



In The Know



A Weekly Communication of Providence Presbytery

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"The world has no room for cowards. We must all be ready somehow to toil, to suffer, to die. And yours is not the less noble because no drum beats before you when you go out into your daily battlefields, and no crowds shout about your coming when you return from your daily victory or defeat."

[Robert Louis Stevenson](#)

Our Prayers are with you...

Our thoughts and prayers are with Peggy and all the family of John Evans this day as his long battle with cancer ended on Thursday. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church today at 11AM. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them." [Read about Evans' ministry.](#)

Happy Birthday, St. Paul's!

February 14th will mark the 60th Anniversary of St. Paul's Presbyterian-Chester. To celebrate, the congregation will have a lunch following worship on the 15th. May God continue to richly bless the congregation of St. Paul's as they continue to use their gifts in fulfilling the Great Commission!

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Providence Presbytery Churches: Pick up your Cookie Boxes Today!

The Bethelwoods Summer camp promotional materials are available and ready to be picked up at the Presbytery Office. If your church did not attend the E3 event at Oakland Avenue, your cookie box is waiting for you! Boxes will stay there until Wednesday of next week. Please have someone pick up your box so that you can do your part to help promote our Camp and Conference center as we approach the summer camp season.

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Peace and Human Rights in the Gaza Strip: A Panel Discussion

Myers Park High School Amnesty International Student Group will "Peace and Human Rights in the Gaza Strip: A Panel Discussion" on Thursday, Feb. 5--6PM in the Myers Park High School Auditorium. The Myers Park High School Amnesty International Student Group will be hosting "Peace and Human Rights in the Gaza Strip: A Panel Discussion." The goal of the 45-minute panel discussion followed by small group break-out sessions is to foster healthy discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian armed conflict that occurred from December of 2008 to January of 2009, especially in regards to human rights and the peace process. Questions? Contact Elena Botella, Co-President of the Myers Park High School Amnesty International Student Group at edbotella@gmail.com or 704-301-4137.

Register Today for the Peopemap Communication System Seminar

Providence Presbytery is pleased to announce the first of three leadership seminars in our Providence Leadership Seminars series. The first will be led by Rev. Mark Tidsworth and is entitled the Peopemap Communication System: Enhancing Your Interpersonal Communication and Congregational Leadership Effectiveness. The seminar, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 9:45AM to 4PM at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian--Chester, costs \$18 per participant. Registration Deadline is Feb. 16th and [Online](#) Registration is available. For information contact kmcgregor@providencepres.org.

Proposed Amendment Discussion Scheduled

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[Travel to the CORE](#) of Jesus' message as you join youth from around the presbytery in experiencing what mission can mean to your relationship with God and your understanding of yourself. Youth will experience fellowship, music, worship, a hands-on mission project and an opportunity to reflect on our service work. **Who?** Youth in grades 6-12 and their adult leaders **When?** March 13-14 **Where?** Bethelwoods. Register with your youth leader. [Group Registration Form is on the presbytery's website.](#) Contact Kathryn McGregor for more info.

***Two More Dates Added!* Grants Webinar offered by Alban Institute**

Back by Popular Demand-- During these difficult economic times, congregations are exploring grant funding as a possible source of support for their ministries, particularly for programs focused on community outreach. To secure foundation and corporate support, communities of faith need to understand the grant-funding process and know how to 'package' their ministries into compelling proposals. Register for an Alban Institute Webinar featuring professional grant writer and author, Joy Skjogstad. Webinar to be held Feb. 3rd and 5th at 1PM. Cost is \$39. [Click here to register.](#)

Really want to work in the mission field but can't climb mountains or go overseas?

Remember the book [Beatrice's Goat](#)? Providence Presbytery is organizing a trip to allow you to help take care of the goats, camels, and llamas that will eventually be shipped overseas to help change the lives of families in places like Honduras, Guatemala, Uganda and Malawi! If you are unable to travel out of the country, but want to impact world hunger, this is the trip for you! A mix of younger adults (College age and twenties) and older adults (50 to 75) will be traveling to Heifer International's Global Village Farm for four days in beautiful Rutland, Mass to help care for the animals that will eventually go to rural villages. Our mission partners will spend the second half of the trip working together in the inner city of Worcester, Mass. [Brochures](#) may be viewed online or can be picked up in your church office. There is space for up to 16 participants. Deadline for application is February 20, 2009 and the trip itself will depart July 5 and return July 13, 2009.

