of the Holy Land in June, 1975.

We have had bake sales, rummage sales and a tupper-ware party in order to raise money for the church. Old newspapers are saved and sold.

We purchased a coffee urn, Christmas wreaths and flower arrangements for the church. Sunshine boxes are sent to our sick members and they are also remembered at Christmas.

Our Officers now are President- Mrs. Richard J. Blakely, Vice-President- Mrs. Jack Roberts, Treasurer- Mrs. Beverly C. Rogers, Local Treasurer- Mrs. Dewey Geddings.

Other Presidents during this period of history were Mrs. Rheta D. Blakely, Mrs. F. M. Shirer, and Mrs. W. Robert Cooper, Jr.

Our Recreation Building has been improved also. A partition was erected in order to provide spaces for a kitchen and a bathroom. The floor was covered with linoleum. Kitchen cabinets were bought and an air conditioner installed.

A refrigerator, a hot water heater and bathroom fixtures were donated by the Sunday School, Robert Cooper, Jr. and Mrs. Sylvia Roberts.
The men and women of the church have used this building to plan and work toward their many projects. We have also enjoyed social meetings and Fellowship suppers there.

While our group is small, our members are very faithful and cooperative and work very hard towards the improvements of the church.

Our hopes and prayers are that there will always be someone to assume the duties of leadership and keep the Lane Church active in the work of God’s kingdom.

We now have 50 members.

Three of our loyal members died during this period. Miss Nell Chandler, Mrs. Rheta Blakely and Mr. Whitfield Parker.

We would like to add these two notes: Reverend Iverson Graham was the only minister who died while serving our church. We have had one Lady Minister in our pulpit – Reverend Debbie Allen.

The new members added during this time were:

- Margaret Janese Mitchum
- Roland Carl Mitchum
- Lois Y. Martin
- T. Michael Martin
- Matthew W. Martin
- Melony L. Martin
- Sara Dee Cooper
- Jimmy Cantey
- Sarah C. Cantey
- Jackie Cantey
- John Cantey
- Russell Cooper
- Sylvia Roberts

We now have 56 members.

Written by: Eva S. Shirer
Chairperson of Administrative Board: Richard Blakely
Vice-Chairperson: B. C. Rogers
Recording Secretary: Lois Martin
Lay Leader: B. C. Rogers
Chairperson of Council on Ministries: Mildred Cooper
Work Area Chairperson:
- a. Education: Sylvia Roberts
- b. Evangelism and Ecumenical Concerns: Laura Rogers
- c. Social Concerns & Missions: Robert Cooper
- d. Stewardship: F. M. Shirer
- e. Worship: Laura Rogers

Age Level Coordinators:
- a. Children: Pearl Bell
- b. Youth: Lois Martin
- c. Adult & Family Ministries: Mildred Cooper

Members at Large of the Administrative Board:
- a. Ed Bell
- b. Sarah G. Cantey
- c. Gresham Eagerton
- d. Samuel Eagerton
- e. Mary B. Geddings
- f. Ruth Huggins
- g. Carol Newton
- h. Eddie Parker, Jr.
- i. Lee Doris Parker
- j. Cecil Walker
- k. Edna Walker

Committee on Finance:
- a. Chairperson: F. M. Shirer
- b. Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Mary B. Geddings
- d. Chairman of Council on Min.: Mildred Cooper
- e. Representative of Trustees: Robert Cooper
- f. Lay Leader: B. C. Rogers

Trustees:
- Chairperson: Robert Cooper

1981
- Richard Blakely

1982
- Robert Cooper

1983
- Mary B. Geddings
- F. M. Shirer

Church Treasurer: Eva Shirer
Membership Secretary and Historian: Mildred Cooper
Superintendent of Study Program: Cecil Walker
Alternate Delegate to Annual Conference: J. P. Gamble
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee:
- Chairman: Robert Cooper

1981
- Richard Blakely

1982
- F. M. Shirer

Committee on Nominations and Personnel:
- 1981
- 1982
- B. C. Rogers

- 1983

Omissions in History:
- Treasurer of W.S.C.S: Mrs. E. W. Parker
- Treasurer of Sunday School: Mrs. Mildred Cooper
In Memory of
Robert S. and Louise Bell
Symbol # 8

In Memory of
George G. and Blanch O. Eagerton
Symbol # 9

In Memory and Honor of
C. Elliott Shirer and Thelma K. Eagerton
Symbol # 14

In Memory of
Ellen T. Chandler
Symbol # 24

In Memory of
Edwin J. and Annie Lanier Donnelly
Symbol # 12

Presented By
Henry and Carey Baggett and Children
Symbol # 10

In Memory of
Claude and Mamie Shirer
Symbol # 17

In Memory of
Daniel P. Caison
Symbol # 21

In Memory and Honor of
Alfred and Idell Mitchum
By their Children
Symbol # 18

In Honor of
Irvin and Vivian Canada
By their Children
Symbol # 6

In Memory of
Thomas A. Blakely, Sr.
12. In Memory of
Rheta D. Blakely
Symbol # 19

13. In Memory of
A. Walter and Mamie S. Montgomery
Symbol # 7

14. In Memory and Honor of
Ernest S. and Ruth L. Shirer
Symbol # 11

15. In Memory of
Myrtle Lester Bell
Symbol # 15

16. In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb Guess
Symbol # 20

17. In Honor of
Sarah G. Cantey
Symbol # 5

18. Presented by
Dewey and Mary C. Geddings and Children
Symbol # 25

19. (Over Door)
In Memory and Honor of Former Pastors
Symbol A Cross
1. Beulah Louise Boyd and Richard Lofton Cox
   March 26, 1938 by Rev. J. Carlisle Smiley, Sr.

   June 16, 1950 by Rev. William C. Stackhouse

   July 25, 1951 by Rev. William C. Stackhouse

4. Mary Florence Blakely and Ernest William Geddings
   June 6, 1954 by Rev. R. N. Wells

5. Dora Ann Huggins and Fred Henry Cantey
   July 24, 1955 by Rev. R. N. Wells

6. Mary Ruth Huggins and Bobby Mims
   April 10, 1960 by Rev. Iverson Graham

7. Dulcie Maxine Geddings and Jon Arne Ranta
   June 7, 1970 Rev. Howard Waddell

8. Gail Fletcher Geddings and Henry C. Haddock
   July 16, 1972 by Rev. Dan Powers

9. Jane Elizabeth Blakely and Freddis Laverne Floyd
   September 17, 1979 by Rev. C. L. Woodward

10. Elizabeth Carol Geddings and Herman E. Newton
    October 20, 1978 by Rev. A. L. Griffis

11. Alice Vaughn Parker and Joseph Carey Freeman
    May 19, 1979 by Rev. William C. Stackhouse

12. Margaret Carolyn Shirer and Clarence Grant Cox
    July 28, 1979 by Rev. M. Eugene Mullikin

13. Margaret Janese Mitchum and Bruce Dean Spicher
    October 27, 1979 by Rev. Steven D. Morgan

14. Gwendolyn Mildred Cooper and Robert Dean Pursley
    June 22, 1980 by Rev. Steven D. Morgan
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The second history of the Lane United Methodist Church from 1968-1981 was written by Mrs. Eva S. Shirer. Eva was a great historian for her Church as well as a very loyal and faithful member. She moved to the Pee Dee Methodist Manor in Florence in 1992. She has been greatly missed by all.

Since July 1973 the Lane Church has remained on the Greeleyville Charge. Both Greeleyville and Lane Churches remain small in membership. Through the years the two churches have worked together and are very supportive of each other.

On Sunday May 24, 1981 the Lane Church celebrated with Homecoming and Dedication Services. Rev. William C. Stackhouse a former minister delivered the sermon that day. Rev. Steven D. Morgan was serving the Lane Church at that time. We had a wonderful service, very good attendance and a very enjoyable day.

Since that time we have had the following pastors:

- Kenneth B. Timmerman - 1982-1985
- Timothy Rogers - 1985-1988
- David Bauknight - 1988-1990
- Melvin Calvert - 1990-1991
- William Renn, Sr. - 1991-1993
- James W. Hendry, Jr. - 1993-1995
- Devere Williams - 1995-1998
- Hurd H. Moore - 1998-

During the years from 1981-1989 prior to Hurricane Hugo we continued to work faithfully for our church which many changes and improvements were made. The unknown remained to be seen. Funds were raised from various sources to enable us to continue to do Gods work.
In 1982 a speaker system was installed in the church. This was most appreciated and enjoyed by many of the members. A lavalier was added in 1983. An advent wreath was purchased for the church to use during Advent season. A first for our church. That same year we held our first Christmas Eve Communion Service at Lane Church. An Ash Wednesday Service was observed. A Maundy Thursday Communion Service that is one of the most impressive we observed for the first. We continued to have our Easter Egg Hunts with refreshments for the children during Easter season. During the Christmas season we enjoy decorating the tallest Christmas tree that will fit appropriately in the Sanctuary. And a Christmas Program emphasizing the real meaning of Christmas for all the children in the community. We no longer have small children in our church but we still have our Christmas tree. All of these programs included our sister churches and the community. The Lane Presbyterian Church hosted the Thanksgiving Service each year for the community. We are sad to say the Lane Presbyterian Church closed January 1998.

In May 21-24 1982 we observed "Services of Renewal". Friday thru Monday there were seven different Services with a meal and different speakers. Those taking part: Rev. Ted Martin, Rev. Carter, Dr. Parks, and a former minister Rev. Eugene Mullikin. Striving to help our church grow in number and in spirit. Revival Services - Rev. Jimmy Adams and Rev. Tim McClendon 1984 and 1986. Since then we have supported Greeleyville UM Church in their revivals with our presence.

During this time we also enjoyed a Bible Study on the Book on Mark, a Bible Study on Methodism, Visitation Crusade, a Bible Study on The Life and Teachings of Jesus. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program observed by the Women. A special offering was taken for the Deaconess and Home Missionary Pension Fund Home Mission. This year 1998 a five week Lenten Bible Study "Encounters on the Road to the Cross" we enjoyed during the Lenten season. Virginia Jonte, Leonard Jonte, Bobby Jonte, Dixie Godwin and Guy Godwin from the Greeleyville UM Church were the narrators. They each were dressed in the appropriate costumes for the characters Jesus encountered during his ministry.
In 1986 another first for the Lane Church, a Church/Charge directory was done under the direction of Rev. Timothy Rogers and Olin Mills.

