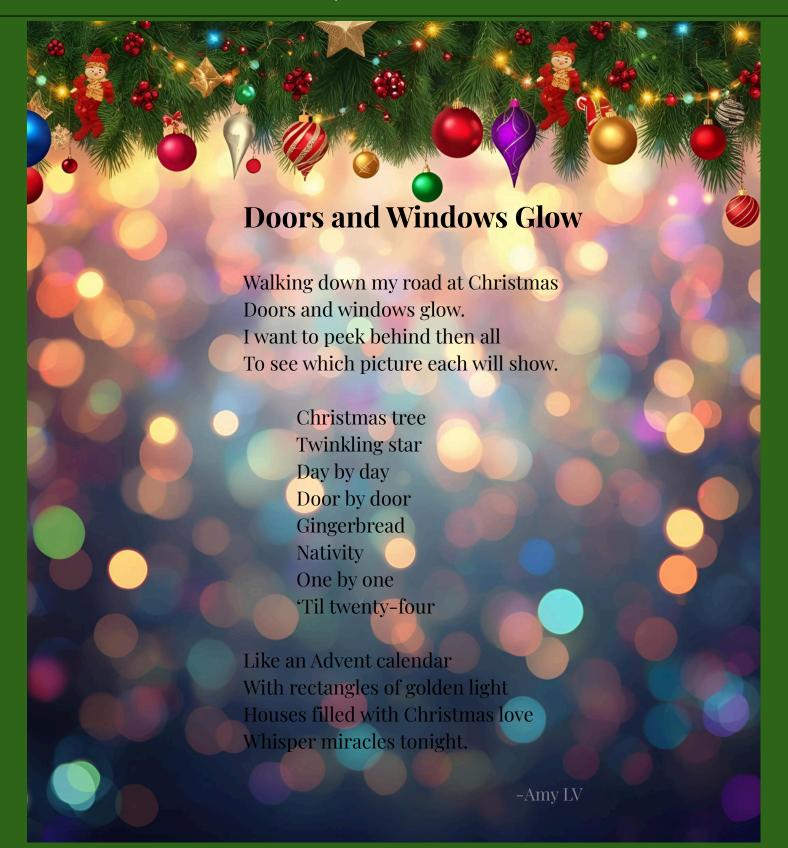
## **WELCOME TO OUR** Weekly Newsletter ne're so glad you're here!





TikTok just launched a feature that lets you control how much AI-generated content shows up in your For You feed. You can dial it up, dial it down, or leave it as-is. It's basically a volume knob for the robot stuff.

Honestly? We're impressed TikTok is giving users the choice. Meta and OpenAI are going all-in on AI-only feeds, while TikTok's like, "hey maybe people still want to see actual humans doing dumb dances."

Actually, more important than that, many young people use TikTok as their defacto search engine. If that terrifies you, congratulations! You're old! We asked someone this week if they "TikToked" like we Google...and their answer "for quick answers" was a 100% "yes." So [it might be a good thing that] you can tune down AI content now if you're using [TikTok] as your #1 source of information!

Also, the company is testing "invisible watermarks" that only TikTok can read, making it harder to strip AI labels when content gets re-uploaded. Smart move, because those <u>C2PA Content Credentials</u> everyone uses disappear faster than our motivation on Monday mornings.

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## **Direct Billing Savings**

Beginning January 1, 2026, the ACH direct billing discount will increase from \$15/month to \$1800/month. Sign up today for the automatic draft to pay your direct billing. Read about it on page 24 of this month's The Advocate. Still have questions? Contact Stephanie Ponds Henry (spondshenry@umcsc.org or 803-735-8795).



## **Advisory Response Forms**

REMINDER: The Advisory Response Forms from clergy and PPRCs are due in the District Office by December 15. The forms were sent to all clergy and all PPRC chairs in November. You may submit the completed forms by email (gwdist@umcsc.org) or through the mail (Greenwood District, PO Box 49968, Greenwood 29649). Please do not include our street address on the envelop because the Post Office will return it to you.

If another copy of the Advisory Response Forms is needed, please contact the district office.

ALL members of the PPRC must sign both forms. The pastor must sign both forms.

## **District Christmas Gathering**

It's not too late to let us know you will join us for the 2025 Christmas gathering.

December 18 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Inn on the Square 104 Court St. East Greenwood

Fun and laughter are guaranteed with our White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring **one wrapped gift per person to swap**. The gift should cost no more than \$12. Be creative, wacky, tacky, and aiming for laughter. The more "white elephant" your gift the better!



Santa has your white elephant gifts ready!

Contact the district office to make your meal reservations by **December 8.** 

We look forward to seeing you on December 18.



If you would like to share information about Advent events/activities at your church, just send the information with any pictures to the District Office. We publish the newsletter each Monday. Thank you for letting us share what's happening at your church.