Immediate Local Need

Catawba Care Coalition is asking churches to donate items for its pantry for toiletries and cleaning supplies. These are items that cannot be bought with food stamps and can get expensive for those on a fixed income. Historically, it has been stocked by local churches through the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network. We have seen a decrease in donations and are experiencing an empty closet. We would like to ask churches to help us by donating these items. If you would be willing to help, please contact Anita Case at (803) 909-6363 x221 or acase@catawbacare.org.

Retirement Community Chaplains Needed

We have been notified by Presbyterian Communities of SC that they are searching for a full time Chaplain for the Clinton Retirement Community and a part time Chaplain for the Florence Retirement Community. Go to www.pres-outlook.org and click on Classifieds for more information.

Big Tent Registration Opens

The [Big Tent](#), and unprecedented gathering of Presbyterians features ten national conferences and convocations under one roof. The event will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, June 11-13, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency. Go to the link above to determine the conference for you and register for the event.

Resources from The Thoughtful Christian:

How Accessible is Your Church?

How good is your church community at welcoming people with disabilities into the life of your church? Perhaps you have taken steps to make the church accessible. But how much are people with disabilities really welcomed to participate? This one-session study from The Thoughtful Christian reviews recent historical changes in the rights persons have to access buildings and programs. It points out that many churches have made substantial changes enabling all to share in the faith life of their community. [Read More Online](#).

The Shack

This work of fiction is causing a stir! It is about a man dealing with a life tragedy and his encounter with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. William P. Young's engaging story is perfect for a small group study, Sunday school class or book club. [Read More Online](#).

Part-time Job Opportunity Available

Bowling Green Presbyterian Church is seeking a part time Director of its Wednesday Night Program. This is a ten hour a week position and involves coordinating and resourcing our successful program. To receive a job description or submit a resume, please call Jenn Pressly 803 222 2884

This Week in Providence Presbytery

- 2/2 Mission and Outreach—6PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/3 Education and Equipping Ministry Team—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/5 Committee on Ministry—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)

- 2/5 Hunger Action Team –6:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/6-7 Bethelwoods Ministry Team Visioning Retreat
- 2/8 Racial-Ethnic Concerns Committee-2PM (Presbytery Office)

Next Week

- 2/9 Resource Center at Lancaster First –9AM (Lancaster First)
- 2/9 GLOCAL Committee—6PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/10 Administrative Ministry Team—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/12 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11:15 (Allison Creek)
- 2/12 Presbytery Council –5:30 (Presbytery Office)

Mark your Calendar!

- 2/13 Kid’s Night Out—5:30-10:30PM (Bethelwoods)
- 2/17 Third Tuesday Together -10:30AM (Bethelwoods)
- 2/26 Third Tuesday Together-NC Raptor Center Trip-9AM (Bethelwoods)
- 2/26 [Peopemap Communication System-Providence Leadership Seminar 1](#)-9:45AM-4PM
(Pleasant Grove-Chester)
- 3/12 Presbytery Meeting (Lancaster First)
- 3/13-14 [Youth Mission Retreat \(Bethelwoods\)](#)
- 3/20-21 Lay School of Theology (White Oak Conference Center)
- 3/31 [Metrolina Educator Connection w/Karen Tye](#)--1-4PM (Bethelwoods)
- 4/4 PW Spring Gathering (Beth Shiloh)
- 4/18-19 Racial Ethnic Weekend (Hermon)
- 4/23 [Leading Healthy Change-Providence Leadership Seminar 2](#)-9:45AM-4PM
(Bethelwoods)
- 5/3 [Vision Infuzion-Providence Leadership Seminar 3](#)-2:30PM-5:30PM (Unity)

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"I never tire of viewing these varied specimens or thumbing through books which render cells. Individually they seem puny and oddly designed, but I know these invisible parts cooperate to lavish me with the phenomenon of life. Every second my smooth muscle cells modulate the width of my blood vessels, gently push matter through my intestines, open and close the plumbing in my kidneys. When things are going well—my heart contracting rhythmically, my brain humming with knowledge, my lymph laving tired cells—I rarely give these cells a passing thought....My body employs a bewildering zoo of cells, none of which individually resembles the larger body. Just so, Christ's Body comprises an unlikely assortment of humans. Unlikely is precisely the right word, for we are decidedly unlike one another and the One we follow."

[Dr. Paul Brand](#) and [Philip Yancey](#)
in [Fearfully and Wonderfully Made](#)

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR YOUTH MISSION RETREAT-- IS YOUR CHURCH REGISTERED?

