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In August all Clerks of Session received a DVD entitled “Welcoming the Immigrant to our Tribal Congregations” produced by several educators in our Presbytery. This video was designed to help church sessions think about what it is like for first-time visitors to their churches. If your church has utilized this video, we would appreciate your feedback. Send your thoughts to Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org. If you have not seen this video, but would like to, please contact your clerk of session. It is also available online at <http://provhereshow.wordpress.com>. Click on “View the Video.”

Lay School of Theology at White Oak in November

If you are interested in enrolling in the Lay School of Theology for the fall semester, November 13-15 at White Oak Conference Center, you will find registration documents on the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery website at www.chas-atlpresbytery.org.

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Board's 2010 e-learning offerings are expanding - sign up today!

Beginning in January, the Board of Pensions will offer active Plan members a variety of free well-being courses online - a convenient way to learn how to manage stress and conflict. Not only will these ten courses help your professional life, but they will translate into your personal life, as well. The courses are: Handling Conflict, Finding Your Life Balance, Leading Effective Meetings, Connecting and Communicating, Emotionally Intelligent Leadership, Introduction to Workforce, Generations, How to Work with Aggressive People, Techniques for Improved Time Management, Conflict in the Workplace Simulation, Taking Control of Your Time Simulation. Registrants will have access to the information-packed library of courses in 2010. Space is limited to 200 participants, so learn more and [register today](#).

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- **Uriel Presbyterian Church, Chester, SC** will be conducting an indoor Fall Yard Sale on Saturday **November 7** from 8AM – 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come on out and get some interesting and great bargains.
- **A Day of Gala Celebration at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church:** Everyone is invited to attend the Installation of James Douglas Simpson, D Min as the 10th pastor of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church next Sunday, **November 8**, at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon following the service in the Activities Center. Guest speaker will be Bettina Kilburn, MD, M Div.
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Opportunities to Serve

- The **Clover Presbyterian Church** is looking for our next *Director of Christian Education*. We are committed to providing educational opportunities that are thoughtful and engaging, encouraging and challenging; programs that build up the Body of Christ, and strengthen the bonds of covenant faithfulness that make us Christ's community of witness. We are seeking a faithful, talented, and energetic person to lead our Educational Ministries. If you think you might be that person review our position description here: <http://www.cloverpres.org/f/docs/DCE-CloverPresbyterianChurch.pdf> and submit your resume to our search committee (Attn: DCE Search Committee, 202 Kings Mountain Street, Clover, SC 29710).

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Notes of Encouragement for Providence Presbytery Mission Work

We recently received a note of encouragement from a pastor in Oregon in response to our feature in the 2009 Mission Yearbook last week. [Read the encouraging words.](#)

All Invited to Allison Creek Bluegrass Show

Allison Creek Bluegrass is a traditional bluegrass show that meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 10 months a year. (We take time off in December and July) Shows start at 7:00 pm with food available at 6:30. Many adult church groups have come out to listen from all over the region. If you'd like to bring a group, please leave a message at 803-366-1302, and someone will contact you, or you can go to www.allisoncreekbluegrass.com and click "Contact us." Our next show is November 19th.

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PC(USA) Delegation to Nicaragua

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11/17	Education and Equipping Ministry Team—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
11/19	Educator Gathering—10AM-noon (Presbytery Office)
11/22	Worship 4 YOUTH—5-7PM (Bethelwoods)

Coming Next Week

11/26	Thanksgiving Day
11/28	Prayer Fellowship—9:15AM (Presbytery Office)
11/29	First Sunday of Advent

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- James C. Fenhagen, from his book Mutual Ministry

Have you registered for Bethelwoods Youth Christmas Retreat?

For grades 1-12, join us for a wonderful time of fun and celebration at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. Your favorite counselors will be here leading you in crafts, games, food and worship as we explore the true meaning of Christmas. Contact Jaquie at Bethelwoods 803-366-3722 for registration information.

