

WELCOME TO OUR
Weekly Update
thanks for stopping by!



As of today, only \$22,400 has been contributed toward the Rise Against Hunger Mission Project.

Every church was asked to donate \$100 toward this mission project. Sadly only 31 churches across the Conference have donated and we have not been informed of any church in the district that has contributed.

PASTORS, If your church has donated \$100 (or more), please send an email to Rev. Lollis (gwdist@umcsc.org) to let him know. If your church has not yet made that contribution, your email to Rev. Lollis should explain why not and include when the contribution will be mailed to the Conference Treasurer, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203, marked for Rise Against Hunger.

Individual donations can be made [online](#).

Annual Conference online registration has closed.

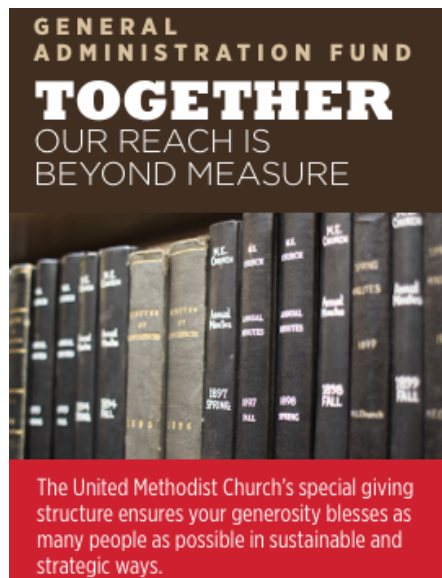
Any new lay delegates must register at Annual Conference. A Lay Delegate Change Form is still required. Contact the District Office for a lay delegate change form



Update on the 2026 Apportionments

As of May 27, this is where the district stands with apportionment payments:

- 0% paid: 12 churches
- 1-10% paid: 10 churches
- 11 - 25% paid: 7 churches
- 26-50% paid: 8 churches
- 51 - 75% paid: 5 churches
- 76-99% paid: 0 churches
- 100% paid: 3 churches



The General Administration Fund underwrites the basic expenses of the General Conference by ensuring execution and adherence to trustworthy systems of oversight.

Looking Ahead



June 2026

June 7-11 - Annual Conference
June 18 - Juneteenth - Office Closed
June 18 - Change of Status Orientation
June 24 - Moving Day
June 28 - First Sunday in new appointments

July 2026

July 3 - Office closed

August 2026

August 1 - Candidacy Summit
August 9 - Bishop Fairley preaching at Zion UMC
August 13 - District Set-up Meeting
August 20 - Candidacy Summit

September 2026

Charge Conferences Begin

September 7 - Labor Day - Office closed
September 8 - Clergy Meeting
September 14-21 - Martha Vacation

October 2026

October 13 - Clergy Meeting

November 2026

November 12 - Clergy Orders
November 25 - 27 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed

December 2026

December 10 - District Christmas Gathering
December 23-28 - Office closed for Christmas



"Where friends and faith are formed"

Help us connect with UM students at Lander University, Presbyterian College, and Piedmont Tech

We are in the planning stages for the 2026-2027 school year and want to make contact with any students from your church who attend, or plan to attend, Lander University, Presbyterian College, or Piedmont Technical College.

Send their name, mailing address, email address, and school name to us now so that we can make invite them to join the Greenwood Wesley Fellowship. Send to gwdist@umcsc.org.



When is your VBS? Let us know so we can share that information across the district.

Do you have VBS materials or supplies that you could share with sister churches? Are you looking for something that another church may have available? Let us share that for you!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Join us on Tuesday, June 9, to cheer on the Greenville Drive baseball team. Everyone is invited. See you at Flour Field next Tuesday.

This link is for a section of tickets so that we can sit together.

https://gd6.glitnirticketing.com/gdticket/cms/view.php?id=tile_SC+United+Methodist+Church+Annual+Conference

The District Office will be closed June 8-10 for Annual Conference. We will re-open for regular business hours on Thursday, June 11.

There will be no update published for the week of June 8

A Prayer for Annual Conference

Gracious and Loving God,
As we gather in your presence, united in purpose, diverse in gifts, experiences, and callings, we seek your wisdom, courage, and grace for the work ahead of us.

Grant us clarity of vision, compassionate hearts, and spiritual courage to follow where you lead.

Bind us together and send us out as bearers of hope, builders of peace, and servants of Christ to glorify you and be fruit bearers for the Kingdom.

Amen.



Dementia Education

- Dementia 101: The Basics
- Dementia 201: Positive Interactions
- Love Your Brain
- Dementia Seminar Series

The above classes are offered in-person and virtually with the exception of the Seminar Series, which is only virtual.

Scan here to explore and register for a **virtual** class:



Scan here to search for an **in-person** class in your community