Don't let your church miss the deadline to register for the [Youth Mission Retreat](#) at Bethelwoods March 13 and 14. All youth in grades 6 through 12 and their adult advisors are invited to this weekend on fun, fellowship and service. Hear great music from Prosperity Road, get to know other youth from other churches through games and mixers, eat great food, and learn more about serving others as Christ served us. Each participant will receive a t-shirt with their \$25 registration fee. This exciting youth event is underwritten by Bethelwoods and the Education and Equipping Ministry Teams of Providence Presbytery in order to keep the cost low. Youth should register with their youth leaders. Youth leaders register for your whole group. [Registration deadline is March 1.](#)

The Clock is Ticking!

Have you entered your Statistical Forms online yet? Forms are due by midnight TOMORROW-- February 24. Information on how to complete the forms is in the statistical forms workbook and letter that was sent to you in December. For All On-Line Statistics go to <http://ogasys2.pcusa.org/>. For additional information and questions call the Statistical Hotline at 1-888-728-7228 ext. 8144 or email at OGARecords@ctr.pcusa.org. Your user name and password can be found on the front of your workbook and on the Clerk of Session report. VERY IMPORTANT - Print a copy of your reports for your sessional records.

Presbytery's Global Village Mission Partnership Trip

You can work in the mission field without climbing mountains or going overseas! Providence Presbytery is sending a Mission Team to accomplish several rural and urban projects in central Massachusetts. We will be doing manual labor at the Heifer International Farm in Massachusetts while learning about Heifer's method of ending global hunger and poverty. We will also be working for AIDS Project-Worcester, as well as offering worship and hospitality for the homeless in inner-city Worcester, Mass. The deadline for this trip has been extended to March 30, 2009. Information may be viewed [online](#) or can be picked up in your church office. Mission Partners will depart July 5 and return July 13, 2009. The cost for this Mission week is shared between the individual, his/her congregation and the Presbytery itself, with each entity contributing \$300 and includes all expenses except incidentals. (Churches, please copy for bulletins)

Could I have that toothbrush?

Every time Providence Presbytery's Medical Mission goes down to Honduras we are overwhelmed by the need for basic items. The Medical Mission team is asking Churches, Women's Groups, Sunday School Classes, Youth Groups and other organizations to collect the following small items for the Central American Medical Mission trip to Honduras: •New, unused washcloths, • children/adult eyeglasses (USED or new--all kinds),• New toothbrushes, • Travel-sized tubes of toothpaste, • Small bars of soap, • Travel-size Shampoos, • Travel-size Lotions. Hotel or spa sizes of soaps, shampoo and bath gel are perfectly fine. Our goal is to prepare at least 800 hygiene kits for distribution. The deadline for this drive is April 6, 2009. Items can be delivered at any time to the Presbytery Office in Rock Hill or contact [Fred Powell](#) for pick up at your church.

Second Harvest Partners Announces 2009 Schedule

Wanting to help alleviate hunger locally? You are welcome to volunteer at any of the [nine Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantries](#) scheduled for 2009. Join us and help distribute food to local hungry people. The next Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled for April 30 at Mount Zion AME Church in Rock Hill. Volunteers are asked to arrive around 10AM.

For Lay Persons Only...Wanting to Increase Your Effectiveness in Ministry?

Register today for the Spring '09 Lay School of Theology to be held at White Oak Conference Center March 20-22. This program is designed for Lay persons who wish to participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History; be trained as a Commissioned Lay Pastor; better prepare themselves to teach the Bible or Church School; serve as Directors of Christian Education; or be certified by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators. If you fit any of these criteria, register today for Lay School of Theology. The cost is \$112 per person, double occupancy or \$140 per person, single occupancy in motel-type rooms. This will include two nights' lodging and five meals. Information is available at www.providencepres.org under Quick Links.

CTS Accepts Applications for Christian Spirituality Doctor of Ministry Program

Columbia Theological Seminary is taking applications for a new form of the Christian Spirituality Doctor of Ministry program. Faculty members Rodger Nishioka, Kathleen O'Connor, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Haruko Ward are lead teachers for the Introductory Seminar, November 9-20, 2009. These gifted teachers together bring wonderful resources for renewing ministry in the church of Jesus Christ. The aim of the Christian Spirituality Doctor of Ministry is to help pastors and other church professionals develop their own deeper commitment and to discover effective methods of leading their people toward greater awareness of God's presence in human life, in the church and the human heart. [See more online.](#)

Scholarship for Leader Training

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Graduating Seniors may Apply for Queen Miller Scholarship

2009 Graduating Seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher who are members of one of the racial-ethnic churches in Providence Presbytery are invited to apply for the Queen Miller Scholarship. Students must submit the application and write a 250 word essay by April 15, 2009 to be considered for the 2009 scholarship. Find the application online at www.providencepres.org/queenmiller.pdf.

