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Heavenly Father,
In this season of thanksgiving and gratitude,
we pause to thank You for the gift of life,
for family and friends who surround us,
for food that nourishes our bodies,
and for love that sustains our spirits.

We remember Your faithfulness through every season, Your mercy that renews us each morning, and Your grace that carries us when we are weak.

Bless our gatherings in this season and throughout the year, Lord. Fill our hearts with kindness, our words with encouragement, and our lives with generosity toward others.

May we never forget that all we have comes from You. We give You thanks today and always.

Amen.



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 (<u>sponds@umcsc.org</u> or 803-735-8795.)

District Office Holiday Schedule



The Greenwood District Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, November 26 and 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Training Resources

The following resources are provided as a follow-up to the leadership training sessions held at St. Paul UMC, Saluda, on Sunday, November 16.

- Alternate Church Organization (PPTX) (Alternate Structure Summary and Meeting Model)
- Finances
- Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (<u>Introduction</u>) (<u>A Day in the Life of the PPRC</u>) (<u>Pastoral Evaluation</u>) (<u>Advisory Response Forms</u>) (<u>FAQs</u>)

Training materials for other positions and committees in the local church are available in the Guidelines series from <u>Cokesbury.com</u>. You can purchase a manual for an individual committee or position, or you may purchase the complete set, *Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation*, 2025-2028. These materials are available in print or as an e-book.

- guidelines finance 2025-2028
- guidelines stewardship 2025-2028
- guidelines trustees 2025-2028
- guidelines worship 2025-2028
- guidelines church council 2025-2028
- guidelines lay leader/lay member 2025-2028
- guidelines pastor-parish relations 2025-2028
- guidelines nominations & leadership development 2025-2028
- guidelines pastor 2025-2028
- guidelines communications 2025-2028