

A Letter from Your Senior Pastor...

General Conference 2026: Becoming the Church We Are Called to Be

Pastor Hunter and I had the privilege of joining Global Methodist delegates from around the world for the first General Conference of the Global Methodist Church, held in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 2024, delegates gathered in Costa Rica for our Convening Conference, which established our new denomination and adopted our initial Doctrine and Disciplines. This year in Johannesburg, the church gathered to open that established framework to the full legislative process. In many ways, it was our first opportunity to ask not only, "What will this new denomination be and do?" but **"What kind of church will we become?"**

The Convening Conference of 2024 was largely about establishing the Global Methodist Church. In the two years since, the denomination has grown from approximately 4,700 congregations to more than 7,250, while the number of annual conferences has grown from 36 to 55. Most significantly, the number of annual conferences outside the United States has more than doubled. As David Watson, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, reflected after the conference, Johannesburg was in many ways the GMC's first opportunity to experience itself as a truly global church. The theme of the gathering was **"The Beauty of Holiness."** That theme was more than a slogan. It pointed us back to the heart of our Wesleyan heritage: God is not merely interested in what we believe but in who we are becoming.

During the week, delegates adopted a set of newly articulated Articles of Faith, providing a unified theological foundation for the GMC. Those and all the legislative changes voted upon will be published in our new *2026 Book of Doctrines and Discipline* which will likely be released in early 2027. We also elected eight bishops, our first full-time episcopal shepherds, who will provide spiritual and theological leadership for the coming six years. All those decisions matter. But perhaps the most important question coming out of Johannesburg is not simply, "What did General Conference decide?" but, **"What kind of church are we becoming?"**

That question ultimately comes home to Mulder Church. A denomination can adopt beautiful statements of faith, establish structures, elect leaders, and write rules. But none of those things makes disciples. Local churches do that work through our worship, preaching, prayers, study of the scriptures, small groups, children and youth ministries, missions, and the ordinary Christian practices through which people learn to follow Jesus.

This is why Johannesburg matters to us. The Global Methodist Church is seeking to recover a distinctly Wesleyan vision of discipleship and scriptural holiness, a vision in which faith is not simply something we believe but a life we practice. The new Articles of Faith give us a common theological foundation, our global connection gives us brothers and sisters from cultures and contexts different from our own, and our new episcopal leadership will help guide the denomination in the years ahead.

But the future of the GMC will ultimately be shaped in churches like ours. What kind of disciples are we becoming? What kind of church are we becoming? And how is God calling Mulder Church to participate in His mission in our community and around the world?

Costa Rica helped establish the Global Methodist Church. Johannesburg began the work of shaping the church we are becoming. And now, that work belongs to all of us. It's good to be home.

To listen to a more elaborate reflection from Pastor Hunter and me on what took place and what we experienced at General Conference, check out the Mulder Church podcast on YouTube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts: <https://mulderchurch.com/mulder-church-podcast-channels>.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jonathan

October 2026

Connecting with God
Growing in Christ
Serving Others



Café Mulder

Tuesday,
November 3, 2026
7am-7pm

Mulder serves as a polling site
for Elmore County.

We need volunteers to help
greet and hand out snacks.

We also need donations
of baked goods and snacks. If
you don't like to bake, we are
also accepting prepackaged
snack items such as cookies,
cakes, crackers, chips, nuts,
etc.

To sign up for a shift or for
more information, contact the
church office.

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CHILDREN'S NEWS



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Sunday Mornings in Kidstown

Nursery provided at 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM (6 weeks-Pre K)

9:30AM - Build Up Jr: K-1st graders meet in Noah's Boat Shop

9:30AM - Build Up: 2nd-4th graders meet in Carter Hall

9:30AM - Route 56: 5th & 6th graders meet in Rt 56 room (behind Carter Hall)

11:00AM - Build Up: K-6th graders meet in Carter Hall

Students may be divided into smaller groups by age at 11:00 in the future based on attendance and volunteers.

Wednesday Nights in Kidstown

Club Kidstown, 6-7pm

The K & 1st grade group will be going through the Jesus Storybook Bible, having a snack and other activities like crafts, games and playing outside.

The 2nd-4th graders will be learning faith foundations like how to use and read our Bible, how to pray, missions & serving, etc. They will also have a snack and other fun activities.

Memory Verse:

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

Route 56 Small Groups, 6-7pm

Our 5th & 6th grade girls' small group will be going through a Bible study called Making Lemonade, learning how to deal with life's struggles.

Our 5th & 6th grade boys' small group will be going through a Bible study called Got Wisdom: a study of Proverbs.

Own It Sunday, October 18

A group of 7 students will be joining the church and being baptized and re-affirming their baptisms. We would love for you to pray for them and celebrate this step of faith. Evelyn Carter, Emma Lynn Evans, Brantley & Caiden Freeman, Violet Jones, Grayson Rhodes & Adeline Sexton.



Fall Festival, October 25, 4-6pm

We are currently accepting candy donations (individually wrapped, no gum & no scary candy please.)

Please also check out the volunteer sign up table outside the worship center. Adults and youth (7th-12th graders) are invited to serve! This is one of our largest outreach events and we would love your help!



Traditional Worship

It's not too late to join the Christmas Choir.

Practices are held on Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm in the choir room.

All are welcome!

****Mulder Church is looking for a worship choir pianist for the traditional service.****

If you would like to join the choir or for more info, contact Kathy Corbman at kcorbman@elmore.rr.com.

