

## FOCUS GROUP

### BODY CHALLENGE/SPIRIT CHALLENGE

The Body Challenge/Spirit Challenge CEC meets on the first Thursday of each month September through May. The meeting occurs at different venues each month with outdoor activities designed to change each member of the group spiritually and physically.

Activities for 2017-18 include biking, hiking, climbing, paddling, city walks and theological explorations. There will be a mission project mid-summer in the SC Annual Conference.

The educational component is led by a different member of the group each month and focuses on a theological question about our presence in society, the church, the community, vocation and self-care.

Due to the nature of this group, the number of participants is limited to 20.

For more information, email Eric Shepard at [bcsc.umcsc@gmail.com](mailto:bcsc.umcsc@gmail.com).

## Continuing Education Covenant Groups

Each traditional and focus group has set its own beginning date and time. You may join any district or focus group.

To receive CEU credit, you must complete focus group sessions or participate in a traditional group for the year. Minister's Continuing Education Funds from a local church may be used to cover the cost of attending any CEC group.

The S.C. Conference Board of Ordained Ministry provides this Continuing Education experience for all ordained and licensed ministers in the S.C. Annual Conference. This is not a requirement but an opportunity.

Persons currently commissioned and in a provisional relationship should be participating in the Residency program.

**Participants in traditional groups will receive 3 CEUs for completion of the yearly sessions. Focus Groups will receive 1 CEU per 10 contact hours.**

### **Questions?**

Contact the leader of the group that interests you.

## **Continuing Education Covenant Groups 2017-18**



### **S.C. Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

**Rev. Fran Elrod**  
BOM Chair

**Rev. L. Jonathan Holston**  
Resident Bishop

## Traditional Groups

### Anderson

Rev. William Culp  
September 21 | 9 a.m.  
Latimer Memorial UMC  
200 River Road, Belton  
864-630-0203

[wwculpii@umcsc.org](mailto:wwculpii@umcsc.org)

**Educational focus:** Pastoral Care

**Resources:** Speakers and "Clergy Self-Care: Finding a Balance for Effective Ministry," by Roy Oswald; "Pastoral Care & Counseling," by Howard Clinebell; and "Worship as Pastoral Care," by Will Willimon.

### Columbia

Rev. David McManus & Rev. Matt Yon  
September 12 | 9 a.m.  
Bethel UMC  
4600 Daniel Drive, Columbia  
803-422-1121

[ddmcm Manusjr@umcsc.org](mailto:ddmcm Manusjr@umcsc.org)

**Educational focus:** Theological reflection.

**Resources:** "Responsible Grace," by Randy Maddox; "The Pastor," by Eugene Peterson; and John Wesley's sermons.

### Florence

Rev. Michael Arant & Rev. Chris Lollis  
September 12 | 9 a.m.  
Pisgah UMC  
621 N. Ebenezer Road, Florence  
803-409-0861

[jmarant@umcsc.org](mailto:jmarant@umcsc.org)

**Educational focus:** Exploring fresh approaches to preaching by examining lectionary and series preaching methods.

**Resources:** "Feasting on the Word" and umcdiscipleship.org.

## Traditional Groups

### Hartsville

Rev. Larry Watson  
September 17 | 9 a.m.  
Bethlehem UMC  
101 S. Dennis Ave., Bishopville  
803-295-3683

[ridinpreacher@yahoo.com](mailto:ridinpreacher@yahoo.com)

**Educational focus:** Increasing our understanding and practice of health for pastoral leaders.

**Resources:** "The Emotionally Healthy Leader," by Peter Scazzero.

### Orangeburg

Rev. Ed Stiltz and Rev. Mike Written September 12 | 9 a.m.  
Wightman UMC  
7219 Charleston Highway, Bowman

843-359-2505

[mlwritten@umcsc.org](mailto:mlwritten@umcsc.org)

**Educational focus:** Living out our call as a counter culture to the world.

**Resource:** "A Compassionate Call to Counter Culture in the World," by David Platt.

### Marion

Rev. Wade and Rev. Ann Everett  
September 21 | 9 a.m.  
Christ UMC  
819 N. Marlboro St., Bennettsville  
843-439-4963

[revevs@bellsouth.net](mailto:revevs@bellsouth.net)

**Educational focus:** Studying John Wesley from the 150 Standard Sermons.

**Resource:** "John Wesley's Sermons An Anthology," edited by Albert C. Outler and Richard P. Heitzenrater.

## Traditional Groups

### Marion

Rev. Glen Dameron & Rev. Michael Ritter  
September 8 | 9 a.m.  
Rehoboth UMC  
2775 Barnhill Road, Galivants Ferry  
301-467-5200

[gwdameron@umcsc.org](mailto:gwdameron@umcsc.org)

**Educational focus:** Studying and practicing the spiritual disciplines needed for successful Christian living and ministry in the world today.

**Resources:** upperroom.org, umcdiscipleship.org and other resources. A member of the group will lead a worship service at each meeting.

### Rock Hill

Rev. Joel McMakin & Rev. Tommy Wilkes  
September 21 | 9:30 a.m.  
India Hook UMC  
3300 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill  
803-603-7146

[jwcmakin12@gmail.com](mailto:jwcmakin12@gmail.com)

**Educational focus:** Church leadership, theology and culture.

**Possible resources:** Building a Discipling Culture," by Breen; "Necessary Endings," by Cloud; and "Fresh Expressions," by Carter & Warren. Group members will rotate facilitating the discussion and bringing refreshments.

### Walterboro

Rev. Theron Smith  
September 3 | 9 a.m.  
St. George UMC  
120 N. Parker St., St. George  
843-906-0102 | [theron.smith@hotmail.com](mailto:theron.smith@hotmail.com)

**Educational focus:** Effective pastoral leadership in the local church.

**Resources:** "Attitude: Develop a Winning Mindset," by Jay Wright; "The Leadership Gap," by Lolly Daskal; and "The Captain Class," by Sam Walker.