Miss Melony Martin attended Youth Annual Conference in Columbia. She represented the Lane UM Church. We were very proud of Melony. Matt Martin along with other young people led the Worship Service on two different occasions with Matt Martin preaching. Tripp Blakely another of our young people served as our pianist for a number of years. We appreciated Tripp and his faithfulness to the Lane Church. He has been greatly missed.

The following improvements were made to the Fellowship Hall and Church:

In 1983 the Women of the Church updated the kitchen with a Microwave, stainless steel silverware, corelle dishes and glasses to serve 100 people. In 1985 the men and women added storm windows, mini-blinds and curtains to the ten existing windows. In 1987 the old roof on the church was replaced with a new one. The carpet in the narthex of the church was replaced with parkay tile. The sign board on the outside of the church has been replaced with a new one.

Additions to the church has been: Pew Bibles given by church families. Wax savers added to the candelabras. A silver bread tray lid with cross was added to our communion set by the Women. A beautiful set of white communion cloths with the gold IHS symbol was made by the Women of the Church. A Brass Bible Stand has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Beverly C. Rogers. In 1984 donations by members of the church enabled us to purchase a beautiful Allen Electronic Organ for our Sanctuary. This was a major purchase for our small congregation. A beautiful wooden plaque hanging in the Narthex of the Church was made and placed there by Cecil Walker. This plaque is for the memorial plates in memory of former members and gifts.

Gifts as Memorials given:

In 1983 a baby grand piano was presented to the church from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee Parsons of Andrews, S. C. in memory of Mr. Parsons parents. Grover Cleveland Parsons and Margaret Bass Parsons.

In 1983 the black leather covered Pulpit Bible has been placed on the Altar table in memory of Mrs. W. E. Rogers, by her daughter, Mrs. Molcie Rogers Tolar.
In 1982 a piano light in memory of Mrs. Florence C. Martin, given by the Martin Family.

In 1983 a pair of brass candelabras has been placed in the Sanctuary in memory of Mrs. Ruth Geddings Huggins by her family and friends.

In 1986 beautiful handmade chrismons were given to the Lane Church as a memorial to Francis M. Shirer by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gamble.

In 1988 two outside church lights has been given in memory of Mrs. Emma Bell Caison.

In 1988 the flags have been given in memory of John Thomas Cantey, Jr.

In 1982 post lamps were given in memory of friends and families.

The improvements made to the church and fellowship hall, the additions, and gifts as memorials were made possible by the memorial gifts, by generous donations from members, donations from the Women of the Church, donations from former members and the church treasurer. The Women of the Church have continued to work diligently to meet the needs of the church when necessary in finances. To see that the needs of the church families as well as families in the community are met in joy and in sorrow. The Women have continued with bazaars, bake sales, hand made items and rummage sales. They raised money by raffle tickets on a color television, a quilt and matching pillow they had quilted. Also a yo-yo bedspread they had made. In 1986 the women started a year-round fund raising project, RADA Cutlery.

Special offerings are taken to benefit those in need:

The Epworth Children's Home, The Ethiopian Fund, The Hungrief Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Pension Fund Crusade 100%. A special offering was taken to benefit the Grace United Methodist Church that was destroyed by fire in 1983.
We have had a couple of families that experienced a hardship during an extended illness. To those we supported them with our prayers, love and monies. We have helped families that lost their homes by fire. We have also given assistance to families in need with boxes of food and clothing. Once or more we carried boxes of food to the Kingstree Nursing Home.

The Youth of the Lane and Greeleyville Churches met jointly in the 1980's. The churches worked together to have a larger and better Youth Group. They enjoyed trips to the movies, beach, ski trips, a visit to Charleston for the day, a pizza party on Super Bowl Sunday, pool parties, a bowling trip to Florence, the purchasing of the game Bible Trivia to help improve overall knowledge of their Bibles.

In March 1985 The Lane United Methodist Women changed from the District level to the local level and renamed their group The Lane Methodist Fellowship Circle. Rev. Ken Timmerman was serving the Lane Church at that time and was present at this meeting. The Women felt there was so much that needed to be done for the area they could reach on the local level in missions. All nine members were present for this meeting. A letter was sent to the D.S. to this effect.

On page one of the writing of this history, I made note the unknown remained to be seen. On September 21-22, 1989 Hurricane Hugo hit Lane like an angry monster. Something none of us had ever experienced before. The letter that follows, written by Lois Martin tells it all.

"HUGO"
"HUGO"

September 21-22, 1989

We, the people of Lane have been most fortunate throughout our lifetimes with very few natural disasters to disturb our everyday way of life.

On the night of September 21, 1989, we experienced a disaster that has changed all natural and man-made landmarks forever. At daybreak on the morning after, we each found a way out of our homes and came "face to face" with devastation such as we have never known God, in his infinite wisdom, had answered our prayers that no lives be taken. As we began to come to grips with our own personal realities, our neighbors began to do the same. Some homes were damaged extensively while others had little damage to the houses, but 50 year old trees were blown down everywhere. We began our tour to check on everyone in the neighborhood, gathering friends and neighbors as we walked and climbed over limbs, trees and debris of all kinds. The fire department had been out clearing limbs and trees since 5:00 AM. Vehicles could not travel many streets, we could walk.

As we made our way around the block, we came to the Church. We stood in awe as we saw the damage to the roof and outside walls. We went into the sanctuary and the damage to the ceilings and walls devastated everyone. It was unbelievable that God had spared all nineteen (19) stained glass windows, but yet the entire sanctuary's walls and ceilings had been destroyed. This was an example to everyone that "His" hand had worked a miracle. There were tears of joy for these, but tears of despair as we looked around. We still could not believe what we were seeing. As we went to the small building, we found a tree had fallen across it and damaged the roof and some of the walls. It had not sustained the damage that the Church had.

By Sunday morning, roads were cleared enough that David could make his way to Lane for services. When he arrived there were a few of the members at the church. We surveyed the damage again and shed more tears over the loss. Since we could not hold services, we gathered in the foyer of the Church, held hands and David gave a poignant prayer for the members, for the Church and for the courage to face this devastation. This was a very emotional time for all present.
We began the following Sunday to hold worship services in the small building, which was very adequate for our small membership. We began the process of trying to assess the damages, pick up each of our lives individually and begin rebuilding the Church.

In order to settle with the insurance company, we engaged Nicky Kellahan, Engineer, to assess the damages and give us an estimate of the cost of rebuilding. The winds had moved the entire church 6" to 8" on the foundation. It was the judgement of the engineer that the church building would not withstand moving, and the foundation would be replaced as it stood. From there we began the long process of rebuilding.

Since the restructuring of the exterior and interior of the building would be so costly, even with full settlement with the insurance company, David applied to the United Methodist Conference for funds to help defray these costs. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ben Cunningham, was so supportive of our church and David, the United Methodist Conference contributed $22,000 from Global Missions to Lane United Methodist Church. Without the love and support of David and Rev. Cunningham, many of the projects for the church would not have been possible. To each of them, we are grateful for their support, guidance, assistance and concern. We also received contributions from sister churches, when word had spread of the severe damages the church had sustained. All of the support given is so deeply appreciated.

Since the renovations were so extensive, we have prepared a book to commemorate all the work involved in refurbishing this Church we love so dearly.

Finally, after fourteen months, we were able to hold worship services in the Church again on November 4, 1990, for the first time since September 21, 1989. It was a very emotional day for many of our members. While the building was the same, changes had been made on the interior. Many memorials to loved ones have been placed in the sanctuary.

Today we hold a service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in our Church. There are so many people who have had a part, small and large, in making this celebration possible. To each of you, whether here today in person or with us in spirit and prayers, we can find no words which adequately express our appreciation, thanks and love for all you have helped to make possible. It has been a long road, but with God's continuing love and guidance, we have accomplished what looked beyond repair on September 22, 1989.

We welcome everyone to celebrate with us and consecrate this building to the Glory of God.

AMEN
In January of 1990, Nicky Kellahan with Kellahan Construction a Construction Engineer told the members the good news we had been waiting three months to hear. He felt in good faith it was possible to restore the church building and when it was completed it would be as good as new. The safety of the building had been a great concern. It was going to take lots of planning, cooperation and leg work for the members as well as Mr. Kellahan. The restoration soon began bit by bit feeling their way as they started by putting a new foundation for the church exactly where Hugo left it standing. The risk was too great to attempt to put it back on its original foundation with nineteen stain glass windows in the church that had survived the storm without even a crack in them. From there on it was a day by day rebuilding process between the members and the carpenters. Our prayer was for continued patience and guidance. There were lots of decisions to be made. Could the original steeple and bell be restored because of its age and weight? The members would hear of nothing else, because our intentions were to keep everything within the keeping of the original building. After the entire roof was replaced, also the front wall was reconstructed, the steeple that had been hoisted off with a crane had, had major repairs and hoisted back and replaced on top of the church. A new paint job completed the rebuilding of the exterior of the church. In our sight the church stood tall and proud once again. We know in Gods eyes it was beautiful also. The carpentry work began then on the walls and ceiling. The plaster in the church was beyond repairs, sheetrock was used to put the interior into its proper shape. In the sanctuary the exposed 4" pipe columns that stand from floor to ceiling for support has been concealed in wood and has made their appearance more becoming. The entirety of the interior of the church has been painted in an off-white color. Also all of the interior lights were replaced partially with recessed lighting and four beautiful chandeliers given as memorials by loved ones and friends to enhance the church. New carpet was installed at the proper time, (a berry wine color). The Pulpit furniture and the Church pews was refinished and put back to their original stain color. A new set of paraments replaced the damaged ones. The pulpit bible and candelabras that were given as memorials were partially damaged but are still usable. We feel very good about not having to replace such items as this.
After fourteen months of being vacated from the church and ten months of re-construction, it had taken and we had given ninety nine percent of our energy toward the restoration of the church. Our prayer will always be thank you God for making it possible. On Sunday afternoon, December 2, 1990, a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving was held with approximately 200 members and guest, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. The Service was conducted by Rev. Melvin Calvert, the minister that was serving the Lane church at that time. Greetings were given by Rev. Ben Cunningham, D.S. from the Florence District. Rev. David Bauknight, Rev. Timothy Rogers, and Rev. Ken Timmerman all former Pastors. The Union Presbyterian Church Choir, directed by Adalyn B. Cooper with Lawrence Chandler and Tripp Blakely, Pianist. Soloist were Mrs. Ursula Shannon and Rev. Ken Timmerman.

