PILGRIMAGE 2026

Serve joyfully

11/13-
11/15



Guest Speaker:
Charlie Conder

Parent's Guide

ROCKY MOUNT EVENT CENTER

285 NE Main St,
Rocky Mount, NC
27801

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NCCUMC Pilgrimage 2026

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Four high-energy, inspiring worship sessions

From Friday Night to Saturday Morning, action-packed general sessions with music, messages, gifts of talent, and more!

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An afternoon of missions and special events

Serving others and gathering together for meals and fellowship.

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Fellowship, worship, and excitement all weekend long

Join thousands of other United Methodist Youth for a high-energy weekend of youth-led worship.

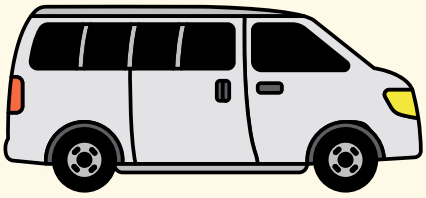






Itinerary

Friday:



3:30PM	Meet @ Soapstone UMC
4:00PM	Depart from Soapstone UMC
5:30PM	Stop for Fast Food Dinner in Rocky Mount
6:00PM	Arrive at Hotel, unpack, and settlle
6:30 PM	Travel to the Event Center for Pre-Session
8:00PM	First Session Begins
10:00PM	Return to Fairfield Inn
11:00PM	Lights Out

Saturday:



7:30AM	Breakfast @ Fairfield Inn
8:30AM	Travel to Event Center for Pre-Session
10:00AM	Second Session Begins
12:00PM	Mission Project @ Event Center
1:30 PM	Hot Dog Lunch @ Event Center
3:00PM	Camp Games @ NC Wesleyan
5:00PM	Pizza Dinner @ Fairfield
6:00PM	Travel to Event Center for Pre-Session
7:30PM	Third Session Begins
9:30PM	Return to Fairfield
11:00PM	Lights Out!

****Schedule subject to change****

Itinerary

Sunday:

7:30AM	Breakfast @ Fairfield Inn
8:15AM	Check Out of Hotel & Pack Vans
8:30AM	Travel to Event Center for Pre-Session
10:00AM	Fourth and Final Session Begins
12:00PM	Pilgrimage Ends, travel back to Soapstone UMC
12:30 PM	Stop for Lunch
2:00PM	Arrive back to Soapstone UMC

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Hotels and Travel Info

Hotel Information:

Fairfield Inn & Suites
187 Wellspring Dr
Rocky Mount, NC 27804





Pilgrimage:

Rocky Mount Event Center
285 NE Main Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

North Carolina Wesleyan University
(Saturday Afternoon Activity)

3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd
Rocky Mount, NC 27804



Frequently Asked Questions

What is covered in the registration fee?

The registration fee for this year covers the cost of our hotel accommodations, van rentals, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and admission to the Pilgrimage event. These costs are combined to determine the overall registration fee.

Where will my Youth be staying?

Soapstone Youth will be sharing a hotel with two other youth groups from the Raleigh-Durham area (Aldersgate UMC and North Raleigh UMC) at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Rocky Mount.

Room assignments are made in advance based on small groups (high school girls, high school boys, middle school girls, and middle school boys). We coordinate our room assignments so that our group stays on the same floor whenever possible, allowing adult leaders to remain accessible if a youth needs assistance.

No youth will be assigned to a room alone, and all youth will be roomed with 3 others in their appropriate age group (4 total to a room). Rooms have two queen beds and a bathroom. We encourage youth to share beds when comfortable; however, if separate sleeping arrangements are needed, please reach out to me ahead of time so we can discuss available options, including bringing air mattresses.

What about food?

Most meals will be covered through our hotel accommodations or the registration fee. We plan to stop for dinner (fast food) on Friday evening while traveling to Rocky Mount, and we will stop on the way home (also fast food) on Sunday. Youth should plan to bring spending money for any meals that are not included.

There will be concession stands at the convention center with snacks and drinks available for purchase. In addition, we will also have a shared snack container available for youth throughout the trip. I encourage parents to remind their youth to keep their money in a safe place and be mindful of their spending.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much money should I send?

Pilgrimage event T-shirts are expected to cost approximately $15-$18. I recommend sending around $60 with your youth to cover a t-shirt, if they would like one, along with any meals or additional purchases during the trip.

This is a recommendation rather than a required amount, and you are welcome to send more or less depending on your youth's needs.

What happens if a parent needs to be contacted about their youth?

Our goal is for everyone to have a safe, positive, and meaningful Pilgrimage experience. To help maintain that environment, I use a three-strike policy for behavior concerns. Strikes may be issued for repeated disruption, disrespect toward others, failure to follow established rules, or behavior that puts the youth or others at risk.

If a youth receives three strikes, I will contact their parents or guardian to discuss the situation and determine the appropriate next steps. However, serious behavior or safety concerns may warrant immediate parent contact without waiting for three strikes. If the adult leaders determine that a situation is serious enough to require a youth to leave the trip, their parent or guardian will be contacted and expected to arrange pickup from the hotel.

We sincerely hope this situation never arises! Our priority is to ensure that all youth can participate in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment.

How will youth be supervised, especially overnight?

Adult leaders will be present throughout the trip to provide supervision and support. We will establish clear expectations for room behavior, quiet hours, and respecting one another's space and privacy. Adult leaders will also be available if a youth needs assistance during the night. Our priority is to ensure that every youth feels safe, supported, and comfortable throughout the weekend while maintaining appropriate boundaries and accountability.

Packing List

WHAT TO BRING:

Clothing

___ 2-3 Outfits for the weekend
___ Comfortable shoes for walking and event activities
___ Pajamas
___ Underwear and socks for each day
___ Jacket or sweatshirt
___ Extra outfit in case of spills or accidents

Toiletries & Personal Items

___ Toothbrush and toothpaste
___ Deodorant
___ Hairbrush/Comb and hair products
___ Shampoo and other personal toiletries if needed
___ Any necessary medications (please coordinate with parents and adult leaders)

Essentials:

___ Phone & charger
___ Spending money (~$60 recommended)
___ Reusable water bottle
___ Small backpack or bag for carrying items during the event

Optional Items:

___ Journal
___ Bible
___ Small snacks

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

X Expensive valuables
X Game systems
X Weapons, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping products
X Items that could be dangerous or disruptive to others
X Inappropriate clothing or materials
X Anything you would be upset about losing or damaging

*****REMINDERS*****

- ***Please pack modest, comfortable clothing appropriate for a church youth event***
- ***Keep track of your belongings and spending money throughout the weekend***
- ***Please do not bring anything that could create a safety concern or disrupt the experience of others.***



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