

WELCOME TO OUR
Weekly Newsletter
we're so glad you're here!

How about some Thanksgiving Trivia?

Who was the first President to use the word "pardon" to spare the turkeys presented to the President?

When was Thanksgiving declared a national holiday?

How many passengers were on the Mayflower?

What is the least popular dish served at Thanksgiving?

How many turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving Day?

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
Which character wears a chef's hat?
When did the movie debut on television?
What gourmet meal was served?

What is the proper name for a Pilgrim hat?

How long did the first Thanksgiving last?



2025 Clergy Assessment

The completed and signed evaluation form is due in the district office **no later than November 15**. You may email the completed form to the district office or mail to us at PO Box 49968, Greenwood SC 29649

A fillable copy of the evaluation form is available on the [Conference web page](#). You must download the form prior to entering your information.



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Sunday, November 16, 2025

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul UMC

102 E. Butler St., Saluda

Sessions Include:

- Alternate Church Organization – Rev. Millie Nelson Smith
- Church Council – Rev. Cameron Levi
- Finances – Ms. Beth Westbury
- Lay Leadership – Ms. Sandy Shaffer
- Nominations and Leadership Development – Rev. Joseph James
- Trustees – Rev. Robert Cox
- Outreach and Nurture
- S/PPRC – Rev. Chris Lollis

Who Should Attend:

- Church Council Chair and Members
- Finance Chair, Financial Secretary, Members of Committee on Finance
- Lay Leaders and anyone interested in ministry of the laity
- Members of the Board of Trustees
- Chair of Outreach and Nurture Committees/ Work Areas
- S/PPRC Chairs and committee members



DECEMBER 18, 2025

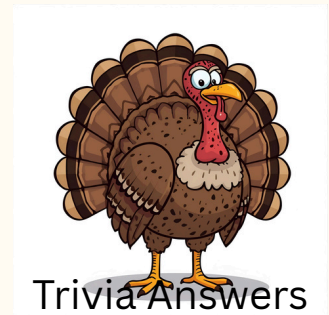
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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GREENWOOD SC

**MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS BY
DECEMBER 11
EMAIL OR CALL MARTHA**



- 1st President to use "Pardon" when talking about the turkeys presented to the White House - George H.W. Bush
- Charlie Brown TV debut - 1973
- Charlie Brown gourmet meal: toast, popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans
- Snoopy wore the chef's hat
- Pilgrim hat is called a *Capotain*
- There were 102 passengers on the Mayflower
- Between 45-46 turkeys are consumed at Thanksgiving according to the National Turkey Federation
- Green Bean casserole is the least popular dish at Thanksgiving according to a popular poll.



Charge Schedule

Sunday, November 9

Meeting at Hopewell UMC

1:00 - Hopewell

2:15 - Augusta Rd.

3:30 - Trinity, Fountain Inn

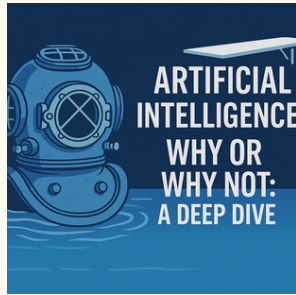
**GCFA WEBINAR
NOVEMBER 12
2:00 PM**

***Building Your Church's
Online Presence***



[Click here to register](#)

Clergy Orders



November 13, 2025

Union UMC

7582 Woodrow St.

Irmo 29063

[Click here to register](#)

Registration closes at
midnight on November 7

Healthflex

Open Enrollment

October 29 - November 13

Check your email (remember we only use your Conference email address) for more information regarding the Open Enrollment period and any possible action you may need to take regarding your health insurance.

Complete directions are in the email. If you have questions about your health insurance, contact Stephanie Ponds Henry (sponds@umcsc.org or 803-735-8795.)



You are invited to join one of the tri-district workshops designed to help churches begin the process of creating a discipleship path for the congregation.

November 8

Highland Park UMC-Florence
(Florence, Hartsville, Marion)

November 22

Trinity UMC-Blythewood
(Columbia, Greenwood, Rock Hill)

Lee Road UMC-Taylors
(Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg)

REGISTER

Pastors may register their church and include the name of up to 5 additional team members that have a passion for discipleship.

The cost for the workshop is \$10 per person to help cover the cost of the catered lunch.

Each workshop is scheduled to take place from 10 AM – 4 PM with check-in/registration beginning at 9:30 AM.



Be the “you” in Matthew 25 #ByOurLove Challenge

Bishop Fairley challenges S.C.
United Methodists to step up
while the government shuts down

“I am asking each local church to make every effort to increase your giving to food pantries in your area. If you have a food ministry, please invite members of your church and the local community to increase giving to help keep the shelves stocked.”

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND
YOU GAVE ME FOOD”

Ways you can help

- Keep the food pantry or blessing box stocked at your church.
- Inquire with community food pantries about their greatest needs.
- Volunteer to help organize donations at community food pantries.
- Contact local schools to find out about specific needs for their students.
- Donate to Harvest Hope Food Bank in the Upstate, the Midlands or the Pee Dee.
- Donate to the One SC Fund, a statewide initiative through the Central Carolinas Community Foundation.



Extend the #ByOurLove Challenge

- Let's see how much good we can do! Whenever you collect food items, restock blessing boxes, or volunteer at a food pantry, wear your red “...by our love” T-shirt, snap a photo, and post it on social media with the hashtags #ByOurLove and #UMCSC.
- When we all do what we can where we are, the impact is magnified exponentially. Let's show the world we are Christians #ByOurLove!