Generous donations made to the Lane Church-Hugo Fund:

Campobello United Methodist Church, Central United Methodist Church, South Carolina United Methodist Conference, Cynthia H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Bell, Jr., Mrs. Molcie R. Tolar, Mrs. Madge McClary Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boyd.

In May 1991, a much needed project was accomplished for us. A porch that has added beauty and convenience was designed and build onto the church.

The furniture in the sunday school rooms were repaired and painted by Richard Blakely, a project from Hurricane Hugo.

On November 10, 1996, forty new United Methodist Hymnals were given by Rev. Devere Williams and Family. The Dedication Service was observed with "One Great Day of Singing". Since then forty more hymnals have been presented to the Church by the Women of the Church, Adult Sunday School Class and the offering from the Lent Boxes taken during Lenton Season.

Additional Gifts as Memorials given:

In 1990 the four beautiful chandeliers were given in memory of Thomas Michael Martin, Francis Marion Shirer, Ruth Lifrage Shirer, and Mary Montgomery Rhodes.

In 1990 the pew book racks were given in memory of Gresham G. Eagerton and Thelma S. Eagerton.
In 1998 the stained glass window in the chancery was given in memory of David Scott Bell, Sr., Marion Lewis Bell, Sarah G. Cantey, Dulcie Ligrage Cooper, Cora S. Currier, Robert L. Mitchum, Lee Doris Parker and Edna Parker Walker. And in honor of The Lane Methodist Women.

Other special services that we are now observing that are very meaningful and inspirational to us: An interdenominational Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at Alton H. McCullough Pond/Cabin. "Hanging of the Greens" Service, and A Covenant Renewal Service. For the Easter season a wooden cross made by Hal Carter was erected in front of the church. All of these have been another first for the Lane church.

The church recognizes the high school and college graduates with a Bible with their names imprinted on them. Richard J. Blakely, III, Larry C. Mitchum, Jennifer L. Mitchum and Michele M. Mitchum.

Since Tripp Blakely went away to school, the Lane Church has become very dependent on musicians from other churches to play for worship service and other special services we might have. Dottie Thornhill, Jan Farmer, Tommy Boyd, Adalyn Cooper, Betty Shepard, Lawrence Chandler, Eunice Gamble, and Virginia Jonte. All of these have been most gracious to play for us. To each of these we are very grateful. Virginia Jonte, with her many talents, is a very faithful servant to the Lane Church. She is the pianist, organist and leads the singing for worship service. When she is unable to be in Lane, Eunice Gamble so willingly fills in. We appreciate their time and talent.

The Lane Methodist Fellowship Circle continue to meet monthly. We are THE active ones in the church. Most of the time we are involved with a fund-raising project. We share the upkeep of the church and fellowship hall by each of us taking turns of certain duties. The cleaning of the church, floral arrangements for Worship Service and preparing the fellowship hall for Sunday School. We remember those that are sick and shut-in also those in Nursing Homes or anyone in the community with flowers, food, visits, phone calls and cards. We enjoyed making the beautiful chrismons to add to those we already had for our Christmas tree.
In December 1997 the Church participated in John's Island Rural Mission Christmas Party in John's Island. Two of the members along with the Pastor delivered loads of toys for the children.

Our Adult Sunday School Class is very active. Some of our Sunday School teachers have been Lee Doris Parker, Sylvia Roberts, Voncile Brown, Ken Timmerman, Tim Rogers, Jacque Renn, Lois Martin, DeVerle Williams and Hurd Moore assisted by Lois Martin.

After Hurricane Hugo maintenance and repairs were made to the Fellowship Hall according to what would suffice at that time. This year we were able to replace the heating and air with a central heating and air unit. The Women of Church added new floor covering for the kitchen and bath and new curtains for all the windows.

Through the years we have enjoyed the Fellowship Hall for our fellowship time. In the early 80's we entertained the Senior Citizens from Lane and Salters with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Now we are the senior citizens. When anyone from the town of Lane as well as the church was moving away, we entertained them with a party and gifts. The ministers and their families are welcomed with festivities and good-bys as well. We are small in number but still enjoy our get-togethers. The men support the women with the cook-outs, fish frys, covered dish dinners, picnics etc.

During the years of this portion of the history we will make note of the changes that have been made in membership in the Lane Church.

Loyal members that died during this period:
Mrs. Ruth G. Huggins  
Mr. Francis M. Shirer  
Mrs. Ruth L. Shirer  
Mrs. Thelma K. Shirer  
Mr. Gresham G. Eagerton  
Mrs. Idell M. Mitchum  
Mrs. Sarah G. Cantey  
Mrs. Emma Bell Caison  
Mrs. Lee Doris V. Parker  
Mr. Thomas Michael Martin  
Mr. David S. Bell, Sr.  
Mr. Marion L. Bell  
Mrs. Edna Parker Walker
New members added during this period:
Mrs. Cornelia G. Bell
Mrs. Joyce C. Blakely
Richard J. Blakely, III
Susan T. Mitchum

Mrs. Voncile Brown
Mr. Howard Brown
Miss Michele M. Mitchum

We now have 39 members. We have 11 members on Constituency Roll that are very supportive of the Lane Church.

Baptisms of children and infants in this church.
Jonathan Ian Spicher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Spicher, on May 12, 1985, by Rev. Ken Timmerman.
Megan Elizabeth Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bell, on January 31, 1988, by Rev. Timothy Rogers.
Robert Bell Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, on March 10, 1991, by Rev. Melvin Calvert.
Nicholas Allen Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bell, on December 1, 1991, by Rev. William Renn, Sr.

1998 Officers of the Women of the Church:
President- Mrs. Robert Cooper, Jr. Vice-President- Mrs. Richard Blakely, Local Treasurer- Mrs. Dewey Geddings, Secretary- Mrs. Lois Y. Martin.

Other Presidents during this period of history were Mrs. Lois Martin and Mrs. Richard Blakely.

Written by: Mildred C. Cooper
WEDDINGS IN THE CHURCH

Kenneth Byrnes Timmerman and Sara Dee Cooper
June 16, 1984 by Rev. John M. Younginer

Robert Davidson and Cheryl Cole Bell
September 29, 1985 by Rev. Timothy Rogers and Rev. Ken Timmerman

David Scott Bell, Jr. and Cornelia G. Brown
August 23, 1986 by Rev. Timothy Rogers

Michael Harmon and Gwendolyn Cooper
August 15, 1987 by Rev. Timothy Rogers

Eugene Sylvanus Burgess and Melony Laine Martin
August 24, 1991 by Rev. T. J. Rogers, Rev. Ted Martin and Rev. David Bauknight

Edmond Whitfield Parker, Jr. and Ronda Marie June
March 11, 1995 by Rev W. C. Stackhouse
Chairperson of Administrative Council: Richard Blakely
Pastor: Hurd Moore
Recording Secretary: Lois Martin
Lay Leader: Cecil Walker
President of the Trustees: Robert Cooper
Chairperson, Finance Committee: Richard Blakely
Representative of Pastor-Parish Relations: Mildred Cooper
Church Treasurer: Richard Blakely
Church Historian: Cecil Walker
Chairperson, Nurture: Laura Rogers
Chairperson, Outreach: Lois Martin
Communion Steward: Laura Rogers
Chairperson, Age Level/Family: Mildred Cooper
Superintendent of Church School: Beverly Rogers
Membership Secretary: Cecil Walker
Honorary Member: Eva Shirer

COMMITTEE ON PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS
Class of '98: Milderd Cooper
Class of '99: Voncile Brown
Class of 2000: Chris Osborne
Dorothy Rawlinson: Pearl Bell
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Mary Ellen Oliver

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Chairperson: Richard Blakely
Pastor: Hurd Moore
Lay Leader: Cecil Walker
Chairperson, Administrative Council: Richard Blakely
Representative of the Trustees: Robert Cooper
Church Treasurer: Richard Blakely
At Large: Lois Martin

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
Class of '98: Laura Rogers
Class of '99: Mildred Cooper
Class of 2000: Mary Geddings
(The "Discipline" designates the Pastor chair of Nominations)

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Class of '98: Robert Cooper
Class of '99: Lois Martin
Class of 2000: Howard Brown

NURTURE AND MEMBERSHIP
Laura Rogers, Lois Martin, Pearl Bell, Voncile Brown

OUTREACH
Lois Martin, Mildred Cooper, Laura Rogers

Local Treasurer of Women: Mary Geddings
Treasurer of Sunday School: Voncile Brown
Lane United Methodist Church History
1998 – 2005

The first history of the Lane United Methodist Church was written by Miss Ellen T. Chandler (Miss Nell), who was a very loyal and faithful member of the church until her death in 1971. Her history concluded about 1968.

The second history of the Lane United Methodist Church, from 1968-1981, was written by Mrs. Eva Shirer. Eva was a great historian for her church as well as a very loyal and faithful member. She moved to the Pee Dee Methodist Manor in Florence in 1992. She has been greatly missed by all.

The third history of the Lane United Methodist Church was written by Mrs. Mildred C. Cooper beginning in 1981-1998. Mildred has served her beloved church in various capacities and remains to be a true and faithful servant.

1998

Sunday, November 1, 1998 Lane United Methodist Church celebrated “A Service of Homecoming and Dedication”, the first for this church since 1981. We were delighted to have our former pastor, Reverend DeVere Williams, with us for this service. He gave an inspiring sermon entitled “The Door is Open, Come on In”. Ken and Charlene Wooley of Kingstree, the Greeleyville United Methodist Church choir, and Virginia Jonte provided special music. Our minister, Reverend Hurd Moore, led the Service of Dedication. Reverend Moore served Lane Church from 1998-1999.

Following this service approximately 150 friends enjoyed a delicious covered dish dinner in our fellowship hall and on the grounds while visiting and reminiscing with members, former members, and guests. It was a wonderful day for all.

December brought the traditional “Hanging of the Greens”, lighting the Advent candles, and setting up the Chrismon Tree with all members of the church and friends participating.

