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News from the Greenwood District

LOVE NOTES

SERVANTHOOD MINISTRY OF SALT AND LIGHT



Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love
District Superintendent

13 “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

14-16 “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. (*Matthew 5:13-16, The Message*)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

The joy of being a Christian comes with responsibility. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus says “let me tell you why you are here.” Then he says, you are salt and light. He describes what it is to be faithful witnesses in the world. In the face of anxious times and uncertainties, our responsibilities have not changed. I reflect daily on my journey to be sure I keep my responsibilities before me and share my faith with action.

I heard one of the lay servant instructors remind participants that “we are all ministers; witnesses called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” It was a reminder to me

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2022 Charge Conferences
- Sending Aid to Ukraine
- Annual Set-up Meeting

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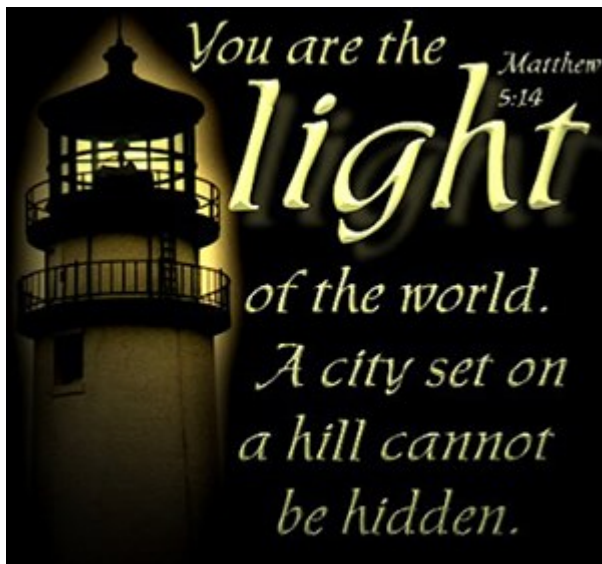
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that to be faithful to my Christian walk I must prepare myself to offer God's message of love and hope in Jesus Christ to the world. We represent the light of Christ that the world may come to know Him for themselves. I stand amazed at the ways in which God calls us to be faithful. I highlight lay servant ministries as one way many have chosen to faithfully fulfill their life's purpose. I invite you to share in this powerful ministry as we empower one another. We learn from each other and together we expand our ministry of discipleship.

Let us stay focused on being the salt of the earth and the light of the world, in a time when we are needed. May we invite others to join us on this Christian journey.



Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen L. Love'.

Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is an American federal holiday, established in 1971, to honor those men and women who gave their last full measure while serving in the U.S. military. At 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, a national moment of remembrance takes place.

In observance of this special day, the Greenwood District Office will be closed on Monday, May 30. We will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday May 31.



May 7: Craig Walters (Darlene Kelley)
Ann Goldie (Dick)
May 9: Becky Pickens (Jerry)
Karen Brown (Steve)
May 10: Rudy Gwaltney
May 17: Mitchell Wray
May 26: Byron Smith (Thessa)
May 28: Amy Freeman (Ken)



May 9: Steve and Karen Brown
Steve and Laura Keck
May 14: Hank and Ronna Brooks
May 20: Cameron and Sabrina Levi
May 26: Arthur and Zenovia Gamble
May 30: Byron and Thessa Smith

2022 APPORTIONMENT UPDATE

Printed below is the 2022 apportionment payment breakdown as of May 4:

- 100%: 3 churches
- 50-74% : 3 churches
- 25-49% : 30 churches
- 1-24% : 8 churches
- 0% : 33 church

PIANIST NEEDED



Aldersgate UMC in Greenwood is seeking a part-time pianist. Pay range is \$50—

\$100 weekly depending on experience.

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Ms. Jaye Leo, PPRC chair, at jayeleo57@gmail.com.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

If you are interested in scheduling Safe Sanctuary training for your church, please contact Martha in the district office (864-223-2650 or gwdist@umcsc.org).



**2022 Charge
Conference**

Greenwood District
South Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

- Notify us **NOW** of any special dates, events, vacation days to avoid when scheduling your charge conference.
- Do not request a new date once the charge conference calendar is published
- Call or email the district office if you would like to volunteer for an early date

2022 SC ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Begins June 5, 2022

[Register NOW](#) for Annual Conference 2022.

