



# Together in Mission and Ministry

## News from the Greenwood District

### LOVE NOTES: *WHO WILL GO?*

<sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Isaiah 6:5-8*



Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love  
District Superintendent

The opportunities of our churches are many today. We are living in a time of a plentiful harvest. Often times we see the opportunities as obstacles and certainly many times they are. Today I want to encourage us to look beyond the challenges we face and review and renew our commitment to Christian service. Our vows of membership and what each of us agreed and supported as members of the United Methodist Church and most importantly as committed followers of Jesus Christ. Making disciples of Jesus Christ begins with being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Reflecting on the words of the Prophet Isaiah in chapter six may give some insight to how this is possible. We are reminded that we are people of unclean lips who come with all of our faults and failures before a God who extends grace. This grace does not disqualify us because of our frail conditions. Rather it is through this that we are invited into relationship with God and one another. Forgiveness is offered to those who believe. Facing these uncertain times we are given the same opportunity that Isaiah was presented within this passage. The question is still being asked; Who will go for us? and Whom shall I send?

When we reflect upon this question we must be prayerful in our response. If we say “here I am, Lord, send me,” there will be some sacrifice involved and the courage to stay the course. I invite you to join me as I prayerfully review and consider what it means to make this commitment and to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. I close with this reminder from the words of the hymn *A Charge To Keep* “to serve this present age my calling to fulfill.”

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Dr. Stephen Love  
Greenwood District Superintendent



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- New Appointments
- 2019 Set-Up Meeting
- District Leadership Team
- Consultation/Charge Conference Schedules
- SEJ Clergywomen's Conference

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- **Alignable:** Greenwood District

# WELCOME TO THE GREENWOOD DISTRICT



Sincere apologies to Mr. Gray Stallworth for not including him in the July newsletter. Gray was appointed mid-year to Main St. UMC as the Pastor of Discipleship.

## 2019-2020 APPOINTMENT CHANGES

Effective August 1:

Rev. Emil Finley will be the pastor at Soule Chapel UMC

Mr. Kile Antone will be the pastor at Central UMC, Laurens

## 2019 DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING



**REMINDER:** Set-Up Meeting is **Tuesday, August 20, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**, Tranquil UMC, 1702 McCormick Hwy., Greenwood 29646.

**Lunch will be served immediately following the meeting. IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO EAT LUNCH, PLEASE LET MARTHA KNOW SO SHE CAN ADJUST THE COUNT WITH THE CATERER.**

Anyone not attending this meeting must send Rev. Love an email ([gwdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdist@umcsc.org)) explaining his/her absence and requesting to be excused. Anyone not attending will be notified about the make-up meeting.

## 2019 APPORTIONMENTS UPDATE

**Pastors:** If your church paid less than 50% of its apportionments as of June 30, please send to Rev. Love ([gwdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdist@umcsc.org)) your church's plan for paying its fair share. These apportionment payment plans were to be sent to Rev. Love **no later than July 31**. For those churches not submitting this payment plan by July 31, a letter will be sent to the pastor, lay leader, church council chair, and finance chair regarding the payment of 2019 apportionments.

**2019 Apportionment payments must be in the Treasurer's office by 4:00 pm Tuesday January 14, 2020. Online payments must be initiated before 3:00 pm Friday January 10.**

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The District Leadership Team will have its organizational meeting for the 2019-2020 Conference year on **Tuesday, August 20**, at Tranquil UMC following the district set-up meeting.

Members of the Leadership Team are Rev. Bobby Gilbert, chair of District Board of Trustees; Rev. David Surrent, chair of DCOM; Ms. Cathy Trevino, Director, District Lay Servant Ministries; Ms. Joyce Crouch, UMW President; Mr. C. J. Johnson, UMM President; Rev. Brian Rainwater, chair Congregational Development Committee; Rev. Bruce Sayre, Convener, Connectional Ministries; Rev. Jim Arant, Congregational Specialist; Rev. R. T. Bowling, III, chair Committee on the Superintendency; Mr. Tony Watson, District Lay Leader; Mr. Robby Lybrand, chair, Committee on Building and Location.

## DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

The Conference DCOM training by Clergy Services is set for

- August 5, Buncombe St. UMC, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.;
- August 21, Conference Center, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

DCOM members may attend either session. A new topic for this year's training is the Certified Lay Minister status.

The District Committee will have its organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., at the district office.

## SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

A Safe Sanctuary Training session has been scheduled for Sunday, September 22, at Central UMC in Newberry.

If any pastor or lay person would like to attend, please let Martha know ([gwdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdist@umcsc.org) or 8964-223-2650) so that she can make adequate arrangements with Rev. David Surrent at Central.

Reminder: The deadline for acquiring the requisite number of sexual ethics/safe sanctuary training credits in **December 31, 2019**. If you are unsure about the number of credits you have, you can contact Martha for that information. *This is NOT the same as CEUs!*



## ANNIVERSARIES

August 5: Johnny and Valerie Mireb  
August 9: Craig and Darlene Kelley  
August 14: James and Ashley McCoy-Bruce  
August 15: Tim and Monica Jones  
August 19: Tommy and Meg Wilkes  
August 22: Scott and Frances Nurse  
August 23: Jerry and Becky Pickens  
August 29: R. T. and Karen Bowling

## BIRTHDAYS

August 2: Heather Evans  
August 15: Martha Alewine (Barrett)  
August 16: Stephen Love  
August 17: Jimmy Counts, Karen  
Bowling (R. T.)  
August 26: Holly Gwaltney (Rudy)

## KEEPING UP WITH DISTRICT NEWS

Your district office staff work very hard to keep you and select church leaders (lay leaders, lay members to annual conference, PPRC chairs) informed about district and conference events and news. Stay– up-to-date by :

- Reading the monthly newsletter;
- Checking the [district web page](#);
- Following the web page inks for the district calendar, Lay Servant Ministries, Disaster Response, Connectional Ministries, Congregational Development;
- Following the district on FaceBook (@GreenwoodDist), Twitter (@gwdist), LinkedIn (Greenwood-District), Google+ (Greenwood District).

You can help us keep everyone informed by:

- Sending us announcements to share about upcoming events at your church;
- Sharing news and pictures from your church events and activities;
- Letting us know when you have a change in leadership between charge conferences;
- Making sure you include ALL contact information (that means including email addresses) when you submit your Nominations and Leadership Reports for Charge Conference. Ensuring that mailing addresses and telephone numbers are correct in this report.

## 2019 CHARGE CONFERENCE TRAINING

**Charge Conference Training** is set for **Sunday, August 25, 3:00—4:00 p.m.**, in Goff Hall, St. Mark UMC Rivers St. Campus. Park in the main parking lot at the end of the building and follow the hallway around to the large multipurpose room where we have had previous meetings. There will be directional signs pointing the way. Sign-in sheets and light refreshments will be available in the Welcome Center as you enter the building.

Pastors and lay persons responsible for charge conference reports are encouraged to attend this annual training.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Pinnacles Leadership Associates announces their new ministry in SC for clergy—The Pinnacle Clergy Collective. This new ecumenical ministry is an expansion of their Clergy Cohorts and will have learning opportunities centered in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Rock Hill. These “hub cities” are the gathering sites for the clergy participating in learning and coaching a half day each month during the academic year. Full details are available online: <https://www.pinnlead.com/clergy-collective>, including a link for online registration. If, for some reason, the Register Here link does not work, [click here to be taken to the registration page](#).

## 2019 BISHOP’S SCHOOL OF MINISTRY



Registration is open for the Bishop’s School of Ministry, September 3-5, at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel. [Registration deadline is August 9, 5:00 p.m.](#)

Registration rates: Clergy: \$200 includes School, banquet, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch; Spouse: \$150 includes banquet, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch; Spouse: \$60, banquet only.