The adult Sunday School class continues to be active under the leadership of our minister and Lois Martin assisting. The Bible lessons are well prepared, informative and generate good discussion.
The year 1999 brought a change to Lane United Methodist Church. We voted to become a cooperative parish with Greeleyville United Methodist Church and Kingstree United Methodist Church. Each church retains their own organizational structure that preserves their own identity as a local congregation and at the same time sharing resources and by cooperating with the other two churches each will become a stronger local church. Reverend Doctor George Howle of Kingstree United Methodist Church will be the Director of the Cooperative Parish Ministry. This became effective June 1999 when we welcomed our new minister, Reverend C. Brett Waller.

It was brought to the attention of our church that “The House of Hope” in Florence, a home for homeless women and children, was in need of church hymnals. The congregation voted to donate thirty hymnals to this wonderful organization.

Mr. Jimmy Saunders, owner of Standard Music Company in Sumter, S.C., installed a new speaker system in the sanctuary. This system was a gift from Tommy and Peggy Rogers and the women of the church.

The year 2000 has brought a spiritual awakening in our church. Each family member has become more involved in the worship service and activities of the church. We now have “Children’s Moment” during worship service and also “Children’s Church”.

The spring brought a six week Bible Study. The Greeleyville and Lane churches joined in this study led by Reverend Waller. The first three lessons were held in Greeleyville and the last three in Lane. This study was well attended and each person who attended was richly blessed.

A new copier machine was purchased for the church. It was a much needed item.

The Lane Methodist Fellowship Circle is still active. They continue their ministry in the church and community. They take our ministry into the community and the neighboring communities with visitations, food, cards, flowers, gifts, church bulletins, and telephone calls to the sick, shut-ins, and unchurched families. The men of the church support the women in their projects.

Beverly C. Rogers died September 2, 2000. He served many years as the Superintendent of Lane Sunday School.

Our church family enjoys time spent together. Our covered dish suppers always include musical entertainment from Hal Carter and Brett Waller. We also enjoyed a picnic with Greeleyville United Methodist Church at Twin Lakes, a red, white, and blue Fourth of July cook-out including fireworks at the Bell Farm, and a dinner out at Brown’s Bar-B-Que.

This year a community wide Easter Egg Hunt for the children was held at the fellowship hall. The adults had their first Easter Egg Hunt. Prizes were given for the prettiest baskets, the most eggs, the least eggs, and the prize egg. Refreshments were served after each hunt.
In August 2000 the Greeleyville-Lane charge participated in having a new pictorial directory for all the church families. Church Impressions of Greensboro, N.C. was chosen to publish our directories. The last directory was in 1986.

Our first Fall Festival/Halloween Carnival was held October 29, 2000. People from surrounding communities came to help, working late into the night. These people gave their time, energy, and money to make the festival a success. God works in many ways. The children came from all the communities around Lane. Our fellowship hall could not hold all the people. It was a great success.

In honor of our new church members, we celebrate with a Thanksgiving Supper. This is a wonderful time for food and fellowship!

The congregation enjoyed a Christmas program December 17, 2000. This was the first Christmas program in many years. We thanked all who gave their time and talent to make this a beautiful and inspiring program.

In 2001 Lane United Methodist Church is alive and well. Growth, enthusiasm, and excitement seem to be the key words for this church. There is spiritual growth and love and concern for all church families as well as the community and the surrounding areas. With God’s leadership good things are happening.

The year started with meetings with Mr. Willie Weatherford & Son from Scranton, S.C. to discuss repairs and remodeling needed in the church. The chancel had to be extended to accommodate the new choir loft and chancel furniture, two back doors were added; one with a ramp for the disabled, the other with a small porch. New doors going into the choir room, office, and Sunday School rooms were also installed. Converting these single doors into folding doors opened up the sanctuary and allowed more seating if necessary. Mrs. Betty Jo Guerry donated two beautiful outside lights at the back entrance. New entrance doors and hardware were also added. Eight sconce were installed on the walls in the sanctuary and Boyd Electric installed two outside lights. Church families donated the sconce. Willie Weatherford & Son completed the carpentry work. Lindsey Payne of Planters Carpet in Mt. Pleasant, S. C. installed new carpet of a teal green color in the sanctuary.

A new cookout shed was added to our fellowship hall. We have been able to enjoy the shed during our monthly and quarterly fellowship suppers.

The Adult Sunday School Class purchased a 19” color television with a built in VCR to be used for various programs in the fellowship hall.

The ditch on the side of the church has been covered by the Highway Department. The County of Williamsburg furnished pipe. This has provided more parking spaces.
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Home Missions continues to be our main Outreach Program. A youth in our church was given the opportunity to attend basketball camp for a week, a family was helped by the church paying their utilities, insurance, and taxes for three months, and a little girl in our church was given piano lessons. The Lenten boxes were also used for Home Missions. The money was given to a needy family and a resident in the nursing home. Our church family remembers the sick, shut-ins, nursing home residents, and bereaved families with food, flowers, sunshine baskets, cards, gifts, telephone calls, visits, and our love and prayers. To our church families as well as to our community neighbors we offer our fellowship hall and serve a meal to the bereaved families and friends.

The Lane United Methodist Church participated in Operation Christmas Child for the first time in 2001. What a joy! Thirty boxes were donated to this cause.

We are fortunate to have Sam Clarkson, Bobby Jonte, and Sheldon Reynolds, certified lay speakers from Greeleyville United Methodist Church to fill in for our minister when he is away.

We are also thankful for Virginia Jonte and Eunice Gamble from Greeleyville United Methodist Church for being our pianist and organist for worship services and choir practices. They have been a blessing to Lane United Methodist Church. We are also delighted to have Laurence Chandler, organist, join our worship service.

We continue with our fundraisers each year: Halloween/fall fest, bar-b-que plates, pancake suppers, and chicken pileau plates. Also we are grateful to The Exchange Bank of S.C. for a generous donation.

Our church has been blessed with an increase in membership and in our worship services. We have more children, youth, young adults, and adults. We thank God for His blessings, guidance, and love.

Our minister, Reverend C. Brett Waller and Elizabeth Quinn Nexsen were married October 20, 2001. We welcome Quinn into our church family.

Reverend Vernon Anderson was serving as District Superintendent. Upon his retirement, Reverend Janice Frederick-Watts served our district.

2002

In June 2002 we welcomed Reverend Doctor John C. Smiley, Jr., and his wife Patricia, as our new minister for the Greeleyville-Lane charge. This was the first time in the history of our church to have a father and son serve this charge. The Reverend John C. Smiley, Sr. served the Lane Church from 1935-1940. Under the leadership of Reverend Doctor Smiley, Jr., the Lane Church grew in every aspect. He served until June 2004.

A beautiful new communion table, in memory of Howard C. Brown, was handmade by Mr. Ronnie Pope of Effingham, S.C. and delivered to the church on October 15, 2002. This table is made of cherry wood and designed to match the communion rail in the sanctuary. Friends and family gave this table in memory of Howard Brown.
In October 2002 the choir received new choir robes; fourteen off white robes for the choir and two of the same color for the organist and pianist. Also new collars, red and white, green and purple were given by choir members and members of the church. These robes and collars were purchased from Pee Dee Christian Store in Florence, S.C.

This year the Greeleyville-Lane charge shared a quarterly meal together. It was a great time to share ideas and fellowship with our "sister church".

On April 11, 2003, Easter Sunday, a Living Cross on the lawn of the church was adorned with fresh flowers. The cross on the altar was formerly the Christmas tree used in the sanctuary in December 2002. The limbs were removed and the cross was decorated using fresh white flowers and draped with a white cloth. This was a first for the Lane Church and it added much to our Easter worship.

Groundbreaking for the much needed fellowship hall was Tuesday, June 24, 2003. It was built in two phases. In the first phase, we had the money to "dry it" in. With numerous fundraisers, generous donations and saving what we could, phase one became possible. Phase two was completed as funds became available. Additional fundraisers and donations from members and former church members helped make phase two a reality. Lane Church also received a $10,000.00 check from the Conference Board of Congregational Development and was the recipient in 2002 of $6,725.00 from the Conference Board of Global Ministers Church Extension. Mr. Glen Weaver from Lake City, S.C. was the contractor.

Our first ingathering for the Lane church was held Sunday, October 5, 2003. Worship was held at 10:00 AM and a covered dish meal was served at 12:30 PM. This was in lieu of our bar-b-que dinner fundraiser. Approximately 75 people enjoyed the worship service and dinner.

The church has been able to purchase a piece of property from the Town of Lane. The property is a 20 x 75 foot alley that joins the existing church property. The cost was $200. This additional property allows a larger parking area.

Another accomplishment we are so proud of and very grateful for is the fact that we, with God's help, have become financially able to increase our portion of the minister's salary from 40% to 50% for the year 2004.

In June 2004, Reverend Smiley retired and Reverend Audrey G. Ritter became our first woman minister in the history of the Lane church. Reverend Ritter resigned in December 2004 to further her education toward a master's degree in counseling.

The church experienced damages to the steeple from Hurricane Gaston. Lane Roofing Company from Lake City, S.C. did repair work caused from wind and rain. Damages to the interior of the church have yet to be repaired.
In September 2004 the church borrowed $20,000 from the Bank of Greeleyville in Kingstree, S.C. to complete the new fellowship hall. This was the first for this church to ever be in debt. It was quite an experience for the Board of Trustees as well as all of the members. As God answered our prayers, we retired our debt in April 2005. A lot of hard work! Thanks to everyone. We are very proud of our beautiful new 38 x 68 foot building with all the conveniences. Many thanks to the Building Committee: Reverend John Smiley and Mildred Cooper Chairpersons; Larry Mitchum, architect; Mary Geddings, Annette Tisdale, Betty Jo Guerry, Rhonda Burroughs, Richard Blakely and Cecil Walker. Thanks to the committee that made this dream possible. The building was completed in February 2005. Members of the church donated the eight sconce and Russell Cooper donated the gas hot water heater. The 80 burgundy chairs were bought by the women of the church. The women of the church purchased wood blinds from Lea’s in Manning, S.C. to accommodate ten windows. Lois Martin gave the decorative concrete porch. Robert and Mildred Cooper gave the stained glass window. Bobby Dukes who diligently worked on the interior of the fellowship hall, donated back to the building fund a generous 10% of his earnings. The other gifts were given in honor or memory of loved ones. Reverend Smiley was very instrumental in making the building possible, and as grateful people our new fellowship hall will be named and dedicated, The John C. Smiley, Jr. Building on October 9, 2005.

