

DEC 2024

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rhdccm@gmail.com



The Connection

ROCK HILL DISTRICT

139 Elizabeth Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29730
803-328-0218 rhdist@umcsc.org
M-TH, 8am-1pm



Happy Birthday

- 12/1 Michael Walker
- 12/4 Carlos Gardner
- 12/12 Pete Bernston
- 12/12 Kristen Richardson-Frick
- 12/22 Michael Jarrell
- 12/25 Anthony Hodge
- 12/29 Jonathan Smith

JEREMIAH TEAMS

A New Hope: God's Promised Future

Bishop Fairley, after consultation with the Extended Cabinet and the Ministry Advisory Team, is inviting about two dozen persons to form “Jeremiah Teams” and take the lead in developing recommendations in four areas: Missional Priorities, Strategy for the Black Church and Ethnic Ministries, District Alignment, and Conference Staff Alignment. The aim is to take concrete and practical steps to transform how the conference is structured, how it operates, and how it aligns with “Our 4 Priorities” – encouraging South Carolina United Methodists to “see the possibilities and live the promise.”

[Read full article here](#)



Merry Christmas
from the
Rock Hill District Office!



2025 Bishop's School of Ministry

Feb 4-6, 2025
Hilton Myrtle Beach
\$225 Registration

What now?

"But I can promise you this. If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell this mountain to move from here to there. And it would. Everything would be possible for you. (Matthew 17:20b CEV)"



Bishop's School of Ministry Talent Show

Bring your voices, dance moves, comedy, poetry, lip syncs, instruments and your spirit of entertaining as we fellowship together. Limited Spots available in the Talent Show. Sign Up using the QR Code or Link



[Sign up](#)

Event Speakers & Leaders



Dr. Lovett H. Weems Jr.
Wesley Theological Seminary
What do we do now?



Bob Christophel
Wespath Education Manager
Retirement Planning



Bishop Leonard E. Fairley
South Carolina Resident Bishop
Closing Worship



Rev. Arthur Gamble
Music Team

[Click here for
Event & Registration Info](#)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Are you curious about the foundational roots of The United Methodist Church? Join in for *Radicle Methodism 2025*, a **FREE** enriching program brought to you by the General Commission on Archives and History in collaboration with Discipleship Ministries.

In botany, the radicle is the first part of a seedling to emerge from the seed during germination. The radicle is the embryonic root of the plant. This transformative study program will offer an opportunity to explore the origins and evolution of Methodism.

While the study is available online for individual participation, it can also be a fun—and impactful— journey through it together as a small group or church. This shared experience is ideal for intergenerational groups, providing a space where people of all ages can learn from one another.



[Click to register](#)

Jan 15 - Feb 28 2025

**FREE &
open to all!**

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY



The Rock Hill District UMVIM group will lead a mission to

Guabal, Panama

February 15-23, 2025

Help the team work on a construction project and possibly Bible School. No experience required. Cost is approximately \$2500.00. If interested, contact Ken Hudson at kenrhudson@yahoo.com



Please be in prayer for the team and the Panamanians of Guabal.

If there are events around our district and/or conference you would like to see shared in our district newsletter, please email info to rhdccm@gmail.com

CELEBRATE 2024 WITH A YEAR-END IMPACT REPORT

As you look ahead to 2025 don't forget to celebrate all the great things your church accomplished in 2024. Have you thought about creating a year-end impact report to share all the wonderful ministries of your church throughout the year? [Get some customizable templates here.](#) If you have Canva (free for nonprofits!) you can change the template to include whatever information you want.



You can use your own images!

You can use your own message!

You can change the labels in the boxes

If you need help, just contact Nona at nmwoodle@umcsc.org or 803-385-8040

There are also templates with fewer boxes

GAIN NEW SKILLS



Digital Ministry 101

Are you interested in starting live-streaming for your church but don't know where to begin? Or you are streaming, but your quality isn't that great? We are here to help! All you need is your smartphone. Join Rev Kendall Healy and Congregational Specialist Nona Woodle, who are teaming up to offer Digital Ministry 101, a series of workshops designed to help you improve your online presence.

