



# Together in Mission and Ministry

## News from the Greenwood District



Rev. Chris Lollis  
District Superintendent

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Last week charge conference season officially began with my very first charge conference as a Superintendent. I am enjoying getting to know the different faces throughout the Greenwood District. I am enjoying even more the unique and varied ways that the churches are going outside the walls of the church and into the communities to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As I reflect on the ways that churches are being the hands and feet of Jesus I am reminded from 1 Corinthians 12 the imagery that the Apostle Paul shares, *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we are all made to drink of one Spirit.”*

~1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NRSV

Each one of us is a part of the body. Each congregation makes up part of the body of Christ. Each one of us is important in the kingdom work. Over the years I have heard folks say, “We are small in number...we can’t do much.” I have seen otherwise in the past couple of weeks. I have seen evidence of small churches and large churches doing wonderful things for Christ. I have heard and seen of the evidence of the body of Christ at work in the communities. I have heard and seen evidence of needs being met and love and forgiveness being offered and received.

I encourage you to continue working together, using your gifts, seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I encourage you to continue sharing the love of God with all. I look forward to being in ministry with you all in the Greenwood District and beyond.

Blessings on the journey,



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

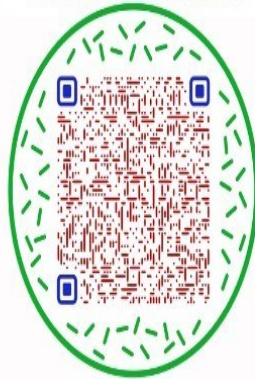
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*Save  
The  
Date*  
Dementia  
Care  
Workshop

presented by



Join us for a morning of conversation and learning around a topic that affects all our congregations; dementia. Bishop Ken Carder and SC Department on Aging representative, Tori Anderson, will share with us essential information about how to be in ministry with those living with dementia.

When: September 25  
9:30am-12:00pm

Where: Mt. Hebron UMC  
3060 Leaphart Rd.  
West Columbia, SC 29169

Scan the QR Code to Register



September 17: Vin and Elaine Davis  
September 22 Ed and Jennifer Stallworth

September 5: Kenneth Taylor (Myra)  
September 7: Carol Wray  
September 30: Kathy Cinnamon

## ***Installation of Our New District Superintendent***

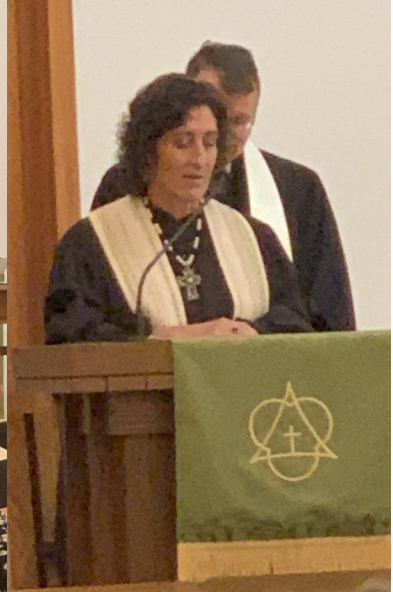
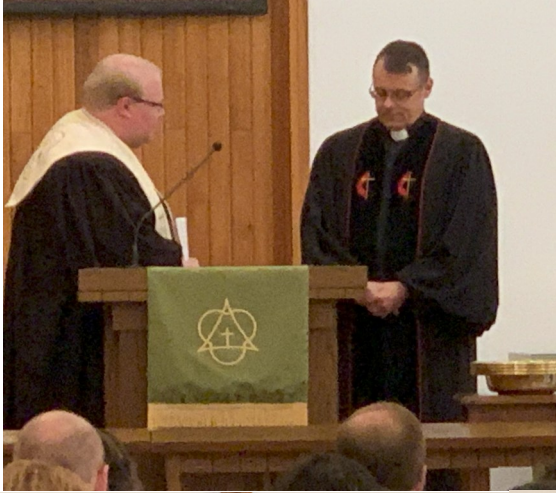
The Revered Christopher M. Lollis was installed Sunday, August 25, at St. Mark UMC, as the new District Superintendent. Rev. Lollis comes to the Greenwood District from the Conference Office of Benefits; however, he has pastored local churches during his career including churches in the Greenwood District.

As part of the service, Rev. Lollis was presented with symbols of the Office of District Superintendent: Bible, *Book of Discipline*, water to remember our baptism, bread and cup to remind us of Holy Communion, a stole as a remembrance of his yoke of service and leadership; a hymnal and *Book of Worship* as he leads us in worship and praise; a towel and basin to remind him to be among us as one who serves; and a globe to remind us that we are in ministry to all the world.

