



# Together in Mission and Ministry

News from the Greenwood District



## LOVE NOTES



Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love  
District Superintendent

### RESURRECTION MEANS HOPE

<sup>2</sup>And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” <sup>5</sup>And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” <sup>7</sup>And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. *Acts 3:2-7*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has risen indeed.

The resurrection continues to give us hope. The moments of darkness can never overcome the light of Jesus Christ. We are living in anxious times. There are many reasons to be discouraged and sometimes this can lead us to doubt like Thomas did the Resurrection. Sometimes we may be at a place of unrest and anxiousness. However, as Easter people, we have every reason for us to stand in the name of Jesus! Stand with the assurance that the sacrifice Jesus made giving his life is enough. We are not among those who have no hope. In Acts 3, we witness the power in the name of Jesus. Please join me as we continue to pray for The United Methodist Church, our General Conference, and all who will assemble in Charlotte this month. May we all be guided by Jesus Christ and cling to the hope by faith in His name. This is our time to stand with the joy of the Lord in our hearts.

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2024 Apportionments Update
- Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Love
- Greenwood Wesley Fellowship
- May Clergy Meeting

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Let us praise Him shout the victory in Jesus. The good news today is that we can shout now, because the victory is already won.

Grace and peace,



Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love  
District Superintendent

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# Drop-in Reception Honoring Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Love

Sunday, May 5, 2024

3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church

1005 College St.

Newberry SC 29108

Join us to bid Godspeed to Rev. and Mrs. Love as they embark on the next phase of their ministry.



SEEKING A MORE EXCELLENT WAY



**2024 South Carolina  
United Methodist  
Annual Conference**  
June 9-12 | Greenville Convention Center

“ON THE LEADING EDGE OF MINISTRY”

**Registration** is now open for AC 2024. Pay attention to the section, “What ‘status’ do I use to register?”

The **Agenda** is now available.

*Attention Pastors!* If you have a change in your lay delegate, you must submit a **Lay Member Change Form**, no later than May 27.

If you have not made **hotel reservations**, now is the time to take care of that.

*Happy  
Birthday*

April 4: Mike Parrish (Laura)  
 April 12: William Hightower  
 April 13: Kendell Healy  
 April 26: Arthur Gamble

## APPORTIONMENT UPDATE

2024 Apportionment update as of April 17, 2024:

3 churches — 100%

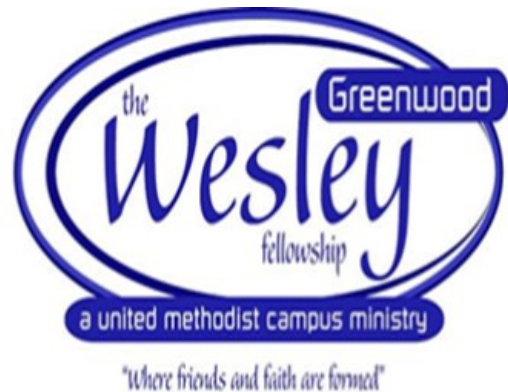
0 churches— 75-99%

2 churches — 50-74%

15 churches — 25-49%

15 churches— 1-24%

37 churches—0%



Remember to include support for the Greenwood Wesley Fellowship (campus ministry) in your 2025 budget.

Start planning now to provide meals for the students during their regular gatherings. Fall 2024 semester begins August 19,

Contact Mike Parrish, campus minister, to arrange a meal and to find out other ways of supporting this ministry.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Love	May 5
May Clergy Meeting/ Sending Forth Celebration	May 7
Carolinas Black Clergy Leadership Retreat	May 20-24
Office closed for Memorial Day	May 27
Annual Conference	June 9-12
Juneteenth (office closed)	June 19
Moving Day	June 26



*Clergy Meeting and  
Sending Forth Celebration  
and Luncheon*

*Tuesday, May 7*

*9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.*

*Zion United Methodist Church*

*80 Zion Circle*

*Prosperity, SC*

*R.S.V.P. by May 3*

*gwdist@umcsc.org*

Please be mindful of the RSVP deadline so that we can give the caterer an accurate headcount.  
We are all looking forward to the barbecue luncheon on May 7.