PC(USA) Monthly 40-hour Fasts Continue

Listen to an [interview](#) with 40-hour fast participant, Carol Frame Matthews, about the Global Food Crisis, courtesy of WFPL radio, Louisville, Kentucky. There are many ways to participate. Locate the fasting materials and more information on this crisis at www.pcusa.org/foodcrisis .

Help for Parents of Teens

Did you know that *The Thoughtful Christian* has added a new section called “Studies for Parents of Teens?” As with other parts of this online curriculum, new studies are constantly being added. These lessons could be used for a Sunday School Class, a mid-week study, a parenting class, or an individual study. If your church has a subscription to *The Thoughtful Christian*, lessons can be emailed to parents of teen who cannot meet with a regular group. Visit their site at www.thethoughtfulchristian.org.

Order Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is just around the corner. As you prepare to order your palms, consider ordering Eco-Palms. The Eco-Palms Project, sponsored by the PC (USA), works jointly with Lutheran World Relief, Catholic Relief Services and the University of Minnesota, to provide congregations with the option of purchasing palms in a sustainable fashion that also provide the harvesters with a fair wage. All the palms come from communities in Mexico and Guatemala where workers are not only paid fairly, but take part in sustainable harvesting in order to protect the local ecosystem. You can learn more about Eco-Palms by going to <http://www.pcusa.org/palms/why.htm> . To order Eco-Palms for your congregation, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/palms/>.

Tax Tips for Ministers and Churches

The Tax Tips Online teleconference produced by the Board of Pensions is available for review anytime at the BOP website. If you missed it, or would just like to see it again, you can find it on the [Tax Resources page](#).

Job Opportunities

Faith Presbytery Church is offering a paid summer internship in Youth and Outreach. Interested folks must (1) have a strong faith in God (2), be college-aged or older, (3) have experience and passion for working with youth and for sharing God's love in the community (4) be a self-motivator who just can't wait to work with others in initiating projects from the ground level and to seeing them through. The internship is for 10 weeks in the summer, though, if the way be clear, we would love to have someone begin working several hours a week in the spring and to continue to work with our youth in the fall. Interested folks are asked to contact Rev. David Bender at (803) 548-8810 and DMBender33@aol.com. Job description is available [online](#).

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2/23 PW Coordinating Team—6PM (Presbytery Office)
2/24 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11:15AM (Unity)
2/25 Ash Wednesday
2/26 Third Tuesday Together-NC Raptor Center Trip-9AM (Bethelwoods)
2/26 Peopemap Communication System-Providence Leadership Seminar 1-9:45AM-4PM (Pleasant Grove-Chester)

Next Week

3/3 Campaign Committee—6:30PM (Bethelwoods)
3/7 TTT goes to Riverdance—10:30AM (Meet at Bethelwoods)
3/8 Daylight Savings Time—Spring Forward!

Mark your Calendar!

- 3/9-10** Leader of Leaders on the Future of Christian Education
- 3/12** Presbytery Meeting—10AM (Lancaster First)
- 3/13-14** Youth Mission Retreat (Bethelwoods)
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“Do every act of your life as if it were your last.”

[Marcus Aurelius](#)

Congratulations!

Michael & Tai Magette are thrilled to announce the birth of Owen Michael (8lbs.10z.) born at 2:25 pm Feb. 3rd at CMC Pineville.

Welcome!

Welcome, Shane Owens, new pastor at Lancaster 1st who began his ministry there February 2. We are praying for you and the congregation, as you begin your ministry together.

EVENTS!

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Free Clergy Golf Outing

Sam McGregor is organizing the 1st and only Pre-Millennial Armageddon Open for Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 1PM at the defunct Carolina Crossings Golf Club off Hwy 161 between York and Rock Hill. The course went bankrupt but is permitting play as flags are still in the

cups. There is no clubhouse, no carts, and no beverage service. It is Apocalyptic golf at its finest. Contact Sam at 803-366-1302 or pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com for more information or to volunteer to serve the golfers.

Annual Southern Recreation Workshop (SARW)

Don't miss the Annual Southern Recreation Workshop to be held February 20-22, 2009 at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference center near York, SC. . The registration form with full description of class offerings and event details can be found at the [SARW website](#).

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Souper Bowl of Caring Information Collection

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VBS Curriculum Reviews

If you are responsible for choosing curriculum for your church's VBS, check out our 09 VBS Curriculum Reviews. Find the reviews under "Quick Links" on the [Presbytery's Website](#).

Everyone Can Help Fight Local Hunger!