Denise Miles donated a computer to the church. Our first computer! Lois Martin purchased a computer table and a chair for the church office. Lois Martin prepares the bulletins each week for worship service as of August 2004.

Each September at charge conference Lane Church has received recognition and a certificate for paying 100% of their apportionments in the years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Ten beautiful handmade Chrismons and tree skirt were given to the glory of God and in honor of Robert and Mildred Cooper by Mike, Gwen and Sim Harmon. Ginny Richburg of Greeleyville, S.C. made the tree skirt.

On December 15th, the ladies of the church were invited to a Christmas covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. Virginia Jonte. Each person prepared their favorite casserole and exchanged beautifully wrapped gifts. We appreciated the Jonte Family opening their lovely home and sharing with us the true meaning of Christmas.

The latter part of the year we have experienced a decline in attendance for worship service. Most of our young adults with children have gone elsewhere.

2005

In January we welcomed our new minister the Reverend Harry Stullenbarger and his wife Dixie of Pawley’s Island, S.C. We are overjoyed to have the Stullenbargers. They have brought love, warmth and reverence to our worship service.

Our Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service was jointly shared with Greeleyville UMC and held at the Lane Church on March 24th. The offering went to support a deaconess student at Southern Philippines Methodist College in the Philippines.
A covered dish dinner was held on April 24th in honor of Reverend Harry Stullenbarger in the new fellowship hall. Everyone enjoyed the time spent together.

July 10th an offering was taken for Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry of the S.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church.

August 1st, a 166 linear foot white fence was installed behind the church. Lois Martin gave this fence. Additional silver was purchased from FRS in Florence for the fellowship hall. We are very proud of these new additions.

Three handmade pulpit chairs were designed for the chancel and delivered to the church on August 25th by Mr. Ronnie Pope of Effingham, S.C. These chairs are in memory of Beverly Rogers, Dewey Geddings and Wattie Guerry and were given by their family and friends. The chairs are gothic in design and made of cherry wood to match the pulpit. Very beautiful!

In March, Dixie Stullenbarger donated nineteen round tablecloths to the ladies of the church. We are very appreciative of her kindness. In September the ladies purchased eleven 80" round tablecloths from Donna Snyder. We look forward to using and enjoying all of these beautiful tablecloths in our new fellowship hall!

Lane Church presented each high school and college graduate with a bible. Each bible was imprinted with the graduate’s name. Also children and infants that were baptized received bibles from the church.

Our oldest member of Lane Church is Mrs. Eva S. Shirer. Mrs. Shirer is 93 years old and resides at the Pee Dee Methodist Manor in Florence, S.C. During her years in Lane, Mrs. Shirer was very active in her church. She served as President of the Missionary Society, historian of the church, pianist for worship service as well as in many other areas. Her capabilities and talents were of great importance to the Lane Church.

In October, landscaping for the new fellowship hall was added by Warren McClam Landscaping and a walkway connecting the church ramp, church stoop and the fellowship hall porch was built by Henry Scott Builders.

On October 9, 2005, Lane United Methodist Church will welcome its past, present and future members as we celebrate homecoming. We are delighted to share in this special occasion with so many families and friends who have helped us along the way with their prayers and support. May God bless each and every one.

Our membership at present is 58 members, active and inactive. For worship service we average approximately 20 people. Our attendance is small but many positive things are at work for us. Our hopes and prayers are that there may always be people to assume the duties of leadership and to keep Lane United Methodist Church alive through God’s work.

Joyce Blakely and Mary Geddings – Church Historians – 2005
Gifts and Memorials Given to the Church:

In 2001 eight sconce were given by members of the church in memory of T. A. Blakely, Sr., Kirk Caulder, Jessie Feagin, Emmie Kirby, W. V. Nexsen, Daisy Tisdale, George Tisdale and in honor of Lois Martin.

In 2003 family and friends gave the communion table which was handmade by Ronnie Pope, of cherry wood and designed to match the communion rail in memory of Howard C. Brown.

In 2004 family and friends gave the round porch columns in memory of Laura C. Rogers.

In 2004-2005 Lois Y. Martin gave the decorative concrete porch, walk and fence.

In 2004 Denise Miles donated our first church computer.

In 2005 Robert and Mildred Cooper gave a brass candle lighter/extinguisher and a black cassock in honor of our acolytes.

In 2005 three pulpit chairs were handmade by Ronnie Pope. The chairs are gothic in design and made of cherry wood to match the pulpit. Family and friends gave these in memory of Beverly C. Rogers, Dewey Geddings and S. Wattie Guerry.

In 2005 Johnny, Rhonda and John Davis Burroughs gave the wrought iron railing for the porch which is to be installed in memory of John W. Burroughs, Sr. and Patricia Burroughs.

In 2005 two post lamps were given by Amber Bush in memory of Owen and Jewell Bush.

Gifts and Memorials Given to the Fellowship Hall:

In 2001 Dorothy Reeder gave a generous donation in memory of Edna P. Walker.

In 2004 a pine serving table built in the late 1800s was given in memory of the E. W. Parker Family and the C. R. Walker Family.

In 2004 Lois Y. Martin gave the decorative concrete porch.

In 2004 a chandelier was given in memory of David S. Bell, Sr. and in honor of The Bell Family.

In 2004 a chandelier was given in honor of The Larry Mitchum Family.

In 2004 Robert and Mildred Cooper and Family gave a stained glass window.

In 2004 eight sconce were given by members of the church in memory of John Burroughs, Jewell Bush, Mattie Cantey, Willie Kirby, Alice Mitchum, Johnny G. Tisdale, Randy Tisdale and Jimmy Utsey.

In 2005 Jack R. Clark, Sylvia C. Roberts’ brother gave ten round 60” tables in her memory.

In 2005 in appreciation to C.C. Canada for the generous donation to our new fellowship hall.

On October 9, 2005 with love and appreciation, our new fellowship hall will be dedicated and named The John C. Smiley, Jr. Building.
Ministers

1999-2002  Reverend C. Brett Waller
2004-2004  Reverend Audrey G. Ritter
2005-      Reverend Harry R. Stullenbarger

Weddings

Samuel Boyd Pringle
Sharon Haselden
Reverend Hampton Perry
James C. Thompson
Stella Calderon
Reverend Brett Waller
William Clyde Caulder
Rosalind Scott McKenzie

Larry Christopher Mitchum
Lesley Diane Hanna
December 7, 2002
Reverend John C. Smiley
Shannon Ard
Melanie Patterson
December 15, 2001
Reverend John C. Smiley

Reverend Brett Waller
Reverend John C. Smiley

Baptisms

02/04/01  John Davis Burroughs
          Son of Johnny and Rhonda Burroughs
          Reverend Brett Waller

04/15/01  James Scott Burroughs, Jr.
          Son of Scott and Karen Burroughs
          Reverend Brett Waller
Baptisms Con't

04/15/01 Patricia Logan Burroughs
Daughter of Scott and Karen Burroughs
Reverend Brett Waller

03/31/02 Mackenzie Renee Bryan
Daughter of Melanie Patterson and Henry Bryan
Reverend Brett Waller

03/31/02 Henry Roswell Bryan
Son of Melanie Patterson and Henry Bryan
Reverend Brett Waller

03/31/02 Daniel Allen Culick
Son of Melanie Patterson and Harvey Culick
Reverend Brett Waller

11/03/02 Sara Elizabeth Coker
Daughter of Shannon and Michele Coker
Reverend John C. Smiley, Jr.

03/02/03 William Christopher McKenzie
Son of Chris and Jennifer McKenzie
Reverend John C. Smiley, Jr.

04/20/03 Wendy Eaddy Hardy
Reverend John C. Smiley, Jr.

04/20/03 Margaret April Hardy
Daughter of Allen and Wendy Hardy
Reverend John C. Smiley, Jr.
Baptisms Con’t

04/20/03  Rosalind Scott Caulder
          Daughter of Roswell and Barbara Scott
          Reverend John C. Smiley, Jr.

02/08/04  Andrew Christopher Mitchum
          Son of Chris and Lesley Mitchum
          Reverend John C. Smiley, Jr.

New Members

05/23/99  Doris Utsey
08/26/01  Clyde Caulder
          Will Caulder
11/19/00  Rhonda Burroughs
          Johnny Burroughs
          Pansy Cantey
          Betty Jo Guerry
          Jennifer M. McKenzie
          Chris Mitchum
          Jeannie Mitchum
          Larry Mitchum
          Pauline Nexsen
          Edna B. Tisdale
          Annette Tisdale
          Johnson Tisdale
12/11/01  Maxine Geddings Ranta
04/20/03  Rosalind Caulder
          Wendy Hardy
          Allen Hardy
          April Hardy
          Leslie Mitchum
07/27/03  Donna Patterson
09/21/03  Amber Bush
04/15/01  Karen Burroughs
          Scott Burroughs, Sr.
          Scott Burroughs, Jr.
          Patricia Burroughs
11/23/03  Laurence Chandler
          Abrelle Hanniford

Deaths

12/06/98  Howard C. Brown
02/13/03  Laura Cantey Rogers
09/02/00  Beverly C. Rogers
04/21/04  Jimmy Duane Utsey
09/03/01  Joseph Kirkley Caulder
03/21/05  Sylvia Clark Roberts
10/17/01  Dewey Geddings
Officers 2005

Lane
United Methodist Church

Chairperson of Administrative Council               Mildred Cooper
Pastor                                            Harry Stullenbarger
Recording Secretary                               Lois Martin
Lay Leader                                        Cecil Walker
President of the Trustees                         Mildred Cooper
Chairperson of Finance Committee                  Jeannie Mitchum
Representative of Pastor-Parish Relations          Joyce Blakely
Church Treasurer                                  Jeannie Mitchum
Church Historian                                  Mary Geddings
Chairperson of Nurture                            Mildred Cooper
Chairperson of Outreach                            Lois Martin
Communion Steward                                 Pearl Bell
Chairperson of Age Level/Family                    Susan Mitchum
Superintendent of Church School                   Rhonda Burroughs
Membership Secretary                              Mildred Cooper
Honorary Member                                   Eya Shirer

Committee on Pastor Parish Relations

Class of 2005                  Class of 2006                  Class of 2007
Joyce Blakely                  Johnny Burroughs            Lois Martin

Lay members to Annual Conference – Cecil Walker and Sam Clarkson

Committee on Finance

Chairperson         Jeannie Mitchum
Mary Geddings       Johnson Tisdale       Russell Cooper
Chris Mitchum       Betty Jo Guerry      Wendy Hardy
Committee on Nominations

Class of 2005
Mildred Cooper

Class of 2006
Mary Geddings
Allen Hardy

Class of 2007
Clyde Caulder
Laurence Chandler

Note: The “Discipline” designates the Pastor as Chair of Nominations

The Board of Trustees

Class of 2005
Ed Bell

Class of 2006
Clyde Caulder
Mildred Cooper

Class of 2007
Laurence Chandler
Joyce Blakely

Young Adults

Jennifer McKenzie
April Hardy

Nurture, Membership and Outreach

Mildred Cooper, Susan Mitchum and Lois Martin

Church Worship
Communications Coordinator
Music Director
Organist

Lesley Mitchum
Susan Mitchum
Virginia Jonte
Laurence Chandler

2005 Officers of the Women of the Church:

President
Vice-President
Local Treasurer
Secretary

Mildred Cooper
Joyce Blakely
Mary Geddings
Lois Martin
October 9, 2005       Homecoming – Lane United Methodist Church


Lane United Methodist Church History
2006 – 2012

2006

Missions
May 2006       A love gift from the church was given to Ms. Melanie Nexsen. The gift was to help with expenses during her travels to Africa where she worked with orphaned children. Melanie brought back pictures to share of the work they had done while in Africa.