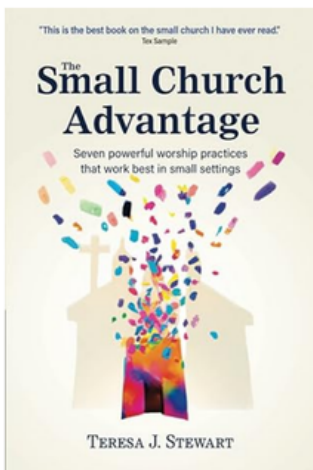
The first workshop, designed for the entry-level beginner, will focus on helping you learn to engage your online audience through quality video content. Space is limited, so sign-up today! There is space for 10 churches, and up to three people from each church are invited to attend.

Saturday, Jan 18, 10am-12
Location: TBD in Rock Hill

[Register here!](#)



BOOK NOOK



The Small Church Advantage

by Teresa J. Stewart

In *The Small Church Advantage*, author Teresa Stewart offers reminders that small congregations are not "less than" anything. She highlights the strengths of the small church and offers practical advice for how to use those strengths as an advantage.

Learn how to add conversation to your worship, reshape how you view potential partnerships in your community, use the ordinary gifts and graces in your church to personalize worship and make it extraordinary.

This book offers a theological foundation for God's work especially in the small places, asks reflective questions to help you view your ministry with a new lens, and also offers practical applications for your worship context.

[Author's blog with FREE resources!](#)
smallchurch.org

Available at:

[Amazon](#)

[Cokesbury](#)

[Market Square Books](#)

Would you like to recommend a book? Email rhdccm@gmail.com with a brief write-up and book info!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**District-wide
Ministry Fair &
Workshop Event
Saturday,
May 3, 2025
Time & Location TBD**

Engage in meaningful conversation as you connect and collaborate with other ministry leaders across our district. Set up a table in the ministry fair to share the great work you are doing! Share ideas, establish friendships, explore ways to join together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



[click here
for RH District
LSM info](#)

Lay Servant Ministries

2025 DATES for CLASSES

February 15 & 16, 2025

Woodland UMC, Rock Hill

Basic: ShaRome Henry and Lynne Tyner

Call to Preach: Rev. Robin Griffith

Connectional Living/Connectional Giving: Rev. Nellie Cloninger

Justice in Everyday Life/Social Principles: Athena Cathcart

May 17 & 18, 2025

Grace-Lynwood, Lancaster

Classes offered TBD

AROUND ROCK HILL



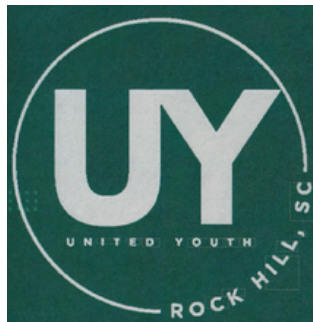
**Respite Care for
People with Dementia**
Mondays & Fridays, 10-2

Caregivers' Support Group
Second Mondays, 10-11:30

Woodland UMC
801 N. Cherry Rd, Rock Hill

803-328-2842
[Find out more here!](#)

United Youth



**Journey to
Bethlehem**

**A Walk-through Interactive Pageant of
the Living Christmas Story**

12/7 and 12/8 | 5-8 PM

St. John's United Methodist Church
321 S. Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730

If you would like to have your church events featured in the Jan newsletter, please send your info and any graphics to rhccm@gmail.com by Dec 20th.

For those 50+

Gods Precious Seniors

WEAR AN UGLY T-SHIRT,
SWEATSHIRT, OR SWEATER!



CORNERSTONE CHURCH
DECEMBER 14TH
1:00 - 4:00



BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS
FINGER FOOD TO SHARE!

Christmas Party!

NAVIGATING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM PRESENTATION *

JANUARY 11, 2025



CORNERSTONE UMC
2697 HECKLE BLVD.
ROCK HILL



9:30 ~ SIGN IN & REFRESHMENTS

10:00-11:00 ~ PROGRAM BY
RACHEL NASH, BCPA

11:00 ~ Q & A SESSION

ANY QUESTIONS ~ CONTACT DEBBIE JACKSON
803-417-3510

*AN OVERVIEW OF HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE

CHESTER

Christmas VBS

Dec 14, 10-3pm
at Wesley Memorial, Chester

Contact Pastor Shannon Higgins for
more information: 803-487-4719



LANCASTER



Zion UMC

Lancaster

1665 Zion Rd.
Lancaster, SC



[click here](#)

Dec
7th

Zion's Country Christmas returns on Saturday the 7th with food, games, crafts, and fun for the whole family!

