

JAN 2025

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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

- 1/2 Laurel Capesius
- 1/7 Mallory Nickerson
- 1/16 James Correll
- 1/20 Joy Garrison
- 1/23 Melissa Shortridge

Isaiah 43:18-19

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”



LISTENING SESSIONS

A Step Toward Healing

The District Office will be facilitating a process for clergy and laity in the Rock Hill District to share their experience with others and address the various emotions they have had or are currently experiencing as a result of the Judicial Council ruling regarding separating from the United Methodist Church.

There will be two listening sessions so you can choose which works best for your schedule. In these sessions, there will be questions provided to help guide the discussions you will have with other clergy and lay members. The goal is to provide an opportunity for your voice to be heard, and be a first step toward healing and wholeness as we begin to discern how we step into the future together in Christian unity and peace.

Wednesday

January 22

7-8:30pm

OR

Thursday

January 23

7-8:30pm

Please use the link provided here to register for one of the listening sessions. Once you have registered, you will receive a follow-up email closer to the session date that will provide further guidance for participation so that this can be beneficial for everyone.

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](#)



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

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

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

Saturday, February 15, 9-4:30 (lunch included)

Sunday, February 16, 1:30-4:30

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

Fresh Expressions: Mallory Forte-Nickerson & Michael Jerrell

May 17 & 18, 2025

Grace-Lynwood, Lancaster

Classes offered TBD

FOR 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.](#)

CHESTER

WE ARE ALL MADE TO

SHINE!



A worship experience for all abilities!
Second Sunday each month @ 6pm

Wesley Memorial UMC 1217 JA Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

A MINISTRY OF BETHEL & WESLEY MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF CHESTER

Come as you are! Dress comfortably- whether that is fancy or casual for you!

There are break rooms, fidgets, instruments and more so you and your family can participate as much or as little as you want.

There are alternative seating options and areas that are not in traditional worship.

All entryways are manned by volunteers so caregivers can enjoy worship without worrying about safety.

The music and message are simple, and every time together will end with the same song.

There is coffee, water, and a small snack to enjoy. You can also bring your own!

Please call, text, or email with any questions or concerns. We are always open to suggestions.

For more info, contact:
Pastor Shannon Higgins
803-487-4719
shannon.c.higgins@gmail.com

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

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!](#)

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 Kendell 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!](#)

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Connecting Children in
Worship and Prayer
umcsc.org/children

Engaging in Intergenerational Ministries

Conference awarded \$1.1 million grant to develop intergenerational ministry centered on children

For years, churches have sought ways to be more fruitful in ministry with children. Soon, United Methodist churches in South Carolina will have new tools to support this effort, thanks to a grant from the Lilly Endowment. This funding will enable the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church to establish a new ministry in collaboration with Messy Church USA, Narrative 4, and the West Virginia Conference UMC via its Portico online learning system.

Connecting Children in Worship and Prayer will foster a culture of belonging in congregations and promote a shift in how worship is experienced, focusing on intergenerational practices involving storytelling and the arts.

[Read full article here for more information.](#)

How can you get more information about participating?

There will be two information sessions offered online so you can learn more about what becoming a participating church entails.

Tuesday, January 21

11:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83099097032>

Meeting ID: 830 9909 7032

7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81623377362>

Meeting ID: 816 2337 7362



[Application for participation here.](#)



BETHEL UMC SOUP KITCHEN

Every Thursday
January 9 to March 27

11 am - 1 pm

1232 Curtis Street,
Rock Hill, SC 29730

We hope to see you
soon!

**CURRENTLY LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEERS**
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL 803-327-4881
EMAIL
BETHELROCKHILL@GMAIL.COM