Annual Charge Conference

**Thursday, November 5
6:30pm**

Mulder's annual charge conference will be held in the worship center. All members are welcome to attend, but only Church Council members get to vote.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits, and hang-ups of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

CR meets each Friday 6-8:30pm in Carter Hall.

For more information, contact Tracy Pfannkuche at (334)296-2774 or Audra Pfannkuche at (334)300-8273.



Women's Conference Registration Deadline to register is October 3rd!

Mulder Church is hosting a women's conference October 16th-17th. We will have live worship, three teachings from Priscilla Shirer simulcasted from her Going Beyond Conference, break out groups, and prayer.

Childcare will not be available.

Conference t-shirts will also be an optional, additional purchase as part of the registration process.

Scholarships are available on a limited, first come - first serve basis.

To register use the QR code above or go to mulderchurch.com.
For questions or more information, please email wow@mulderchurch.com.

MEN'S RETREAT CAMP CHANDLER

OCTOBER 30 & 31

Guest Speakers:

**Rev. Craig Carter &
Rev. Mark Jackson**

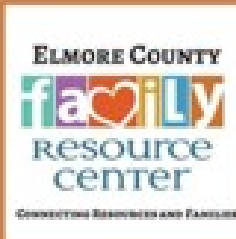
**CONTACT: TIM ALBRITTON
334-462-6150**

Men's Retreat at Camp Chandler
October 30-31, 2026.

Registration fee is \$100. The fee will include lodging and two meals.
(Friday's supper & Saturday's breakfast)

Deadline to register is October 11th.

To register or for more information,
contact Tim Albritton.



Food Drive

**for
Snacks in a Backpack
in Elmore County School District**

**Mac &
Cheese**

Juice Boxes

**Canned
Spaghetti &
Meatballs/
Ravioli**

**Fruit Cups
or
Applesauce**

**October 4, 2026
Collection Date!**

**Canned
Vegetables**

**Peanut
Butter
Crackers**

**Small
Containers
of Peanut
Butter**

**Beanie
Weenies**

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Carlie Mann *Daryl & Alicyn Moore	2 Carter Gunnells Jessica Gober Brad Phillips Andrew Jennings	3
4 Clara Schimmer Helen Sansom Caroline Morse Jonathan Phillips *Joey & Tracy Holley	5 Jamison Colquitt Zoey Brown *John & Sharon Pine	6 Virginia Kate Scarborough *Brian & Amanda Killough	7 Dakota Light *David & Shari Rudd *Brad & Heather Phillips *Michael & Sherrie Boone	8	9 Jan Taylor Anne Payne Marc Dendy Melanie Baker *Donne & Krissy Landers *Greg & Mary Pate	10 Jonathan Storrs
11 Moses Stouffer Nacole Baxley Amy Smith	12 Debra Price Beau Boyd Nikki Wasden Patricia Harris *Jake & Caitlin Yarbrough	13 Jacob Faulkner Jackson Gaines Ken Hollenbeck *Harry & Carol Walker	14	15 Scout Yarbrough	16 Cindee Mundy	17 Brantley Freeman Susan Edwards Brent Speer Gloria McDonald Peggy Penn *Bo & Peggy Penn
18 Ashley O'Ferrell Jamie Taylor	19 Caiden Freeman	20 Whiting Hargrove Blake Smith	21 Brayden Garrard Tracy Pfannkuche Jonathan Wyatt Reed Owen *Andy & Shelly Rankin	22 Vanessa Skipper	23	24 William Celka Linda Holley
25 Emily Watson Joey Hunter Lindsey Rogers *Ben & Sarah Bateman *Patrick & Kristi Smith	26 Robin LaPorte Cade Gunnells Joshua Brown	27 Tisha Ward Camille Roebling Ben Busbee Bella Boyd Brooke Boyd	28 Jerry Hicks Anna Claire Wright Matthew Pate Liz Hart Kim Mills *Caleb & Cassidy Harper	29 Mark Auen Levi Ryan	30 *Evan & Lauren Wright	31 Lilia Bogoeva

Financial Info for 2026/2027 Fiscal Year - 7/01/2026-08/31/2026:

Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Contributions vs. Budget	Contributions vs. Expenses
\$210,904	\$188,205	\$171,328	- \$22,699	\$16,877

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**Legends of the Fall Season 8**

Mulder Youth meet on Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm. Students grades 7-12 are invited for a time of worship, teaching and small groups. Doors open at 4:00pm.

Youth Mid Week

Our Wednesday night activities will start on August 12 from 6-7pm in the Worship Center.

Youth Sunday School

Join us for Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30am in the Youth Room.

Mulder Youth Pumpkin Carving Party - Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-7:30 pm

Join us for a Pumpkin Carving Party! Students should bring their own pumpkin and come ready for a relaxed night of carving, hanging out, and having fun together. Food will be provided! There will still be many different ways to score points for your Legends of the Fall team.

DNOW Conference Sign Up

We will be headed to Saint James Church in Montgomery, November 6th-8th for DNOW. The event is a mini conference with this year's theme being Freedom Collective. Registration fee is \$89 for the event and includes a tee shirt, meals and lodging at Saint James. I really encourage your student to sign up for DNOW by scanning the QR code.

**Stay Connected**

Follow the youth Instagram page at "mulderyouth", check out the youth Facebook page by searching Mulder Youth, email jared@mulderchurch.com or text Jared at 260-388-8660.