Hotel reservation deadline is also August 9. Room rate: \$134.73 (includes taxes, fees, and parking.) Upon completing your online registration for the School, you will receive a link to register for a hotel room.



# On Wings of Eagles: A Spiritual Retreat For Men

**Come Experience the Awesome Presence of God  
at Asbury Hills United Methodist Retreat Center**

**(Friday – Sunday) January 10-12, 2020**

Friday Check-In time after 12 noon.

Friday Night Worship begins at 7 pm to allow time to refresh & prepare for worship.

**Eagle's Wings Praise Band will lead in Praise & Worship.**

*Lots of Praise and Worship with Holy Communion & other reminders of faith.*

## **This Year's Theme**

**Strong Disciples for Christ**

**Friday Night: Strong Relationship With God: Rev. Richard Toy**

**Saturday am. Strong Spiritual Disciplines: Rev. Dick Waldrep**

**Saturday am. The Armor of God: Rev. Mack McDowell**

**Saturday pm: Strong in Sanctification: Rev. Randy Bowers**

**Saturday Evening: Strong in the Lord/ The Power of the Holy Ghost Rev. Wade Everett**

**Sunday am: Table Talk {Holy Communion} Rev. Ann Everett**

*Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*

**Enjoy the serenity of the South Carolina Mountains at Asbury Hills  
with men who love God and seek to be more like Jesus.**

**Accommodations at Batson & Rice Lodge are fully heated and air conditioned.**

**What to bring:** Your Bible, notebook, pen, sleeping bag or sheets, blankets, a pillow, toiletries, towels, clothing for the season.

**Price, including five meals, is \$140.00** [We follow the UMC Safe sanctuary policy](#)

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### **Registration Form**

name \_\_\_\_\_ E mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone contact \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Do you sleep on a top bunk: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Under age 18 must have medical treatment authorization form signed by parent or guardian

**Send your applications along with your check made out to:**

**Registrar/ Reverend Wade Everett**

**2719 Southern Aire Road, Timmonsville, SC. 29161**

# AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CHARGE CONFERENCE AND CONSULTATION SCHEDULES

## AUGUST Consultations:

August 1: Joseph Chandler, 10:00 a.m.  
 August 6: Adrian Rogers, 10:00 a.m.  
 August 19: Barrett Alewine, 9:00 a.m.  
 Bette Hedden, 10:05 a.m.  
 Kathy Hudson, 11:10 a.m.  
 August 26: Susan Maddox, 9:30 a.m.  
 Darlene Kelley, 10:30 a.m.  
 Craig Vondergeest, 11:30 a.m.  
 August 28: Thessa Smith, 9:00 a.m.  
 Mike Evans, 10:05  
 Nels Ledwell, 11:10 a.m.

## AUGUST Charge Conferences

August 22: Troy UMC, 7:00 p.m.  
 August 26: McKendree UMC, 6:30 p.m.  
 August 27: Harris UMC, 7:00 p.m.  
 August 28: Aldersgate UMC, 6:30 p.m.  
 August 29: St. Paul UMC, Saluda, 7:00 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER Consultations

September 9: Cheryl Remchuk, 10:00 a.m.  
 Myra Taylor, 11:05 a.m.  
 Andrew Vickery, 4:00 p.m.  
 September 11: Steve Brown, 9:00 a.m.  
 John Elmore, 10:05 a.m.  
 Dan Smyth, 11:10 a.m.  
 September 16: James McCoy-Bruce, 9:00 a.m.  
 Hank Brooks, 10:00 a.m.  
 September 18: Bill Rogers, 9:00 a.m.  
 Ken Freeman, 10:05 a.m.  
 Hillary Taylor, 11:10 a.m.  
 Lee Cothran, 1:30 p.m.  
 September 19: Mark Thompson, 9:00 a.m.  
 Judson King, 10:05 a.m.  
 Gerald Clinkscales, 11:10 a.m.  
 September 23: Charles Adams, 9:00 a.m.  
 Suzy Sullivan, 10:05 a.m.  
 Alan Quarles, 11:10 a.m.  
 Dick Goldie, 1:30 p.m.  
 September 24: Steve Keck, 9:30 a.m.  
 September 25: Jimmy Counts, 9:00 a.m.  
 William Hightower, 10:05 a.m.  
 Carol Wray, 11:10 a.m.  
 September 26: John Bolin, 9:00 a.m.  
 Emil Finley, 10:05  
 Mitchell Wray, 11:10 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER Charge Conferences