Would you like to help fight hunger right here in South Carolina? You can by volunteering with the Second Harvest Partners. Our 2009 Volunteer Orientation Meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 P.M. at Hermon Presbyterian . 2009 Mobile Food Pantry dates will be available at the meeting. For additional information, contact DOT KILLIAN (803) 517-7870 OR dot@providencepres.org

Is Your Church Taking a Senior High Group to Montreat This Summer?

We'd like to help you connect with other churches in the presbytery that may be there your same week. You may want to look out for each other at worship, get together for ice cream or a meal, hang out at each other's houses, or just know there's a familiar face nearby. Please send the week your group is going, the name and contact info for your advisor and where you are staying to Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org. We'll share your contact info with other Providence Presbytery groups that will be there the same week and give you their contact info. The rest is up to you. This is just one more way we are trying to connect congregations in Providence Presbytery.

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Creating an Identity Online – “Websites that Work” Webinar from Alban

Attend the Alban Seminar “Websites that Work: Identity & Mission Online” Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:00 pm. Words, photos, graphics, and links work together on websites to communicate the values and priorities of the congregation creating the website. Most leaders of congregations are experts in using words for sermons and newsletters but have less experience with the ways photos, graphics, and links can express a congregation's values and priorities. In addition, websites require some different strategies in the way words are used. In this webinar, we'll look at the ways words, photos, graphics and links can be used effectively on websites to meet the needs of congregation members as well as reach out to potential visitors. Cost is \$39. [Register Online](#).

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Join Churchwide Fast on Global Food Crisis

Fasting, -whether from food or from something else that brings attention to God-is a spiritual practice that can take you on a faithful journey that may change you for good. Join Presbyterians around the country and world, in this churchwide fast on the global food crisis. Fast materials are now available at <http://www.pcusa.org/foodcrisis>. The focus for February is food demand and the featured country is India. The monthly fasts typically begin after a Friday evening meal and end with Communion on Sunday - about 40 hours. But you can create a different fast schedule if you celebrate communion on another Sunday, or if you want to break the fast with a simple communal meal, for example. If a water fast is not your cup of tea, see the '[Fasting and Food Issues](#)' topic on facebook for ideas about other ways of participating.

Board of Pensions Announces 2008 Investment Portfolio Return

The 2008 return for the Board of Pensions Balanced Investment Portfolio was -28.6%. This is the

worst return since the inception of the current portfolio in 1987. In the [attached report](#), we outline in great detail how this happened.

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This Week in Providence Presbytery

- 2/9 Resource Center at Lancaster First –9AM (Lancaster First)
- 2/9 GLOCAL Committee—6PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/10 Administrative Ministry Team—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/12 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11:15 (Allison Creek)
- 2/12 Presbytery Council –5:30 (Presbytery Office)
- 2/13 Kid’s Night Out—5:30-10:30PM (Bethelwoods)

Next Week

- 2/16 President’s Day
- 2/17 Third Tuesday Together -10:30AM (Bethelwoods)
- 2/19 Second Harvest Partners Volunteer Orientation-6:30PM (Hermon)
- 2/21 Prayer Fellowship-9:15 (Presbytery Office)
- 2/21 Presbytery Council Retreat-10AM-3PM (Chamber of Commerce, Rock Hill)
- 2/22 Central American Travelers Training Session-2:30-5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/22 Amendments to the book of Order Info Session-4PM (Uriel)
- 2/22 Global Village Interviews-6PM (Presbytery Office)

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- 2/26 Third Tuesday Together-NC Raptor Center Trip-9AM (Bethelwoods)
- 2/26 Peopemap Communication System-Providence Leadership Seminar 1-9:45AM-4PM (Pleasant Grove-Chester)
- 3/12 Presbytery Meeting (Lancaster First)
- 3/13-14 Youth Mission Retreat (Bethelwoods)
- 3/20-21 Lay School of Theology (White Oak Conference Center)
- 3/29 Spring Hymn Sing with Tom Horton at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster
- 3/31 Metrolina Educator Connection w/Karen Tye--1-4PM (Bethelwoods)
- 4/4 PW Spring Gathering (Beth Shiloh)
- 4/18-19 Racial Ethnic Weekend (Hermon)
- 4/23 Leading Healthy Change-Providence Leadership Seminar 2-9:45AM-4PM (Bethelwoods)
- 5/3 Vision Infuzion-Providence Leadership Seminar 3-2:30PM-5:30PM (Unity)

Please submit articles for “In the Know” to Jill Wilson by Friday at 5PM, noting the dates you wish your article to be published on the Subject line.