



The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

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November / December

Conference Email Changes



The S.C. Conference is getting an email upgrade that should bring more integration, collaboration and efficiency.

Around Dec. 1, the conference will switch from its old server, Surge-Mail, to Google Apps.

The change will impact anyone with a umcsc.org email – including conference staff, all clergy and a host of others statewide. When the change is complete, contacts, calendar and email can all be synced. This change will offer improved features and functions and help us be better connected.

In addition to improved sync capability, the change will eliminate communication issues between the conference mail server and certain other mail servers, like AOL or Bellsouth. On the old email server, messages sent from an AOL or Bellsouth user were sometimes not delivered to the umcsc.org user.

Detailed information on mail server settings is coming soon and will be posted on the conference website and in the December Advocate.

In the meantime we encourage umcsc.org email users to take a few steps to ease their transition.

Know your username and password – and be aware that your pass-

word will need to be at least eight characters, including one number.

If your password is currently something easily hackable, like “password” or “1234,” be prepared to select and change to a new one.

Those who access their email through the web only (webmail), instead of downloading it to a software program like Mail or Outlook Express, will need to backup their important online email somewhere, just in case.

Be aware that you will need to change your mail server settings and determine where and how so when the time comes, you will be ready.

More information is coming soon. For questions, call or email Jim Crews at 803-786-9486, ext. 332, or jcrews@umcsc.org or Russ McKissick at ext. 262.

Get Connected, Stay Connected

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



Revolution | February 15-17

The 2013 South Carolina United Methodist Youth event Revolution will be held at the Carolina Coliseum at 701 Assembly St. in Columbia February 15-17.

The theme for this year's Revolution is Life Under Construction. This year's keynote speaker will be Mark O. The worship band will be The Digital Age and will also feature music by Humble Tip.

This year's registration will be online at <http://www.umcsc.org/revolution> and is only \$40 per person before January 15. After that, registration will be \$50 per person.



United Methodist Youth Basketball Tournament | Jan 25-27

The South Carolina Youth Basketball Tournament will be held January 25-27 at Spartanburg Methodist College.

For more information about who can play, registration and participant forms, visit <http://www.scmethodistbasketball.org> or contact Doris Seals at dseals@umcsc.org



Granville Hicks Leadership Academy | Jan 31 - Feb 1

"Relevancy In A Changing World..." is the theme for this year's Granville Hicks Leadership Academy.

The Granville Hicks Leadership Academy honors the Rev. Dr. Granville A. Hicks, a distinguished 1957 graduate of Clafflin University. The academy is designed to equip laity and clergy for ministry and leadership within the church. The academy will empower individuals with biblical knowledge, intellectual growth and theological reflection, thus enhancing church development, renewal and mission outreach.

To download the brochure go to:

<http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/GranvilleHicks.pdf>

For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden, University Chaplain 803-535-5150 or kwalden@clafflin.edu



John and Charles Wesley in Colonial Georgia | Feb 24-28

Join other United Methodists from across South Carolina in fellowship and study, getting to know the Wesley brothers in a unique hands-on way. The scenic St. Simons area is rich with Wesley history and is close to neighboring South Carolina. Yet sadly, so few S.C. United Methodists are even aware of the wealth of Wesley resources found there. This four-day event is the perfect way to better know John and Charles, our fathers of Methodism.

For more information, download the brochure at

<http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/Wesleyflyer.pdf>

Or visit online at <http://www.epworthbythesea.org/>

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Older Adults Spiritual Life Retreat | Feb 6-7

The 2013 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. John Ed Mathison, retired senior minister of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, AL. Two hundred rooms have been reserved at Springmaid Beach for the Older Adult Retreat. These rooms will be held until January 15, for retreat participants. After January 15 2013, rooms are on a first-come basis. If you want to secure a room and meal ticket, call the Springmaid Reservation Line at 800-770-6895.

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To register for the retreat, download the brochure online at <http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/2013OlderAdultBrochure.pdf> or contact Doris Seals in the conference office at 803-786-9486 or 888-678-6272.

Hurricane Sandy | UMCOR | Advance #3021787

The United Methodist Church is helping prepare, respond and cope with the storm's effects. Through local United Methodist churches and trained disaster response workers, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides immediate relief, assistance with cleanup and rebuilding, pastoral counseling and support for children and youth who have been through trauma.

