

Together in Mission and Ministry

News from the Greenwood District

LOVE NOTES

WILT THOU BE MADE WELL?



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District Superintendent

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew^[a] Beth-zatha,^[b] which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people.^[c] ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The ill man answered him, "Sir,^[d] I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Bob Whitesel, the author of the book, *Cure for the Common Church*, writes about God's love for the wholeness and health of the Church. In the passage of above when Jesus sees the ill man at the gate, he asked him the question, "Do you want to be made well?" There are many reasons we find ourselves in circumstances in which we need assistance. We too may be confronted with answering this same question. God wants us to be well, to be whole. When we want to be whole, we have to start with seeing ourselves and listening for God's guidance as we respond with a resounding, "yes Lord!"

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Consultation/Charge Conference Schedule
- Killingsworth Gala
- UM Association of Communicators Annual Meeting
- Support Greenwood Wesley Fellowship

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Maybe that is the question we must ask ourselves as a church. Perhaps it will challenge us to take a look at our focus staying the same versus embracing new opportunities for transformation. While we are waiting on someone to put us in the pool of opportunity, we could pick up our mat and exercise our faith and walk. Jesus see us in all of our frailty as we lay on the mats that keep us bound. He invites us to pick them up and experience new possibilities. He wants us to be made whole!

This fall as we offer ourselves in service and encounter challenges and blessings, let us engage, or reengage, in a prayerful walk with Jesus removing the mat that has lead us to focus on limitations rather than opportunities. The world is waiting on us. The church is waiting on us. Do we want to be made well?

Grace and peace,



Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Love
District Superintendent



[David Do - John 5:1 14 \(Do you want to be made whole?\) - YouTube](#)

Happy Birthday

August 5: Ken Taylor (Myra)
 August 7: Carol Wray
 August 30: Kathy Cinnamon



September 17: Vin and Elaine Davis



Regularly check the [Greenwood District](#) webpage for up-to-date information, such as Charge Conference 2023, Greenwood Wesley Fellowship, Clergy Meetings.

2023 APPORTIONMENTS

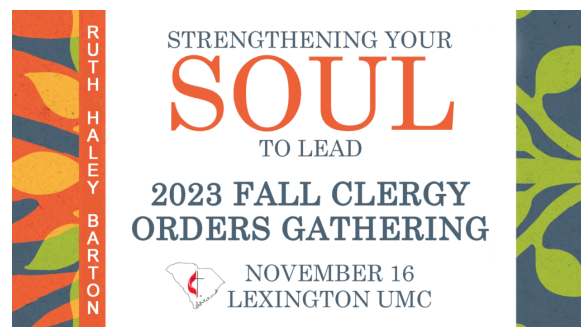
Here is the apportionment update as of September 13, 2023:

- 100% - 12 churches
- 75-99% - 10 church
- 50-74% - 19 churches
- 25-49% - 13 churches
- 1-24% - 4 churches
- 0% - 16 Churches



This calendar was created by the Commission on Religion & Race (R²). You can download a copy of the calendar here:

[30 Days of Antiracism – R-Squared \(r2hub.org\)](#)



Clergy Orders will gather on November 16 at Lexington UMC. [Information is available online](#) but registration has not opened yet.

CONSULTATION/CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

September Consultations

September 18:	John Bolin
	Susan Galasso
September 20	William Hightower
	Jimmy Counts
	Donny Black
September 21	Gerald Clinkscales
	Scott Nurse

October Consultations

October 2:	Shawn Armstrong
October 3	Durand Hall
	Kile Antone
	Cathy Jamieson
October 4	Kathy Cinnamond
October 9	Joie Rogers
	Donna Eidson
	R. T. Bowling III
October 16	Jesse Rogers
	Mark English
	Ben Barnett
October 23	Amanda Richardson

November Consultations

November 6	Jason Wilson
	Joey Gambrell
November 7	Laura Parrish
	Darlene Kelley

September Charge Conferences

September 17	Emory/Nazareth at
	Emory
	St. Paul, Saluda
	Zoar
September 18	Rehoboth
September 19	Main St.
September 20	Harmony/Ware
	Shoals at Harmony

September Charge Conferences

September 21	Edgefield
September 24	Vaucluse/Pentecost
	at Vaucluse
	St. John/Warrenville
	at St. John
	Langley
September 25	Tranquil
September 26	Mt. Lebanon/Kinard
	at Mt. Lebanon
September 27	Cambridge
September 28	Mt. Carmel, Green
	wood

October Charge Conferences

October 1	Epting Memorial/
	Lebanon at Epting
	Mem.
	Lewis Memorial/
	Ebenezer at Lewis
	Memorial
	Trinity/New Chapel
	at New Chapel
October 3	Crossroads/Martha's
	Chapel/Mays at
	Mays
October 8	St. John's, Batesburg
	Leesville
	Ridge Spring/Spenn
	at Ridge Spring
	Trenton
October 9	Aldersgate
October 22	Zion
	Wightman
	New Hope/Capers
	Chapel at Capers
	Chapel

