

WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Update

thanks for stopping by!

We are sent by the Spirit

2026 Sending Forth Service
and Celebration

Sunday, May 3

Main St. UMC

211 Main St. N.,
Greenwood

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Worship at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
A time of fellowship will immediately follow
in the fellowship hall.

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 27 to let us know you will join us . Send an email to Martha confirming your attendance and how many will be coming with you. This is a time for the Greenwood District family to gather.



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Together with United Methodists from around the world, every congregation is invited to participate in the **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously – Miracle Sunday Initiative**, a global effort that will extend the vision of The United Methodist Church and help raise up 500 new pastors across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

While the General Conference allocates more than \$50 million for 13 U.S. seminaries, only \$5 million is provided for more than 20 seminaries in other regions of the world. This initiative is an opportunity for us to help close that gap and support the development of strong, well-prepared leaders across our global connection.

Each church is asked to:

1. Set aside the designated Miracle Sunday date, May 17, for worship and celebration (the series is from April 12-May 17).
2. Use the Congregation Resources Manual to prepare leaders and plan for the series.
3. Pray boldly for God's work through your congregation.
4. Invite everyone to participate in this life-changing moment.

Download a step-by-step manual for your congregation at:
www.endowftecc.org/congregation-resources-manual



SpiritShore 2026 Retreat

May 18–May 22, 2026

Kingston Plantation & Resort
9800 Queensway Blvd.
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29528

Vision • Voice • Victory

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time...though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:2–3 (NIV)

Formerly known as the Carolina Black Clergy Leadership Retreat, this renewed name – SpiritShore – reflects the deep and abiding power of gathering at the shore.

At the shore, the waves return again and again – steady, faithful, and life giving. So too does God’s presence meet us here, calling us into renewal, restoration, and recommitment. As an African proverb reminds us, “*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.*” SpiritShore is a place where we journey together – as leaders, learners, and beloved community.

This retreat is for **both clergy and laity** – from across the Carolinas and beyond. All are welcome. It is a space for mutual learning and leading, where wisdom is shared across generations and contexts. We will gather around the powerful vision of The United Methodist Church:

Love Boldly | Serve Joyfully | Lead Courageously

Conference registration is now open: <https://www.umcsc.org/spiritshoreregistration/>
Registration closes on May 11. On-site registration will be available

The Hilton Kingston Plantation Resort is the exclusive lodging partner. The retreat rate link will be provided after your registration is complete. Single, double, triple, and quad occupancy are available. Inquire about the lodging scholarships that are available.





On Tuesday, June 9, during Annual Conference in Greenville, all clergy and laity are invited to join together to pack 125,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger.

Let us gather to love boldly, lead courageously, and serve joyfully in this Annual Conference Mission Project!

There are 2 important ways to get involved:

1. **Sign up to volunteer** on June 9 - set up, pack meals, or clean up shifts available - all ability & mobility levels can participate!
2. **Give!** We need to raise \$53,780 to cover the cost of the food, packing materials and shipping fees. (Give online or send checks to the conference office, made to UMCSC, for "Rise Against Hunger")

For more information, including volunteer registration and online giving, please visit: <https://www.umcsc.org/ac2026/>





Update on the 2026 Apportionments

As of April 15, this is where the district stands with apportionment payments:

0% paid: 14 churches

1-10% paid: 9 churches

11 - 25% paid: 8 churches paid

26-50% paid: 10 churches paid

51 - 75% paid: 0 churches

76-99% paid: 0 churches

100% paid: 3 churches

Special thanks to **Kings Chapel UMC, Sharon UMC, and Trinity, Greenwood** for paying 100% of their 2026 apportionments!

Paying "our fair share" through apportionments means faith in action. It is our response to God's call to care for one another. Prioritizing apportionment giving, even in challenging times, shows our commitment to love, serve, and grow together as the body of Christ.

HOW APPORTIONMENTS ARE CALCULATED

$$\frac{\text{My church's average net funds}}{\text{Sum of all churches' average net funds}} \times \text{Conference budget} = \text{My church's apportionment}$$