September 3, 2006       The Adult Sunday School Class was reorganized after being disbanded for a few years. The class is led by Mr. Larry Gilbert, teacher, and Ms. Lois Martin, substitute teacher. Much thought and preparation goes into this well attended class.

2007

January 2007       After much discussion and thought, a majority of the congregation and trustees voted to cover the exterior of the Lane Church with white vinyl siding versus wood. The cost and the weatherproof of the vinyl siding proved to be the best solution for the church. Mr. James Priddy of Moncks Corner, SC was awarded the job at the cost of $15,300.00.

April 14, 2007       A new outside bulletin board was installed at the church to replace the old one which had been there for many years. The old board was made by Mr. Daniel Caison, a member of the Lane Church. Mr. Kenny Sauls and Mr. Jamie Teal of Scranton, SC made the new bulletin board at the cost of $2,300.00. The new board was given in memory of Mr. William Robert Cooper, Jr.
April 18, 2007  Protective covering was installed over all the stained glass windows at the Lane Church by Sanctuary Glass and Supply of Burlington, NC. Quite a nice improvement.

September 23, 2007  New Paraments: A pulpit cover, communion table runner, two Bible markers and pastor’s stole were placed in the sanctuary in memory of Mr. William Robert Cooper, Jr. The fabric, Red Coronation, and fringe were ordered from C. M. Almy Company at the cost of $1,277.00. Mrs. Ginny Richburg, a creative seamstress from Greeleyville, SC, made the paraments for the church. Mrs. Richburg generously gave her time and talent in the making of the beautiful paraments and presented them at no cost to the church.

September 23, 2007  A piece of beveled glass was purchased for the Communion table at the cost of $120.62 and paid for by the Memorial Fund from Baker Glass Company of Georgetown, SC.

2008

February 19, 2008  The trustees and Mr. Ellis Wrenn, Sr., Chairman, did an excellent job in selecting a painter, Mr. Joe Tisdale of Kingstree, SC. The sanctuary and Sunday School rooms are painted Navajo White with a satin finish and all the trim is painted with a high gloss white (Benjamin Moore paint). The total cost for painting was $9,876.47. The three weeks it took to paint the interior of the church, worship service was held in the Smiley Building. The rear porch and ramp was also painted at this time for a cost of $675.00.

March 16, 2008  The brass offering plates that were donated to the Lane Church in 1979 by Mrs. Richard Blakely, Jr. were in need of refurbishing. A brass coating was reapplied. Two (maroon) insert pads each embroidered with a gold cross were purchased from Cokesbury at a cost of $175.00. Also protective bags for the plates were purchased at this time.

April 7, 2008  The Lane Church purchased a new commercial Electrolux vacuum cleaner at a cost of $890.23. This was a much needed item.
May 2008

Two oil filled 11” ivory candles with brass Kerry tops were purchased from C. M. Almy (Greenwich, CT.) for the altar table in memory of Mr. William Robert Cooper, Jr. Also a supply of Kerry oil was purchased at the same time. The cost was $259.45 and came out of the Memorial Fund.

June 13, 2008

The three pulpit chairs were covered in new fabric. A solid cotton velvet color of dark red, was purchased from C. M. Almy (Greenwich, CT.) for the pulpit chairs, as well as three older pulpit chairs, for a cost of $507.50. The chairs were recovered by “15 South Upholstery” of Paxville, SC for a cost of $385.00 paid out of the Memorial Fund.

The old pew cushions were installed in 1981 and were now in despair. Mr. John Beard with Church Interiors, Inc. of High Point, NC assisted us with new cushions. We were able to match the pulpit chairs, garnet color – fabric style Savory, reversible standard tufted 2” thick cushions with waterfall front edge – fabric 100% cotton velvet, 12 long cushions, 12 short cushions, one piano cushion for a total of $5,453.58 which was paid out of the Memorial Fund. Some of the cushions have been given in memory or in honor of a loved one at a cost of $227.00 each. They are beautiful! The order was completed and delivered to the Lane Church on January 27, 2009.

Missions:

September 2008

A joint rummage sale was held between the Greeleyville-Lane charge. The gigantic two day sale was held at the Recreation Department in Kingstree, SC. It was a huge success netting $3,604.30. The proceeds went to the Epworth Children’s Home to help fund the special needs children’s Early Intervention Program. It was a heartwarming experience! Reverend Stullenbarger and Dixie were very instrumental in this project. A cashier’s check in the amount of $3604.30 was presented to Mrs. Betsy Gordon of Kingstree, SC, Trustee for Epworth, by Ms. Adell Bell during a joint worship service with Greeleyville.

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, a monetary Christmas gift is sent to Epworth Children’s Home, Early Intervention Program in lieu of gifts to the children in the church.

November 2008

Due to fire hazards, it was not feasible or safe for the Lane Church to continue using live trees in the sanctuary at Christmas. The live paramount trees of Christmas’ past are all but fond memories!
Two artificial pre-lit Christmas trees were purchased from Sam’s Club. One (12 foot) tree is used in the sanctuary and is decorated with symbolic Chrismons and the other (9 foot) tree is used in the Smiley Building.

November 2008  Mrs. Lois Martin made a donation to the church to have the church fence repaired and painted for a cost of $531.43. We thank Lois for doing this.

November 2008  We are grateful to the J. B. Clarkson family for sharing the history on the church bell and also to Mr. Larry Gilbert for the information on the pulpit.

2009

June 14, 2009  Reverend Stullenbarger and Dixie extended an invitation to the Greeleyville-Lane charge to their home for worship service followed by a picnic style luncheon. Church members pitched in by bringing their favorite foods. Everyone enjoyed the day!

September 2009  The center stained glass window in the sanctuary was converted from a closed window to one with a detachable frame. The closed window presented a problem when repairs were needed. The solution was to install three doors for accessibility. Mr. Pope, a master craftsman from Effingham, SC, was able to remedy this for us.

December 2009  The Lane Church purchased a heating and air conditioning unit which was installed by Mr. Ellis Wrenn, Sr., chairman of the trustees, at a cost of $3,750.00.

2010

June 6, 2010  Four oblong white tables were purchased from Sam’s Club by the Adult Sunday School class and placed in the Smiley Building for the church family to use and enjoy.
As part of its observance of the Epiphany Season and in cooperation with the S.C. United Methodist Volunteers in Mission’s Haiti Relief, the Lane United Methodist Church collected 50 tuberculosis health kits for the Jeremie Medical Clinic in Haiti. Church members selflessly gave to this worthy mission.

Epworth Children’s Home – 2010 Annual Report – As a church with less than 600 in membership, Lane United Methodist Church was recognized as second in the district for giving to Epworth (sixty-one members with an average of $37.55 per member).

Renovations of the old fellowship hall took place in October 2010. The exterior has been completely modernized. The cement block building was built in 1954-1955 when Reverend R. N. Wells, Sr. was serving this charge. White vinyl siding was placed on all the exterior of the building, the ten existing windows were replaced with the new double frame storm windows and two fiberglass columns were placed at the front door to match the surrounding church buildings. Mr. James Priddy of Moncks Corner, SC was the contractor. Mr. Leroy Wilson of Creative Concrete in Lane, SC, painted and stamped the porch and steps to match the church and the Smiley Building. The Lane Methodist Fellowship Circle paid 60% of the cost, donations from church members and recent yard sale covered the remainder. The improvements to the old fellowship hall have brought the little cement block building back to life!

A 10 x 6 vinyl awning has been added at the side door of the Smiley Building. It was installed by Mr. James Priddy.

A prayer chain has been organized in the Lane church. Mr. Larry Gilbert serves as chairperson. This is a great ministry for our church!

New wrought iron railings matching the church porch railings were added to the porch and ramp of the Smiley Building. The railings were made and installed by Mr. Doug Purcell, Jr. They are quite helpful as well as beautiful!
February 2011  
A new flooring of “trek” board replaced the wooden flooring of the ramp and porch at the rear of the church. Mr. Ellis Wrenn, Sr., Mr. Chris Wrenn and Mr. Larry Gilbert did a great job.

May 15, 2011  
The Lane Church honored our high school graduate, John Russell Cooper, Jr. (Russ), with the Wesley Study Bible. The Bible was imprinted with his name.

October 2011  
All three church buildings have been updated with locks. One key fits all the doors thanks to Wards Locksmith and Security in Kingstree, SC.

2011  
For those of us that share wonderful memories and joyous times in what we now call the old fellowship hall, it was only befitting that we give this special little building a name. It was decided that the old fellowship hall would be named the Wells Building due to the fact that the Reverend R. N. Wells, Sr. served this charge (1954-1955) at the time the building was erected.

2012  
May 11, 2012  
Mrs. Eva Stack Shirer, our eldest member, celebrated her 100th birthday with a party. Eva resides at the Pee Dee Methodist Manor in Florence, SC.