Other information about AC2022 is available online at: www.umcsc.org/ac2022.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Connectional Ministries will meet on **Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.**, at the District Office.

The revised grant application is now available on the [Greenwood District webpage](#). The next application deadline is **July 1**. Applicants are encouraged to pay close attention to information on page 1 of the application. Grants are limited to a maximum of \$500. Priority will be given to first-time applicants.

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING—MAY 8



Make plans now to have all your materials ready for publicizing the Epworth Mother's

Day Offering., remembering that **Epworth is not an apportioned item**. Epworth relies heavily on the Mother's Day and the Work Day offerings to provide care for 100+ individuals at any given time.

[Click here to request your free materials:](#)

- * Poster
- * Bulletin insert
- * Worship Announcements
- * Bulletin and Social Media announcements

The above link will also give you more information and suggested ideas for publicizing the importance of this annual offering for Epworth Children's Home.

You can also invite a representative from Epworth to visit your church to share more information about the good things happening with this ministry. Contact Rev. Kathy James (kjames@epworthsc.org).



Epworth
Children's Home

SENDING AID TO UKRAINE



Ukraine is part of the Moldova-Ukraine Conference of The United Methodist Church. The Ukraine UMC has created a crisis committee to oversee all the support that is coming in through the **Advance #14053A** "Eurasia In Mission Together - Ukraine and Moldova." <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/14053a/>

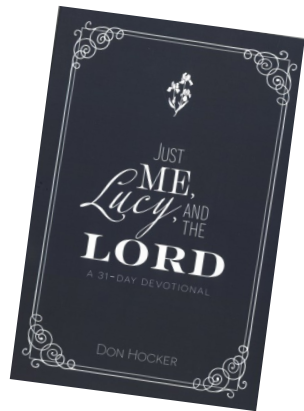
The money channeled through this Advance has already started to arrive in Ukraine and a crisis committee is making decisions as to how these funds are being used. Weekly reports will be made to Ullas Tankler who is the Global Ministries representative for Europe, Eurasia and North Africa. This gives us confidence to work through the Advance directly with Ukraine. ***Donors can designate their gift on this Advance. Designation can be for general refugee relief or some other project.***

TO HELP UKRAINIAN REFUGEES OUTSIDE OF UKRAINE in neighboring countries such as Poland, Slovakia, Romania or Hungary, as well as Ukraine, if requested from UMCOR, Advance #982540 can be used for general refugee assistance. <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982540/>. There is no designation available for using this Advance number.

Ways to give:

- Online: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/14053a/>. This option sends donations to Advance **#14053a**.
- Online: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/>. This option sends donations to **Advance #982450**.
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" or "Advance #14053a" written on the memo line, mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068

PERSONAL DEVOTION RESOURCE



Just Me, Lucy, and the Lord is a new resource for daily devotions. Written by Don Hocker, a member of First UMC in Laurens and a certified lay servant, this book provides a 31-day devotional guide, using daily Bible passages; amusing and engaging commentary; insightful questions and thoughts to take the user deeper into his/her reading, study and application of scripture; and prayers to help guide the believer in his/her conversations with God.

Order from Amazon or High Bridge Books.

2022-2023 SET- UP MEETING

**When: August 9, 2022
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars now for this first clergy meeting of the new Conference year.

Please do NOT schedule vacation, doctor appointments, or other engagements for this date and time. **ALL** appointed and assigned pastors are expected to attend this Set-up Meeting.

HAVE YOU TRIED BIBLE JOURNALING?



Bible journaling is one form of personal devotional time. It is the responding to the Scriptures in a creative way on the pages of your Bible. Journaling is a time for being in God's word. No, you don't have to be an artist! You can respond through art, prayers, or notes as the scripture speaks to your heart and mind.

Some people purchase Bibles made especially for journaling, while others use their everyday study Bible. Choose the one that's right for you. Make sure you have the right supplies that are specifically made to write, mark, and draw on the thin pages of your Bible.

Give Bible journaling a try to see if you find a new path to feeling God's presence and hearing his words to you.

Many resources are available related to this devotional practice. An internet search can return millions of resources immediately. You will find an excellent resource from Cokesbury, *Complete Guide to Bible Journaling*.