

WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

PASTORS: Please check with your lay leader(s) and church council chair (or equivalent church officer) to ensure they have received this invitation by either mail or email (or maybe even both!)

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

R.S.V.P. to the District Office by January 26

January Clergy Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

Main St. UMC
211 Main St. N
Greenwood SC

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation
10:00 a.m. - Worship/Communion
10:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
12:00 p.m. Adjournment

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall



Lauren Hutto from Thrivent will lead a practical session on tax-smart giving—showing you how to align generosity with the real-world budgets of your parishioners. You'll walk away with clear, actionable steps to increase tax-efficient tithes that create a win-win for both the church and its members. Topics include donor-advised funds, qualified charitable distributions, and church stock gifting accounts. Bring your questions and be ready to turn good intentions into confident action!

Plus, breakfast will be served.



Building Bridges Across Generations

MEN N MINISTRY RETREAT

February 20-21, 2026

Journey UMC

1151 Longreen Pky

Columbia

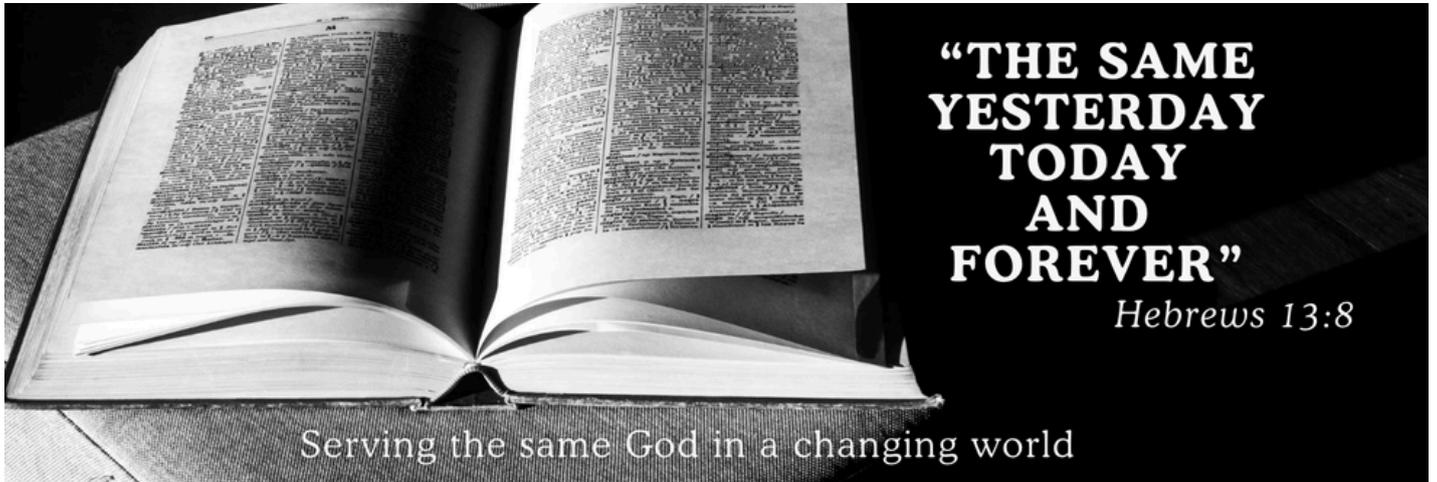
Full details, including the registration link, are [online](#)



SOUTH CAROLINA
MenNMinistry



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 TODAY! January 19, 2026

Thank you to the following churches for paying 100% of their 2025 Apportionments

Bethlehem
 Central, Laurens
 Central, Newberry
 Ebenezer, Newberry
 Epworth
 Harmony, Ware Shoals
 Harris
 Hopewell
 Kings Chapel
 Lewis Memorial
 Lowell St.
 Martha Chapel
 Mt. Bethel
 Mt. Carmel, Greenwood
 New Hope



Sowing to the Spirit

O'Neal St.
 Pentecost
 Sharon
 Soule Chapel
 Spann
 St. Mark
 St. Paul, Plum Branch
 St. Paul, Saluda
 Trinity, Greenwood
 Trinity, Newberry
 Vaucluse
 Ware Shoals
 Warrenville
 Waterloo
 Zion

Apportionment Giving = Tithing

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