May 20, 2012  
The Lane Church honored our high school graduate, William Hammet Cooper, with the Wesley Study Bible. The Bible was imprinted with his name.

October 2012  
New carpet was installed in the Wells Building. The carpet (scarlet pumpemel) was purchased from Florence Carpet and Tile at a cost of $2100.00 and paid for by The Lane Methodist Fellowship Circle.

There are special times each year that we celebrate joint services with Greeleyville United Methodist Church, our sister church.

We rotate Maundy Thursday – Tenebrae Candlelighting Service together at each church. We rotate Christmas Eve Communion as well. In 2011 we joined together for one service at Lane United Methodist Church on Christmas Day.
Each year our Maundy Thursday offering and Easter Sunday Offering is sent to the Southern Philippines Methodist College to the Food Service Fund which provides food for the students.

Good tidings of great joy to many families in the community and neighboring communities. Christmas boxes filled with a turkey and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner was distributed to those in need. Each box is wrapped festively and a Christmas card is enclosed sending best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas from the Lane Church. This is an ongoing mission for the church family to share with those that are experiencing a hardship. This past year we delivered ten boxes during the Advent season. We also give love offerings to families with sickness or loss of jobs or less fortunate than most. Reverend Stallenbarger is a great believer in and feels the importance of local and foreign missions. It is always first in his ministry to help others.

The Power of Living literature is a weekly take home leaflet that the Adult Sunday School class shares with each church family.

The Lane Methodist Fellowship Circle makes the Upper Room daily devotional available to each church family.

**Special offerings taken each year:**


The last Sunday in November, which is the first Sunday in Advent, we gather the previous Saturday to decorate the sanctuary, the Chrismon tree, hang the wreaths and trim the Christmas tree in the Smiley Building. On Sunday, we have the “Hanging of the Greens” program. We always enjoy this inspiring program. In 2011 Union Presbyterian choir came and joined in with special music. We really enjoyed the music; it added so much!

We manage to find time for church family fellowship, fun and wonderful food. The quarterly get togethers are planned and coordinated by Mrs. Eileen Wrenn. At Thanksgiving, our meal is centered around counting our many blessings as well as a time to welcome and celebrate our new members. Christmas is a relaxing catered meal followed by an exchange of humorous gifts!
Gifts and Memorials Given to Lane United Methodist Church:

In 2007 family and friends gave the outside bulletin board and the paraments in memory of Mr. William Robert Cooper, Jr.

In 2008 family and friends gave two oil filled 11” ivory candles for the altar table in memory of Mr. William Robert Cooper, Jr.

In 2008 – Pew Cushion
In memory of Mr. David S. Bell, Sr.
In honor of Mrs. Pearl C. Bell
Given by Mr. and Mrs. David S. Bell, Jr.

In 2008 – Pew Cushion
In memory of Mr. James I. Geddings, Sr.
In memory of Mrs. Carolyne B. Geddings
Given by Mr. and Mrs. David S. Bell, Jr.

In 2009 – Pew Cushion
Given by Mrs. Joann Wrenn

In 2009 – Pew Cushion
Given by Ms. Adell Bell

In 2009 – Pew Cushion
In memory of Mr. William Robert Cooper, Jr.
In honor of Mrs. Mildred C. Cooper
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harmon and Sim

In 2012, forty-two navy Pew Bibles were given in honor and in memory of loved ones by family and friends. Also twenty United Methodist Hymnals were given in honor and in memory of loved ones by family and friends.

In 2012, Mrs. Maxine Ranta, Ms. Abigail Haddock and Mrs. Carol Newton gave two flower stands. One stand was given in memory of their father, Mr. Dewey Geddings, and one stand was given in honor of their mother, Mrs. Mary (“Tooie”) Geddings. The cherry wood stands were designed to match the altar rail and the altar table and handmade by Mr. Ronnie Pope.
New Members

April 8, 2007  Ellis S. Wrenn, Sr.
              Joann Wrenn
              Chris Wrenn
              Eileen Wrenn
              Larry Gilbert
              Nina Gilbert

March 23, 2008  Adell E. Bell

May 1, 2011  Wilbur Dan Galloway, Sr.

May 29, 2011  Kimberly Renee Blakely
              Conner Drew Newsome

June 5, 2011  Gail Tisdale Hanniford
              Casey Louise Hanniford
              Brittany Gayle Hanniford

June 17, 2012  Ellis S. Wrenn, Jr. (Smitty)
                Jean T. Wrenn

Deaths

April 24, 2006  William Robert Cooper, Jr.
September 6, 2006  James B. McClary, Jr.
August 28, 2007  Willie Pauline Tisdale Nexsen
June 10, 2011  Alethia Jean Nexsen Mitchum
May 1, 2012  Johnson Heyward Tisdale
September 30, 2012  Ellis S. Wrenn, Sr.
Ministers

2005 – Present  Reverend Harry R. Stullenbarger

Baptisms

July 11, 2010  Richard Jaudon Blakely, IV
Son of Richard J. Blakely, III and Kim Blakely
Reverend Harry R. Stullenbarger

October 17, 2010  Olivia Grace Williamson
Daughter of Jamie and Abrelle Williamson
Reverend Harry R. Stullenbarger

Each infant was given a Bible and Baptismal napkin from the Lane United Methodist Church.

May 29, 2011  Kimberly Renee Blakely
May 29, 2011  Conner Drew Newsome
June 5, 2011  Brittany Gail Hanniford

Reverend Harry R. Stullenbarger

Each was given a Bible from the Lane United Methodist Church.
LANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICERS - 2012

Lay Leader
Mildred Cooper

Recording Secretary
Lois Martin

Church Historian
Mary Geddings

Membership Secretary
Mildred Cooper

Chairperson - Outreach
Adell Bell

Chairperson - Nurture
Mildred Cooper

Chairperson - Worship
Verna Caison

Age-Level Family
Eileen Wrenn

Communion Steward
Pearl Ball

Disaster Relief Coordinators
Bill Geddings
Ed Bell

Communications Coordinator
Susan Mitchum

Lay Delegate to AC
Sam Clarkson
Larry Gilbert – Lay Alt to AC

Music Director
Nina Gilbert

Minister
Harry R. Stullenbarger

Members at Large – Church Council:
Richard Blakely (2012)
Russell Cooper, Sr. (2012)
Bill Geddings (2012)
Ruth Naxsan (2012)
Melanie Naxsan (2013)
Eileen Wrenn (2013)

Lay Leadership Committee:
Minister - Chairperson
Larry Gilbert (2013)
Chris Wrenn (2013)
Ed Bell (2014)
Annette Tisdale (2014)
Mildred Cooper (2012)
Edna Tisdale (2012)

Committee on Finance:
Eileen Wrenn - Treasurer
Mary Geddings –Treasurer – Memorials
Larry Gilbert - Chairperson
Joyce Blakely
Melanie Naxsan
Russell Cooper, Sr.
Johnson Tisdale
Dan Galloway

Pastor Parish Charge Committee:
Sam Clarkson, Chairperson
Nina Gilbert (2013)
Adell Bell (2014)
Annette Tisdale (2012)
Mildred Cooper – Lay Leader

Trustees:
Eilleen Wrenn (2014) Chairperson
Joyce Blakely (2013)
Dan Galloway (2013)

Administrative Council
Mildred Cooper, Chairperson
Lois Martin, Secretary
Eileen Wrenn, Treasurer
Mary Geddings, Treasurer – Memorials
Larry Gilbert, Finance
Eilleen Wrenn, Trustees
Mildred Cooper, Lay Laeder
Verna Caison, Worship
Pearl Bell, Communion Steward
Eileen Wrenn, Age-Level Family
Adell Bell, Outreach
Lane United Methodist Church History  
2013-2017

March 10, 2013  A new technical component was added to the PA system to provide music by Christian recording artists.

April 12, 2013  New Paraments in the colors of off-white and purple were made for LUMC by Mrs. Ginny Richburg of Greeleyville, SC.

August 25, 2013  Brass Advent Wreath Candelabrum with 5 oil filled candles. In addition to a 36” oil filled Paschal Candle. A special gift contributed by the family of Lois Y. Martin.

2013  Brass table vases were given to our church in honor of Mildred C. Cooper. These Vases were given by her children.

2014  Two beautiful wood stands were given by Nina and Larry Gilbert, Smitty and Jean Wrenn, Davy and Atchie Wrenn, and Chris and Eileen Wrenn. The stands were made to match the alter rail and the alter table. They were hand-made by Mr. Ronnie Pope, an art craftsman from Effingham, SC. One stand was made for the Church Bible, it was given in memory of Ellis Smith Wrenn, Father of the Wrenn Children listed above. The second stand was for the Registry given in memory of their brother, Mark Wrenn.

Additional Improvements

July 4, 2015  Two new speakers were installed in the front of the church with two additional speakers added in the back of the church. At this time the sound system was updated with a new CD player.

March 24, 2016  A much needed dishwasher was installed in the Smiley Building (Fellowship Hall). The dishwasher was purchased by a special fund from donations made by friends and church family members,(Purchased from Florence Food Service) and installed by Mr. Glenn Weaver.

May 19, 2016  A beautiful Kimball baby grand piano was donated to the LUMC by Mrs. Nancy Longfield of Charleston, SC.

2016  The Project for adding a new covered walkway/ramp from the church to the Smiley Building was implemented. The preliminary plan was designed by Mr. Richard Haddock and Mr. Jimmy Lee. The Project Committee members consisted of Chris Wrenn, Larry Gilbert and Mildred Cooper. Mr Glenn Weaver, the contractor for the project started construction of the covered ramp August 24, 2016. In addition to the walkway/ramp we added a covered stoop to the opposite corner door. Also black wrought iron railings plus new stamped walkways to connect to the back of the church were added. The memorials, honorariums and contributions made it possible to pay for this addition in less time than expected. The LUMC appreciates all who contributed to this beautiful added feature on the back of the church.
October 17, 2015  A new B&W and Color copier was purchased to replace the old copier for our church.

Special Services

LUMC shares two services a year with Greeleyville United Methodist Church: Maunday Thursday (Holy Communion and Tenebrae) and Christmas Eve Communion Candlelighting service.

Mother's Day
May 10, 2015  The men of the church provided a meal for all the mothers in our congregation. A wonderful Mother's Day Gift!

