

WELCOME TO OUR
Weekly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



Annual Statistical Reports WERE DUE
February 28!

Churches that have
started but not submitted
their Reports

Epworth
Harris
Lewis Memorial
St. Paul, Ninety Six
Tranquil
Ware Shoals

Churches that have *not*
started their Reports

Harmony, Ware Shoals
O'Neal St.

Reminders

Be sure to address any questions that are **flagged in red**. An explanation about your answer is required.

You must click the **Finalize** button to register your report with GCFA and the Conference.

Pastors,
If your church is listed above, please send an email to Rev. Lollis (gwdist@umcsc.org) by noon on Thursday, March 5, explaining why your statistical reports have not been submitted.



GREENWOOD DISTRICT

The **2026 Spring Lay Servant Ministry School** is scheduled for April 19 and 26, 2026, at Grace UMC, North Augusta. **Registration deadline is April 10.** If you register by mail, the envelope must be postmarked no later than April 10.

All information is now available on the [Greenwood District webpage](#), including mail-in and online registration, the letter to pastors and current lay servants, and the booklist. Click on the link for *Lay Servant Ministries* on the main District webpage.

Courses to be offered are: *BASIC with Youth Addendum; Polity, Leading Worship; and Discipleship in the Marketplace.* Cost is \$35 per course. You must fully attend both sessions to receive credit for the course.



Wesleyan Mission:
Serve Joyfully
South Carolina Conference
Spring Clergy Orders Gathering

**SAVE
THE
NEW
DATE:
April 16
10 a.m.**

**EDISTO
FORK
UMC**

**ORANGE
BURG**

Please note the date change!

DISTRICT REDUCTION INITIATIVE

The Next Phase - Tri-District Listening Sessions

Join the Logistics Team for one of the
Tri-District Listening Sessions:

March 8 (Hartsville, Florence, Marion)
March 15 (Columbia, Greenwood, Rock Hill)
March 22 (Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson)
You may join any session.

The sessions will be streamed from 4:00 p.m. -
5:00 p.m.

The purpose of these Listening Sessions is to
share with clergy and laity ongoing plans for
continuing district reductions, transferring files,
and providing assistance through this next
phase.



<https://www.umcsc.org/transition/>

GRANT WRITING SEMINAR

Presented in partnership with The South Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church--Office of Connectional Ministries and the South Carolina Office of Resilience – SCOR.

Come learn how you might engage your community and provide services to those who are in need. Discover new funding opportunities! Open to local church leaders and other non-profit organizations

March 20, 2026

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Open Hearts UMC
2703 Augusta St.
Greenville, SC

[Click here to register.](#)

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch.
Pay onsite.

Seminar Highlights

Why and How to Apply for Grants

Where and How to Find Grants

How to Manage and Reports on Grant Outcomes

Bring a notebook and your questions!



Spring Forward on March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Savings Time (DST) has been observed in the U.S. since 1918. Until 1966 there were no uniform rules for when the time change would begin or end. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 aligned the dates of the time change across the U.S. Most U.S. states and territories observe DST; exceptions are Hawaii, most of Arizona, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and Guam.



CHURCH FINANCES

The 2025 Local Church Audit is due in the District Office by **March 31**. The audit form is available online through the Treasurer's Office.

REMINDER: This form is sent directly to the District Office NOT to the Treasurer's Office. You may mail the completed audit to Greenwood District, PO Box 49968, Greenwood 29649; or you may email the completed form to gwdist@umcsc.org.



2026 SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

See The Possibilities: What do you see? Can you see anything? Mark 8:22-26

June 7-10, 2026 at the Greenville Convention Center



Go to www.umcsc.org/ac2026 for the latest info on this year's Annual Conference.

Registration is now open and will remain open until May 27.

Now is the time to make hotel reservations.

Pastors: If you need to change the Lay Member(s) to the 2026 Annual Conference, it must be done using the Lay Member Change Form signed by Rev. Lollis. Changes must be submitted to the Conference Secretary's office no later than May 27, 2026. You may contact the District Office, and we will complete the Change Form for you, or you may complete the Change Form and email it to us. Rev. Lollis will sign the form; we will submit it to the Conference Secretary on your behalf; and email you a copy of the signed form.