September 6: Greenwood/Ninety Six Charge, Trinity UMC, 6:30 p.m.  
 September 7: Lowell St., 7:00 p.m.  
 September 15: Vaucluse/Pentecost, 12:30 p.m.  
 Langley, 3:00 p.m.  
 Grace, 5:00 p.m.  
 September 18: McCormick, 7:00 p.m.  
 September 19: Ebenezer/Panola/Matthews, Ebenezer UMC, 7:00 p.m.  
 September 21: Emory/Nazareth, 10:00 a.m.  
 Bethany/Zoar, 1:00 p.m.  
 Butler/Shiloh, 2:30 p.m.  
 September 22: Trenton, 12:30 p.m.  
 Johnstohn/Harmony, 2:00 p.m.  
 Edgefield, 6:30 p.m.  
 September 23: Cambridge, 7:00 p.m.  
 September 24: Main St., 7:00 p.m.  
 September 25: Ware Shoals/Harmony, 6:30 p.m.  
 September 26: Mt. Carmel, 6:30 p.m.  
 September 28: Lewis Memorial/Ebenezer, 10:00 a.m.  
 Epting Memorial/Lebanon, 11:30 a.m.  
 September 29: St. John/Warrenville, 12:30 p.m.  
 Capers Chapel, 3:00 p.m.  
 Belvedere, 5:00 p.m.



What happens when UMC Clergywomen from the Southeastern Jurisdiction gather to discuss adventures in ministry through the uncharted wilderness? *They become strengthened in God!*

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **SEJ Clergywomen's Conference:**

*Uncharted: Adventuring the Wilderness with God*

**November 18-21, 2019**

Hyatt Regency Hotel

225 E. Coastline Dr.

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Conference Room Rate: \$115 through October 28

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-SEJC>

*Registration opens May 1*

Early Bird Registration: \$199 (ends August 31)

Regular Registration: \$225

At the Door Registration: \$250

<https://www.unchartedconference2019.com/registration>

**Full details available at:**

<https://www.unchartedconference2019.com/>

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<https://twitter.com/UnchartedConf19>



# Where's my new program calendar?

[umcsc.org/plan](http://umcsc.org/plan)



Welcome to the Planning Calendar for the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church! We hope you find these resources useful as you plan your own local church and ministry calendars. These resources will be updated throughout the year as events develop. We welcome your feedback at [communications@umcsc.org](mailto:communications@umcsc.org).

## Worship Planning Resources

### UMC Lectionary Calendar

(Full year printable calendar format) (Includes colors)

### UMC Lectionary Quick View

(Full year printable 1-page format) (Includes colors)

### UMC Lectionary Planner

(Discipleship Resources Worship Series)

### Book of Worship

### Worship Music Planning

### Hymn Recommendations

Due to changes in licensing and increased cost, the South Carolina Conference no longer publishes a customized printed program calendar, as we have for more than 20 years.

We hope this new online resource will meet your planning needs.

If you want to buy a printed UMC Program Calendar (without South Carolina customization), go to [cokesbury.com](http://cokesbury.com) and search "program calendar."

Questions? Email [communications@umcsc.org](mailto:communications@umcsc.org)

## ERT QUARTERLY TRAINING SET FOR GREENWOOD

Mark your calendars now for **September 7, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Goff Hall, Rivers St. Campus, St. Mark UMC**, to attend this training event. This training is for those ERT volunteers who need to renew their certification AND for anyone who would like to become an ERT volunteer. Registration information and other details will be made available later in August.