There are many ways you can help, but the most important right now is by giving to UMCOR Hurricane 2012 Advance #3021787, which will cover needs in the affected U.S. and Caribbean regions. You can also text the word RESPONSE to 80888 to give an immediate \$10 donation. For more information, call 800-554-8583 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. EST.



Hands and Feet Asbury Hills Retreat | Feb 22-24

Hands and Feet is the perfect opportunity for your youth group to give back! It is a weekend filled with worship and focused on service. Saturday will include projects around camp that help us make summer camp possible while still saving time for some great games and meaningful worship. For more information or to register your group, call 864-458-2071.

More information about Hands and Feet can be found on the Asbury Hills website: <http://www.asburyhills.org/christian-summer-other-camps.php>

Methodist Youth Choir Festival | April 26-28

The South Carolina Chapter of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts will hold The South Carolina United Methodist Youth Choir Festival April 26-28 at Springmaid Beach resort in Myrtle Beach. Kevin McBeth will be the guest clinician and Tim Belk will be the accompanist.

The cost is \$145 per person – cost to buy extra space in regular room (private room – \$335; double occupancy room – \$420 and triple occupancy room – \$505) Registration must be postmarked by Thursday, February 28, 2013, to avoid late fees. For more information, go to the website: <http://www.scfellowship.com>



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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



Jan. 25-27 Youth Basketball Tournament
Jan. 31 - Feb 1 Granville Hicks Academy
Feb 6-7 - Older Adult Spiritual Life Retreat
Feb 22-24 - Hands and Feet Event
Feb 15-17 - Revolution
Feb 22-24 - UMM Retreat
July 25-28 - Immerse*

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



Lake Junaluska

Conference & Retreat Center

Upcoming Events at Lake Junaluska

Appalachian Christmas at Lake Junaluska December 7-8

Friday's concert features The Lake Junaluska Singers performing classic carols for the holidays. Saturday's afternoon performance includes a pre-concert by award-winning regional children's choir Voice in the Laurel, followed by a repeat performance of the Singers' Friday night Christmas concert. Saturday evening features a special performance of Handel's Messiah by The Lake Junaluska Singers with combined choirs and orchestra. 2 and 3 night packages available. Packages start at just \$155 per person and include lodging, meals and concert tickets. call 800-222-4930 to Book Today!

Lake Junaluska Singers with Dr. Melodie Galloway December 7 - 8

The Lake Junaluska Singers, directed by Dr. Melodie Galloway, are a 16-voice professional ensemble, which serves as the ambassador choir for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church and of the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. The group began in 1954 and has performed nationally and internationally for conferences, dignitaries and major events. Their music ranges from classical choral and contemporary works to Gospel, folk and musical theatre styles.

The mission of the Junaluska Singers is to be a vocal ensemble that provides inspirational music for concert and worship, performing at the highest level of musical excellence. In this 2012 season, they offer the best of the best. Each singer has to audition every year, whether returning from a previous season or as a new singer, and each year the competition increases. The commitment to great singing and sincere purpose is evident in these singers. Galloway said, "It continues to be an honor to conduct this fine ensemble." May your mind and hearts be lifted and moved by their unique sound and the incredible beauty they bring to each performance.

Upcoming Special Days

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday - Nov 11
National Bible Week - Nov 18-25
Thanksgiving - Nov 22
United Methodist Student Day - Nov 25
World AIDs Day - Dec 1
First Sunday of Advent - Dec 2
Christmas - Dec 25
New Years Day - Jan 1
Human Relations Day - Jan 20
Golden Cross Sunday - Feb 13
Holy Week - March 24-30

<http://www.umcsc.org/>



Conference Website Redesign Adds New Calendar Functionality

The South Carolina Conference website has been redesigned and with it comes a host of new features and new ways to connect. The online calendar now includes Special Sundays, as well as the lectionary. It also adds the ability to subscribe to the whole calendar or specifically filter calendars based on user preference. Calendars can be added to your outlook or Google calendars, as well.

One great new feature is the Events Bulletin Board. This allows users to quickly view all upcoming events and trainings in the South Carolina Conference.

To view the Events Bulletin Board, click the link on the conference website or go to http://www.umcsc.org/home/?page_id=1128

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 4 months in advance of your event.