

SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

January 2012



Hand-in-Hand in the Rock Hill District

*District Lay Speaker's Training Courses
February 4 & 5
John's UMC, Rock Hill*

Basic Course – This course is the foundation for all the other Learning & Leading Courses. In this course each participant is encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. *(This is the first course for beginning Lay Speakers.)*

Understanding Men's Ministry – This course is a condensed curriculum based upon content and materials used in the *No Man Left Behind* training offered by "Man in the Mirror." This advanced course is offered through United Methodist Men to generate interest and capacity in local churches for effective men's ministry. Materials include the book *No Man Left Behind*.

Go Preach! – This course is designed for lay leaders, pastors and student pastors who have not completed formal preaching training, pastors seeking a basic refresher course and others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence.

Transforming Evangelism – This course is designed to help participants learn how to share their faith by telling and doing.

So that appropriate course materials can be ordered, each attendee should mail his/her [application form \(signed by the pastor\) and the \\$30 registration fee payable to UMC-Rock Hill District Office to Lee Thornton no later than January 10.](#) Late registrations may be accepted, but there may be no guarantee of materials delivered in time for the course.

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FUMC Youth will hold an auction fundraiser during WOW on Wednesday, January 11. Money raised will go toward the Youth Summer Mission Camp, as well as other youth activities throughout the year. If you own a business, make handmade items or know someone who would donate items to be auctioned off, please let Tiffany Thompson know.

A new ladies' Bible study will start on Saturday mornings beginning January 21 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 23. It is Beth Moore's new study, ***James: Mercy Triumphs***. "Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again." Please notify Denise Gardner or Jackie Morris no later than January 8 if you are interested in participating in this study.



Newsletter information: We want to know all there is to know about your church's activities, news and upcoming events. So send your articles, announcements, pictures, etc. to Teresa Glass, tkg278@carolina.rr.com by the 25th of each month.