The complete Consultation/Charge Conference Schedules are available on the Greenwood District webpage: [Charge Conference 2023 - South Carolina UMC \(umcsc.org\)](https://umcsc.org)



LUMC Fall Craft Fair Application

Saturday October 28, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Leesville United Methodist Church, 504 E. Columbia Ave, Leesville SC 29070

- Spaces are \$50 apiece. Spaces are approximately 10' X 10'.
 - One table (8') is provided
 - Chairs are provided
 - All proceeds go to the individual vendor(s)
- Reservations are first come, first served (complete the form below) Make checks payable to Leesville United Methodist Church - United Women in Faith
- *Mail or deliver this application and your reservation fee to Leesville United Methodist Church, 504 E. Columbia Ave, Leesville SC 29070.*
 - *There are no refunds after 10/10/23.*
- If you have questions, call or text Kate Eckert (803-414-2432) or Della Copper (803-397-4674) or email to: kate4etc@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone contact: _____

Email address: _____

Craft(s) you sell: _____

Do you need an electrical outlet at your booth? (limited quantities and locations) _____

I hereby release the Leesville United Methodist Church from all liability for personal injury and damage/loss from fire, theft, accident or unforeseen circumstances. I understand applicable sales taxes are the responsibility of the individual vendor(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

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Thursday, November 9, 2023

Seawell's Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29201

6:00 P.M.~ 9:00 P.M.

Online Ticket Sales Begin August 18th

Individual-\$65.00 / Table of Eight-\$500.00

Deadline for Ticket Sales is Friday, November 3rd

Killingsworth Home For Women
at killingsworth.org or mail below:

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Night to
Remember

Tear off and mail this portion with check/money order:
1831 Pendelton St. Columbia, SC 29201 (Payable to Killingsworth Inc.)
All information below required for registration.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

Sponsorship Available

SIGNATURE	\$10,000
PLATINUM	\$5,000
DIAMOND	\$3,000
RUBY	\$1,000
EMERALD	\$500



The annual meeting of the United Methodist Association of Communicators will be in Charleston October 22-25.

The theme of **UMAC23** is **Salt and Light**. We will have an opportunity to examine how our words, videos, emails and social media postings can bring salt and light to God's kingdom. More specifically, we will explore ways to strengthen our communication in a time when communicating the future of the church is so incredibly important.

Conference Connectional Ministries want to make it easy for you to attend, so they are offering **\$100 scholarships** to the **first 15 UMCSC local church communicators who register for UMAC and apply for the assistance**. That's right, your cost for this amazing, fun and informative event could be **just \$50!**

Make your **[hotel reservations](#)** by September 21 at the Charleston Marriott to get the conference rate.

[Full details, including registration link and conference schedule, are available on the UMAC conference page.](#)

We hope to see many church communication coordinators at the conference next month.

OCTOBER CLERGY MEETING

Mark your calendars now for the October Clergy Meeting on **October 17, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**



MSF REMINDER

When completing your **2024 Ministerial Support Form** for Charge Conference, please remember you **MUST** submit the form for district review. This requirement has 2 purposes (1) to ensure the information on the MSF is correct, and (2) to enable you to print the MSF in the correct format for Charge Conference. The link to submit your MSF for review is on the last screen of the form where you enter your name and email address as the one who completed the form. If you have problems submitting your form for review, please contact the district office. We will be glad to help.



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CHAMPION

\$1200

Sponsor a community
outreach project

FRIEND

\$750

Sponsor a retreat for
a student

PARTNER

\$500

Sponsor a fellowship
experience
ex: bowling, holiday party

SUPPORTER

\$150

Sponsor a weekly meal
for the students

PLEASE SUPPORT CAMPUS MINISTRY
FOR LANDER AND PIEDMONT TECH
STUDENTS. MAIL DONATIONS TO THE
DISTRICT OFFICE:
GREENWOOD WESLEY FELLOWSHIP
PO BOX 49968
GREENWOOD, SC 29649



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Domestic Violence: DIFFICULT TRUTHS

Around 20 women and men per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. That equals up to **10 MILLION** women and men.

Source: CDC

Nearly **2,000** women were murdered by men in 2018 — most commonly with a gun

92% of women killed by men were murdered by someone they knew.

Source: VPC

Domestic violence most often comes to our attention when it becomes deadly. In **South Carolina**, the femicide rate (in which a woman is murdered by a man) is often over twice the national average. Apart from 2018 when South Carolina ranked 11th, **in every other year** since VPC began releasing this report in 1998, S.C. has ranked in the top ten states in the nation in the rate of women killed by men. In 2019, South Carolina ranked sixth-worst in the nation for women killed by men. (**Violence Policy Center**)

We know that domestic violence thrives in silence. According to the report, for homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 92 percent were murdered by someone they knew with 65 percent being wives, common-law wives, ex-wives or girlfriends.

Among the female intimates who were murdered, 84 percent were killed with guns; 70 percent of these were shot and killed with handguns.