Special thanks to everyone who made this installation service worshipful and meaningful:

St. Mark UMC Chanel Choir, Ms. Carol Jones, director  
Mr. Matthew Miller, musician  
Rev. Jason Wilson, St. Mark Senior Pastor  
Rev. Joey Gambrell, St. Mark Associate Pastor  
Rev. Robby Lybrand, St. Mark Associate Pastor  
Rev. R. T. Bowling, III, chair, District Committee on the Superintendency  
Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson  
Rev. Justin Ritter  
Ms. Sandy Shaffer, District Lay Leader  
Rev. Myra Taylor, presenter  
Rev. Scott Gilmer, presenter  
Rev. Thessa Smith, presenter  
Rev. Dr. Laura Parrish, presenter  
Ms. Susan Roberts, presenter  
Rev. Steve Keck, presenter  
Rev. Kathy Cinnamond, usher  
Rev. Gerald Clinkscates, usher  
Rev. Gray Stallworth, usher  
Ms. Martha Alewine, Administrative Assistant, Greenwood District

See photos on the following page.



# *CONSULTATION/CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER*

## **Consultations**

### **September 3**

John Bolin  
Steve Keck  
Dan Bradley

### **September 5**

Donna Eidson  
Viki Hydrick  
Graham Bennett

### **September 12**

Laura Parrish  
Mike Parrish

Thessa Smith

### **September 16**

Kathy Cinnamond

### **September 19**

Joie Rogers  
Carol Peppers Wray  
Susan Galasso

### **September 23**

William Hightower  
R. T. Bowling III

### **September 25**

Jason Wilson  
Joey Gambrell  
Charles Adams

### **September 26**

Justin Ritter  
Emil Finley

## **Charge Conferences**

### **September 3**

Lupo Memorial

### **September 4**

Ebenezer/Mathews

### **September 9**

Waterloo

### **September 11**

Tranquil

### **September 12**

Main St.

### **September 16**

Harmony/Ware Shoals

### **September 19**

St. Paul, Ninety six

### **September 23**

Hopewell/Sharon

### **September 24**

Lowell St./Panola

### **September 25**

Republican/St. Paul

The full Charge Conference/Consultation Schedule is [available online](#). Pastors should check this schedule for the time of their consultation and charge conference.

Pastors are reminded to complete and submit their [Pastor Consultation form](#) to Rev. Lollis ([gwdist@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdist@umcsc.org)) no later than 5 days prior to the consultation date.

All charge conferences begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

The **September Clergy Meeting** is set for Tuesday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. We will be meeting at St. Paul UMC, 102 E. Butler Ave., Saluda, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.



Soule Chapel United Methodist Church is searching for a Pianist for weekly worship services from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m.

The Pianist would accompany the congregation for three hymns and play a prelude, the Gloria Patri, and an instrumental for a brief period of Meditation.

Soule Chapel is a small, loving congregation.

Salary is negotiable.

Reply to the pastor: Emil Finley: [emil.finley@aol.com](mailto:emil.finley@aol.com).

#### Reminder to Pastors:

If you intend to invite a guest preacher/speaker to your church/charge for any worship event, you must contact your District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Lollis, and discuss this with him **prior** to issuing the speaking invitation.

#### Apportionments Update:

 as of August 28

- 5 church have paid 100%
- 5 churches have paid 75-99%
- 19 churches have paid 50-74%
- 5 churches have paid 25-49%
- 4 churches have paid 1-24%
- 19 churches have paid 0%

#### 2024 Clergy Evaluations

The letter to pastors and SPPRC chairs and the evaluation instrument have been sent to all pastors and SPPRC chairs. Pastors are encouraged to check with their SPPRC chair to ensure that he/she received this information.

The 2024 Clergy Evaluations are due in the district office **no later than November 15**.



United  
Women  
in Faith



Greenwood District Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, September 28, at Central UMC, 1005 College St., Newberry. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme is *Celebrating Love in Action*.

# MEET OUR NEW DISTRICT LAY LEADER



As your new Greenwood District Lay Leader, I would like to take a few moments to greet you and to introduce myself. I am Sandy Shaffer, a member of Tranquil UMC in Greenwood since I moved here in 1980. I have three grown children who live in West Columbia, SC, Farmington, Michigan, and Asheville, NC. I taught special needs students for 33 years in Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina before retiring in 2020. I enjoy reading, knitting, hiking, cooking/baking, and traveling. During retirement I have been twice blessed with travel experiences, first to Israel and Egypt and secondly to Africa University in Zimbabwe with Bishop and Mrs. Holston. Both trips were awe inspiring, educational, and fun. I am now eagerly looking forward to a mission trip early next month to a school in Tanzania where we will be holding VBS for the 300+ students.

Thanks to Dr. Love, our previous District Superintendent, I serve on five District committees. I am also on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, one committee related to that, and now another Conference committee due to being a District Lay Leader.

I am excited to be attending most of your Charge Conferences with our current District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Lollis, and look forward to meeting both the few clergy I don't already know and the many laity I have not met previously. I hope to have the opportunity to encourage and excite you to become more involved through Lay Servant Ministries, the South Carolina Cognitive Connection Ministry, and the Walk to Emmaus. I want you to feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. that you may have. I will respond and will do my best to provide you with answers.

I have known David Salter and Tony Watson, my two predecessors, for many years and realize that I have large shoes to fill! My prayer is that God will grant me His favor as I depend on Him to guide me in this new adventure.

Looking forward to seeing or meeting you soon!

Sandy

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