



The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

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United Methodists Launch Free Mobile App



Mobile device users can easily access information about The United Methodist Church on the go with a new free United Methodist application. Developed by United Methodist Communications and Music City Networks, the app is now available for free download for iPad, iPhone and Android smartphone users.

The application enables mobile access to daily devotions, news, videos, photos, social media sites and a searchable index of United Methodist churches by geographic area. The “Ask InfoServ” feature connects users who have questions about the church or requests for resources with church staff who can help.

“We created the app so that we could deliver information about the denomination to people in a way that’s fast, simple and easy to use,” said the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications, the global communications agency of The United Methodist Church. “The features available now are just a start. Our goal is to roll out new offerings over the coming months.”

Hollon said that in early 2012, another new mobile application will be launched that will make it easier for users to connect with the United Methodist General Conference, the meeting of the denomination’s top policy-making body that occurs once every four years. The 2012 meeting will take place April 24-May 4 in Tampa, Fla. The application will allow delegates and other interested parties to track proposed legislation, as well as to conveniently keep up with scheduled events and access information about the meeting locale.

The app can be found by searching the app store for United Methodist Church or by going to <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-official-mobile-app-the/id471401660?mt=8&cls=1>

Get Connected, Stay Connected

Here's a glimpse at what's coming up in and around the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

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Revolution | March 16-18

The 2012 South Carolina United Methodist Youth event Revolution will be held on a new date and a new location. This year's Revolution will be held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, SC March 16-18.

The theme for this year's Revolution comes from 1 Corinthians 12:12 which talks about being one body in Christ. This theme gets carried into the new United Session where everyone can worship together as one body of Christ. This year's keynote speaker is Jeniffer Dake the worship band will be The Spark and will also feature music by Decemberadio and Humble Tip.

Registration is only \$40 per person before February 15. For more information or to register online visit <http://www.umcsc.org/youth>

Conference Youth Basketball Tournament | Jan. 27-29

The South Carolina Youth Basketball Tournament will be held January 27-29 in Greenville - Simpsonville.

For more information about who can play, registration and participant forms visit <http://www.scmethodistbasketball.org> or contact Bob Fowler at bobfowler@knology.net

Safe Sanctuaries changes to Trak 1 Background Checks

At the 2011 Annual Conference, it was announced that the Office of Connectional Ministries would no longer run background checks. This took effect October 1, 2011.

All individuals who have been cleared will remain cleared for three years from the date they were processed.

We will work with all local churches to make this transition as smooth as possible. As you continue "living out" your Safe Sanctuary policy, we urge churches to use Trak-1.

Trak-1 provides exceptional background checks and training. They also allow information sharing across all churches in the conference. This means if your church uses Trak-1 your members who participate in Salkehatchie, UMVIM and other annual conference ministries will not need to be rechecked.

For more information visit, <http://www.umcsc.org/safesanctuaries>

Carolina-Clemson Challenge

The annual Carolina-Clemson football rivalry will be the occasion for a friendly competition in local churches sponsored by the Wesley Foundations at the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. Fans of each school are invited to drop in their support in either a USC/garnet bucket or a Clemson/orange bucket as they leave worship on Sunday, November 20. (November 27 can be the alternate date). The money donated will be used to support the students and United Methodist campus ministries at USC and Clemson. Contributions should be sent to the Conference treasurer's office and designated "Carolina/Clemson Challenge" with a notation of the amounts for each school. Results will be tabulated and bragging rights issued. (Please pass this announcement on to the appropriate committee/area responsible for campus ministry.)

For more information contact Tom Wall at USC at 803.799.7363 WallBrodie@aol.com or Lane Glaze at Clemson 864.654.5547 LGlaze@clemsonumc.org.



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Spiritual Life Retreat for Older Adults | Feb. 7-9

The 2012 Spiritual Life Retreat for Older Adults will be held at Springmaid Beach, 3200 S. Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach. The retreat is for older adults who are 55 years or older and who desire to explore and enhance their relationship with Christ.

This year's keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton, pastor of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS. Galloway is a downtown church serving the inner city across from the state capitol. Two hundred rooms have been reserved at Springmaid Beach for the Older Adult Retreat. These rooms will be held until December 31, 2011, for retreat participants. After January 15, 2012, rooms are on a first-come basis. If you want to secure a room and meal ticket, call the Springmaid Reservation Line at 1-800-770-6895.

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To register for the retreat, download the brochure online at <http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/comingevents/02Feb/2012%20OAR.pdf> or contact Doris Seals in the Conference office at 803-786-9486 or 888-678-6272.

