

WELCOME TO OUR

# Weekly Newsletter

*we're so glad you're here!*

**PASTORS:** Please share the following information with your lay leader(s) and church council chair or equivalent administrative officer.

LET'S  
**connect**

INVITING ALL

LOCAL CHURCH LAY LEADERS  
CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRS



Join us for conversation and making connections on

January 31, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tranquil United Methodist Church

1702 McCormick Hwy.

Greenwood SC

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to [gwdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdist@umcsc.org) by January 26, 2026

# January Clergy Meeting



Tuesday, January 20

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation

10:00 a.m. - Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:00 p.m. Adjournment

Main St. UMC  
211 Main St. N  
Greenwood SC

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Our guest speaker will be Lauren Hutto from Thrivent. The topic will be church finances and making the most of your financial resources



## Building Bridges Across Generations

**MEN N MINISTRY RETREAT**

February 20-21, 2026

Journey UMC

1151 Longreen Pky

Columbia

Full details, including the registration link, are [online](#)



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**MenNMinistry**





# It's that time again!

## Completing Your Annual Statistical Reports

The deadline is **February 28, 2026**. Plan ahead and don't wait to the last minute to collect and enter your data.

Now is the time to begin gathering data for completing your 2025 statistical reports.

The website, ACStats ([stats.gcfa.org](https://stats.gcfa.org)), is open and ready for you.

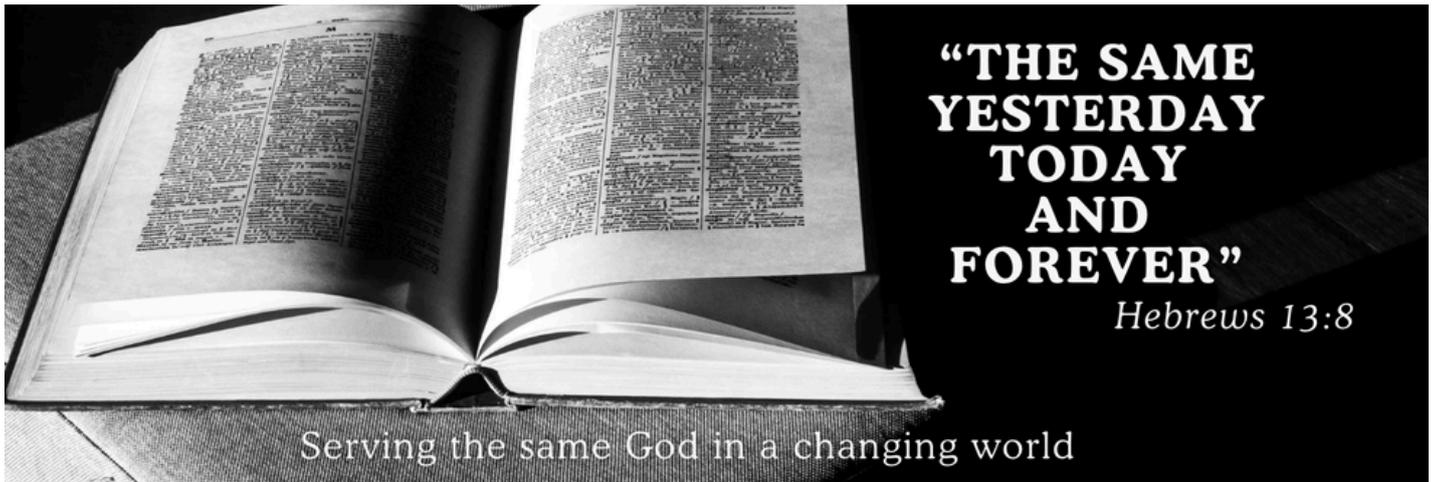
All previous user logins have been deleted. Your **initial login** for this year is the church's GCFA number. The password associated with the church's GCFA number is *byourlove25!* (NOTE: it is case sensitive and must include the exclamation point). Once you have logged in under the church's login, you can set up your own personal login; however, the church's login will not change.

You can find resources to help you with the statistics input at <https://www.umcsc.org/statistics/>. You may also contact your district office ([gwdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdist@umcsc.org) or 864-223-2650).



**Audits are due in the District Office by March 31.**

# The Bishop's School of Ministry



Embassy Suites by Hilton  
9800 Queensway Blvd., Myrtle Beach  
February 3-5, 2026

Full details available online.

[Click here to register.](#)

**Registration closes on January 19, 2026**

## Benefits Tools and Q&A Workshops

Questions about your health, wellbeing, retirement, death and disability benefits?  
Plan now to attend one of these workshops to learn more and to ask questions.

Lowcountry Workshop: January 22, 2026:  
Canaan UMC,  
171 Highway 61, Ridgeville, SC 29472  
11:00 am - Noon.  
Register by January 20, 2026

Upstate Workshop: January 29, 2026:  
Open Hearts UMC,  
2703 August St, Greenville, SC 29605  
11:00 am - Noon.  
Register by January 27, 2026

Midlands Workshop: February 9, 2026:  
Central UMC,  
1005 College St., Newberry, SC 29108  
11:00 am - Noon.  
Register by February 6, 2026

Pee Dee Workshop: March 3, 2026:  
Cumberland UMC  
163 S. Coit St, Florence, SC 29501  
11:00 am - Noon.  
Register by March 1, 2026

Participation is voluntary, and participants may choose to participate in any regional workshop regardless of their district. There will not be a hybrid option. Those unable to participate may contact the Benefits Office or Clergy Services to schedule individual conversations if desired.

**[Register Online](#)**