Graduates
Also in May of 2016, the LUMC recognized two new college graduates, John Russell Cooper Jr. for 2015 and William Hammet Cooper for 2016. They are the sons of Russell and Novia Cooper. Both graduated from USC.

All Saints
All Saints Sunday is observed each year during the first Sunday in November. The members who departed during the recent year are remembered by placing a white rose on the altar. For the members who departed earlier their name is called by a family member and recognized by lighting a candle and ringing of the bell. This is an event for all members to participate.

Donations
Continuing donations by the congregation of the Lane United Methodist Church:
Lenten Easter Offering was sent to the Phillipians Methodist Colleges to assist with meal plans for the students who are in need.
Epworth Children's Home was sent a monetary gift from the LUMC for their Early Intervention Program. This contributes assistance for children with special needs. In addition a donation was sent to Epworth Kids Cookout Foundation.
Stullenbarger Covered Walkway
(Completed 2016)

2016 - 2017 Memorials

1. In Memory of
   Pearl Cole Bell (9-13-2015)
   Given by Friends and Family

2. In Memory of
   Richard Jaudon Blakely Sr. (01-23-2015)
   Given by Friends and Family

3. In Memory of
   Julie Pendarvis Brown (11-12-2013)
   Given by Friends and Family

4. In Memory of
   Voncile Thornton Brown (10-17-2014)
   Given by Friends and Family

5. In Memory of
   Emma Bell Caison (1982) and Daniel Paul Caison (1967)
   Given by Michael and Jewel Lifrage

6. In Memory of
   Billy Galloway Jr. (03-05-2017)
   Given By Friends and Family

7. In Memory of
   Mary Florence “Floopie” Blakely Geddings (03-03-15)
   Given by Friends and Family

8. In Memory of
   Betty Jo Martin Guerry (11-22-2014) and
   Novelene Feagin Lynn (04-13-2012)
   Given by Friends and Family

9. In Memory of
   Annie I. Lucas (02-19-2012)
   Given by Friends and Family

10. In Memory of
    Clyde R. Lucas (1994) and Annie I. Lucas (02-19-2012),
        Ellis S. Wrenn Sr. (09-30-2012) and Mark A. Wrenn (12-31-1992)
        Given by Larry and Nina Gilbert

11. In Memory
    Susan Tisdale Mitchum (11-07-2015)
    Given by Friends and Family
12. In Memory of
Pauline Tisdale Nexsen (08-28-2007) And
Alethia Jean “Jeannie” Nexsen Mitchum (06-10-2011)
Given by Friends and Family

13. In Memory of
Edmund “Eddie” W. Parker Jr. (05-25-2015)
Given by Friends and Family

14. In Memory of
Eva Stack Shirer (07-30-2014)
Given by Friends and Family

15. In Memory of
Johnson Heyward Tisdale (05-01-2012)
Given by Friends and Family

16. In Memory of
Addie Bell Thigpen (11-26-2015)
Given by Friends and Family

17. In Memory of
Ellis S. Wrenn Sr. (09-30-2012)
Given by Lane United Methodist Adult Sunday School

18. In Memory of
Martin Stevulak (06-29-1996) and Irene Stevulak (03-15-1990)
Given by Chris and Eileen Wrenn

19. In Memory of
Mark A. Wrenn (12-31-1992), Kristin L. Smith (11-04-2000)
Cameron D. Smith (09-16-2016)
Given by Chris and Eileen Wrenn

2016 - 2017 Honorariums

1. In Honor of
Edna B. Tisdale
Given by Gloria T. Morris

2. In Honor of
Rounette Rowan and DeAnna Burkhead
Given by Chris and Eileen Wrenn

3. In Honor of
Rounette Rowan
Given by Larry and Nina Gilbert
Donations: Covered Walkway - Ramp
Bulletin - Memorials and Honorarium

Verna Caison - Bulletin
Frances J. McMakin
Mike & Gwen Harmon
Harry & Dixie Stullenbarger
Dan Galloway
Gail Hanniford
Dee & Erica Haddock - Bulletin
Ashley & Erin Haddock - Bulletin
Ann Smiley
Brice & Dora Small
Del Mitchum
Annette Tisdale
Maxine Ranta
John & Pat Smiley
Jan Spicker
Mildred Cooper
Gloria T. Morris
Mr. and Mrs. James Clarkson
Charles Shaw
Adell E. Bell
David and Conelia Bell
Deaths

July 12, 2013  Lois Youmans Martin
July 30, 2014  Eva Stack Shirer
October 17, 2014  Voncile Thornton Brown
November 22, 2014  Betty Jo Guerry
January 23, 2015  Richard Jaudon Blakely, Sr.
September 13, 2015  Pearl Cole Bell
November 7, 2015  Susan Tisdale Mitchum

New Members

April 24, 2016  Reamer “Buddy” Owens
               Frances J. McMakin

Baptisms

May 18, 2014  Gage LeGrand Tisdale
              Son of Bobby L. Tisdale, Sr.
March 15, 2015  Iva Kate Williamson
               Daughter of Jamie and Abrelle Williamson

Reverend Harry R. Stullenbarger
LANE UNTIED METHODIST CHURCH
OFFICERS 2017

Administrative Council
Mildred Cooper, Chairperson
Eileen Wrenn, Treasurer
Chris Wrenn, Trustees
Mildred Cooper, Lay Leader
Adell Bell, Communion Steward

Nina Gilbert, Secretary
Mary Geddings, Memorials
Larry Gilbert, Finance
Verna Caison, Worship
Eileen Wrenn, Age-Level

Members at Large
Adell Bell (2017)
Casey Hanniford (2017)
David Bell, Jr. (2018)
Bill Geddings (2018)
Joyce Blakely (2019)
Annette Tisdale (2019)
Cornelia Bell (2018)
Frances McMakin (2018)

Verna Caison (2017)
Ellis Wrenn, Jr. (2019)
Russell Cooper, Sr. (2018)
Gail Hanniford (2018)
Eileen Wrenn (2019)
Johnny Burroughs (2017)
Edna Tisdale (2019)

Pastor Parish Relations
Adell Bell (2017)
Nina Gilbert (2019)

Annette Tisdale (2019)
Mildred Cooper, Lay Leader

Lay Leadership Committee
Minister - Chairperson
Ed Bell (2017)
Mildred Cooper (2018)
Larry Gilbert (2019)

Annette Tisdale (2018)
Edna Tisdale (2018)
Chris Wrenn (2016)

Finance Committee
Larry Gilbert, Chairperson
Eileen Wrenn, Treasurer
Russell Cooper, Sr.
Joyce Blakely

Mary Geddings, Memorials
Dan Galloway
Jean Wrenn

Trustees
Chirs Wrenn, Chairperson (2018)
Cecil Walker (2017)
Mary Geddings (2018)
Joyce Blakely (2019)

Ed Bell (2017)
Ellis Wrenn, Jr. (2018)
Dan Galloway (2019)
2018 to 2019

LUMC welcomed as our new pastor Rev. Nancy Adams. We had a dinner on 6/24/@12;30 to welcome her.

We placed the brass plate on the piano, door and bible stands.

Two new speakers were added to the back of the church. We added a larger PA system in hopes that all can hear the service.

We held our All-Saints service with the ringing of the bell for each name and lighting of the candles.

We did food boxes at Thanksgiving for needy and shut-in.

We celebrated the Hanging of the Greens and then had a catered meal and Chinese Christmas.

We celebrate Christmas Eve on December 24 @5:00.
June 2019 -2021

We welcomed Rev Rusty Crimm June 2019. He is married to Re. Katherine Crimm who is the pastor of Kingstree United Methodist Church. He is an amazing musician with a beautiful voice.

Rev Crimm led us thru the pandemic starting in March 2020. It was definitely hard for our church. Not be able to come together and worship was a sad time in our history.

Our church was close from March 2020 to July of 2020. Attendance was very low for the remaining year and the next year.

Chris Wrenn, trustee chairman gave an update on maintenance. We had all our rails outside removed and powdered coated to keep from having to repaint so much. The organ was repaired by Zippy organ. The cost was $942.65. The organ is in poor shape.

We did our ALL-SAINTS service to remember our love ones.

We donated $50.00 instead of food baskets for our needy and shut-ins.

We celebrate hanging of the greens with a catered meal after the service.

Our sister church Greeleyville closed in December. The last service was Christmas Eve and we joined to celebrate the long history of the church.
Rev Crimm will continue with our church and he will be assisting KUMC with the choir. He will also start a Bible study which he hopes we will join in.

Future services will be Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday.

We will donate $500.00 to Epworth due to the fire they had and lost a lot of their supplies.

Rev. Rusty and Katherine are expecting a baby girl Frances Joy Crimm due on 11/20/2020. Rev Crimm was given 12 weeks paternity leave. Bobby Jonte filled in during that time.

We celebrated the end of 2020.

WE started 2021 with the needs that Rev. Hipp has gone to be with our Lord. We send a $100.00 donation in his memory.

Facebook has help with trying to keep our members who are shut-in or have not been able to return.

We were notified that Rev Crimm would be transferred to another charge in June 2021. June 27, 2021 was his last service and we celebrated with a breakfast before the service.
June 2021 -2022

We welcomed Dr. Rev Spencer Jordan to the pulpit on July 4, 2021. We are so excited and blessed that he took our church as our Shepard. We are so excited for his leadership and compassion for the Lord.

We finished the year with our All-Saints service, Hanging of the green with a catered lunch and our beautiful Christmas Eve service.

We started 2022 with our attendance in church being more than ever. Rev. Jordan has been such a blessing to our church.

We had a Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We are so blessed that people are coming back to church.

With heavy heart on August 2022 Rev Jordan took a leave of absence due to being diagnosed with colon cancer. We will lift him up in prayer and we know the Lord will bring him back to us.

Mr. Charlie Davis started in September. He is a retired professor at many universities including the Citadel. He is an amazing teacher and we have learned so much and are so blessed that he is caring for us.

Mr. Davis got married in December 2021. We welcomed his wife Gail who is always by his side.

We continue the year with our All Saints Service, Hanging of the Greens with a catered meal following the service and Christmas Eve.
We had a celebration on December 4 2022 with the baptism of Williams Robert (Liam) Cooper. The Rev. Terry Fleming officiated the baptism. With lunch to follow.
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Matthew 7:7
# PASTOR HISTORY

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