Homecoming 2012 UMM Retreat | Feb. 17-19



The 2012 South Carolina United Methodist Men Spiritual Life Retreat, titled, "Homecoming 2012," will be held February 17-19 at The Springmaid Beach Resort at 3200 S. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The individual reservation line is 1-800-770-6895. To get a special rate, tell the reservation operator, "United Methodist Mens Group: Reservation ID #10566"

For more information visit the United Methodist Men's website at <http://www.ummsc.org/> or contact Daniel Canada at dcanada@scana.com

Congratulations to Jessica Connor of the Advocate

Recently Jessica Connor, editor of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate won several awards for her writing in the 2011 United Methodist Association of Communicators (UMAC) annual competition held in Albuquerque, NM. Mrs. Connor received an amazing twelve awards for writing and over all publication, including the highest honor, The Donn Doten Award of Excellence in writing for her story, Spirit Singers, which appeared in the February 2011 issue of the Advocate.

The Resource Center | Christmas Programs!

NOW IS THE TIME to order resources for Fall and Christmas programs. The S.C. Conference Resource Center can help with your church ministry during this critical time of cutting budgets. We have an extensive collection of DVDs, VHS tapes, and choral music.

For more information, contact Betty Stalnaker, Resource Center coordinator, (803) 786-9486; toll free (888) 678-6272; email: bstalnaker@umcsc.org, or visit our searchable website. www.umcsc.org/resourcecenter/index.html

Visit <http://www.umcsc.org/resourcecenter> for more resources.



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Want to know what else is going on in the South Carolina Conference?
Sign up to receive elink email information on the conference website: <http://mail.umcsc.org/list/elink>

SAVE THE DATE



Dec. 29 - INFUSE Youth Ski Retreat*
Jan. 27-29 Youth Basketball Tournament
Feb. 17 - UMM Spiritual Life Retreat
March 16-18 Revolution
March 23-25 Ebony Youth Retreat*
June 10-13 Annual Conference

* Event being held at Lake Junaluska
www.lakejunaluska.com

Upcoming Special Days

All Saints Day - Nov. 1
World Community Day - Nov. 4
Advance Special Sunday - Nov. 6
Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday - Nov. 13
National Bible Week - Nov. 20-27
United Methodist Student Day - Nov. 27
World AIDS Day - Dec. 1
Christmas - Dec. 25
Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 6
Human Trafficking Awareness - Jan. 11
Week of Prayer / Christian Unity - Jan. 28-25
Ash Wednesday - Feb. 22

<http://www.umcsc.org/connx/specialsundays.html>



Lake Junaluska

Conference & Retreat Center

Upcoming Events at Lake Junaluska

INFUSE Youth Ski Retreats at Lake Junaluska December 29, 2011 – February 20, 2012

Join Ministries with Young People at Lake Junaluska this winter for awesome worship and great skiing as we seek to be INFUSED with Christ. Be transformed through vibrant praise and worship and unifying fellowship through skiing the slopes with your friends. Speakers and bands include Rev. Jasmine Smothers, Rev. Andy Lambert, Rev. Olu Brown, Unspoken, The Musuem, Echoing Angels, and Among the Thirsty. For more information or to register, visit www.myp.lakejunaluska.com.

Ebony Youth Christian Vocation Exploration Retreat March 23-25, 2012

This is an intentional spiritual formation weekend of Christian vocation exploration for African-American youth in grades 6-12 at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. This weekend retreat will provide a space for African-American youth to discover, explore, and celebrate the various forms of ministry within The United Methodist Church. At the request of pastors, and feedback showing that we need to reach out to young people at an earlier age to explore ministry possibilities, this year we will have two tracks—one for middle schoolers and one for high schoolers. To read about this experiences and to find out more about the Ebony Retreat, visit <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/ebony/>

For information about registration the fee and application, contact:
The Rev. Dr. Carl Arrington, Director of African-American Ministries
828-454-6739
carrington@lakejunaluska.com
P.O. Box 237, Lake Junaluska, N.C. 28745

Killingsworth Turns 65! - Birthday presents welcomed



Killingsworth will be celebrating a special birthday in 2012 that will highlight 65 years of ministry with women who are going through significant transitions in their lives. To mark the occasion, we are planning an entire year of festivities and you are invited to join us! Please put these dates on your calendars:

February 26, 2012

Birthday Dinner at the Clarion Hotel in Columbia -- everyone come!

May 19, 2012

Family Reunion Picnic at Gibson Pond in Lexington -- gathering of former residents, staff and volunteers

June 2012

Birthday cake for everyone at Annual Conference!

Want to help us connect?

Send information for ConnX to Matt Brodie mbrodie@umcsc.org or call 803-786-9486, ext 265.

Deadline for ConnX is the 20th of February, April, June, August, October and December.

Please submit material at least 2 months in advance.