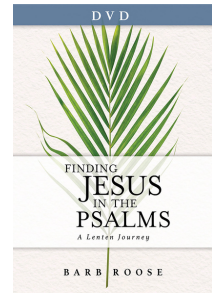
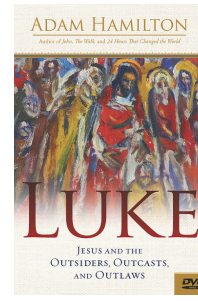
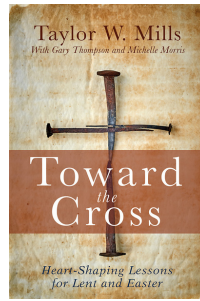
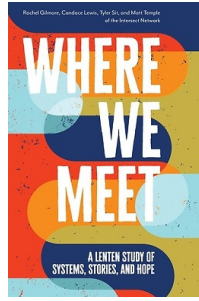
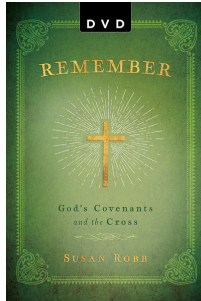
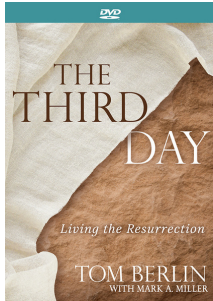


NC Conference Media Center Resources

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The Third Day: Living the Resurrection by Tom Berlin. Connects the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross by Susan Robb. Leads readers through the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses and Israel, and David, followed by the New Covenant established on Maundy Thursday.

Where We Meet: A Lenten Study of Systems, Stories, and Hope by Rachel Gilmore, Candace Lewis, and Matt Temple. The authors explore their own stories, examine past shortcomings of the church, address difficult questions, and envision a brighter future that better reflects the good news of Jesus.

Toward the Cross: Heart-Shaping Lessons for Lent and Easter by Taylor W. Mills with Gary Thompson and Michelle Morris. Explore qualities and characteristics of Christian discipleship that demonstrate that following Jesus is our highest priority.

Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Finding Jesus in the Psalms: A Lenten Journey by Barb Roose. Combining interpretation with real-life stories, this study guides the reader through a meaningful encounter with the Psalms through the season of Lent.

Upcoming Events

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- **Jan 7:** Conference-Wide Leadership Training (Online)
- **Jan 17:** Local Church Treasurer Training, NC Conference Building, Garner, NC
- **Jan 20:** Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity) (Online)
- **Jan. 20:** Chainsaw Safety, MERCI, Goldsboro, NC
- **Jan 30:** The Good News of Shipwreck: What Does Church Look Like Now? Hayes Barton UMC, Raleigh, NC

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

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- **Applications due Jan 8:** Peace with Justice (NC Conference Board of Church & Society)
- **Application due Jan 10:** New or Emerging Young People's Ministry Awards (United Methodist Rural Advocates)
- **Applications due Feb 1:** Intentional Growth Center Grants (Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church)
- **Applications due Feb 1:** Reynolds Ministry Fund (United Methodist Foundation of Western NC)
- **Application due Feb 16:** Creating New Economies Fund (Resourceful Communities)



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Serve at General Conference

United Methodists from all over the world are traveling to attend General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024.

You are invited to serve as part of our Welcome Team during General Conference and offer gracious hospitality to our guests. We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and create a holy space where spirits can be nurtured. This will foster a welcoming environment and support delegates as they come together in worship, discernment, and holy conferencing on behalf of The United Methodist Church.

Serving at General Conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in the connectional nature of the church, to meet new people, and to live into your commitment to support The UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Visit the website above in mid-January to express your interest in serving at General Conference.



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Conference Leadership Training Events

Conference-Wide Leadership Training

Jan. 7, 2:00-5:30pm, Online

Join us for one of six virtual workshops designed to equip you to serve in your local church. Whether you are starting a new leadership role, or have been serving in church leadership for years, we hope this model of leadership training will prepare you for your much-needed ministry.

Local Church Treasurer Training

Jan. 17, 10:00am-3:30pm, Garner, NC

Local church treasurers, finance committee members, and pastors join us for a training event discussing local church finances, as well as updates from recent legislative changes.

Life Together in the UM Connection (Polity)

Jan. 20, 8:30am-5:00pm, Online

Why does The United Methodist Church do things the way it does? This course will help participants get their bearings and consider the specific structural challenges The United Methodist Church faces in the 21st century.

The Good News of Shipwreck: What Does Church Look Like Now? with Kenda Creasy Dean

Jan. 30, 9:30am-3:00pm, Raleigh, NC

How might shipwreck actually be good news—for the church as a whole, for our denomination, for your congregation? What kinds of ministries are called for in our post-Covid context?