Dec
24th

Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

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DID YOU KNOW?

SOCIAL MEDIA for CHURCHES



We all know we *should* be using social media platforms to reach into the world beyond the walls of our churches, but where to start? That will depend on our target audience. Are you using it as a way to connect with your church between Sundays? Are you trying to engage your community? Are you trying to engage with a certain age group? Knowing your target audience can help you determine your starting point! Studies show different age groups prefer different platforms. Hopefully this guide will help you in your approach to engaging social media as a ministry tool.

Gen Z (Ages 18-24): TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube, preference for quick, engaging media.

Millennials (Ages 25-34): Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn, largest users of social media.

Gen X (Ages 35-49): Facebook, YouTube, Pinterest valuing these platforms for news, community updates, video content, lifestyle, and shopping.

Baby Boomers (Ages 50-64): Facebook primarily for connecting with friends and family. YouTube is also well-utilized for entertainment and educational videos.

Seniors (Ages 65+): lower social media participation, YouTube and Facebook are the most used platforms, mostly for staying connected and accessing content that aligns with their interests.

Best times to post on social by channel

YouTube	6-9 PM	Instagram	12-3 PM or 6-9 PM
Facebook	12-3 PM	TikTok	6-9 PM
X/Twitter	12-3 PM	LinkedIn	3-6 PM



Best days to post content: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays,

Resources:

[Oberlo Social Media Statistics by Age](#)

[Khoros 2024 Social Media Demographics Guide](#)

[Hubspot's 2024 Social Media Trends Report](#)



SAVE *the* DATE

47th Annual CROSS CULTURAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025 • SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
HILTON HOTEL • REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 2024
WWW.CROSSCULTURALACTIONCOUNCIL.ORG



SAVE THE *Date*

JANUARY 23-24, 2025

33rd Annual Granville Hicks Leadership Academy

James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel
Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, University President
Rev. Larry D. McCutcheon, Interim University Chaplain
(803) 535-5150
lmccutcheon@claflin.edu

FOR THE YOUTH



+ REVOLUTION



Township Auditorium
Columbia, SC
January 24-26, 2025

REGISTER NOW!



scan or [click here](#)

FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

District-wide Training for new Church Officers

Is your church installing new officers? Does your new leadership need training to better equip them for their roles? If so, please complete [THIS SURVEY](#) to let us know what training/which roles are needed. If what you need is not listed, please be sure to let us know in the “other” option. Survey will stay open until the end of January, and then we will organize training and then let you know time and location.

[Link to Service for the Installation
or Recognition of Church Leaders](#)

[Link to Training Survey.](#)



SUPPORT CAMPUS MINISTRY

Thank you for your support! As we wrap up this semester, we give thanks for those churches and individuals who have supported Winthrop Wesley through the provision of meals, financial support, and your prayers. We look forward to returning to campus in January.

As you prepare for 2025, we appreciate your continued support! And if you or your church has not yet partnered with us, there are many ways you can get involved to help support our college campus ministry. Our students appreciate a warm meal. If you are located too far to bring a meal, you can provide financial support for meals or activities by visiting the link provided in the QR code, or simply email Laurel Capesius at lacapesius@umcsc.org.

Laurel is also available to come to your church to share about Winthrop Wesley with congregations or to preach. Please contact her to schedule a Sunday!

Partner with us to help transform the lives of young adults!

Link to winthrop-wesley.churchcenter.com/giving



Winthrop Wesley is a college ministry serving students of Winthrop University, Clinton College, and York Tech. Participants are invited to enjoy a meal and lively discussions each Monday evening, and movie time on Wednesdays.

Your church can help by providing weekly meals for the students and staff. And of course, you are always welcome to join at meal time! Contact Campus Ministry Director Laurel at director@winwes.org to discuss other ways to support this ministry!

SAFE SANCTUARIES

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If your church needs Safe Sanctuaries training, please contact a member of the district Safe Sanctuaries team to schedule a time to provide training for your church.