Christmas carols or Advent hymns? Your church can sing both. Simultaneously!

The Presbyterian Outlook commissioned noted Presbyterian hymn writer Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to prepare four Advent carol texts to be sung to familiar, beloved Christmas tunes everyone enjoys singing. The lyrics are based upon the lectionary text for each Advent Sunday. You can lead your congregation in singing: *"God, You Alone Know What You've Planned"* to the tune of *"It Came upon a Midnight Clear"*; *"When Old Zechariah Saw What God Had Done"* to the tune of *"Away in a Manger"*; *"John Went Out to Preach God's Word"* to the tune of *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*; and *"Mary Gladly Told Her Cousin"* to the tune of *"Once in David's Royal City"* Presbyterian Outlook is offering them to print out for bulletin inserting, in full music manuscript, like they would appear in a hymnal. [Online Downloads](#) are \$9.95 per song or \$29.95 for the whole set.

Watch for Presbyterian Times

Presbyterian Times will arrive in your mailbox late this week or early next week. All members of Providence Presbytery churches should receive this publication. If you do not receive your copy, please email iglasgow@providencepres.org to update your address in our system.

Attention Bible Study and Sunday School teachers

Have you heard that the curriculum you use should be Reformed? What exactly does that mean? How do you know if it is Reformed and why does that matter? Join Rev. Janet Alford at the **E3 event** on **Sunday, January 10** at Rock Hill First Presbyterian for a FREE workshop looking at the basic building blocks of Reformed theology so that your church can feel more equipped to choose potential Sunday school curricula. Registration and more information are available online at www.providencepres.org -- click on E3. If you register online, you will receive a confirmation email. Please contact Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org if you do not receive a confirmation.

Linking Children's Literature & the Biblical Story

In October, Union-PSCE launched a new website that offers a host of online resources for using children's and adolescent literature in educational ministry. The website, Children's Literature: A Resource for Ministry, provides book reviews, lesson plans and ideas for ministry created by faculty and students at Union-PSCE. There is also a blog component that allows users to interact with the topics by making comments and asking questions. The project creates a venue to share resources for ministry created by the seminary's Christian education faculty and students with congregations. [Check it out now!](#)

Calvin Center to Offer Interim Pastor Training in January

Come to the Calvin Center in Atlanta for training to become a more effective interim pastor January 11-15. Level 1 Track is for those new to the experience of interim pastoring, Level 2 track is available for those looking to enhance their skills in the area. There is also a spouse track available. [Find out more online.](#)

Come to "Writing Days" at Folly Beach

Some of you are writers, aspiring writers, preachers, workshop presenters, trainers...all of you are involved in communicating in some form or fashion. Writing Days are coming up at Folly Beach January 25-26. Anita Flowers, Pinnacle Associate and Writing Coach, is facilitating this retreat wherein you will have plenty time to write with additional support for your writing efforts. Go online to [view the brochure](#) and register to reserve a spot.

The Reformation was a long time ago...or was it?

Are post-modern/emergent/missional conversations signs of a new reformation? What other signs are we seeing or yearning for as we seek to be faithful, 21st Century disciples? Join Phyllis Tickle, Tony Jones, Bruce Reyes-Chow and Philip Clayton for a series of conversations and workshops around these and other questions at Emergence NOW January 26-28. Barbara Brown Taylor will preach and lead worship on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The program fee includes lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. [Event details are available online.](#)

Presbytery Habitat Build Organizing

We are inviting churches of Providence Presbytery who might not be able to afford to build a Habitat home on their own to join together with other churches and care for a family working to escape poverty in York County. Lead churches will donate \$4500 and a \$450 tithe for international Habitat Homes as well as volunteers to staff the construction site for one Saturday. Partner churches will donate whatever they can afford and provide volunteers to team with other Partner church volunteers for one Saturday. Contact [Steve Hardy](#) for information on how to get involved by December 15.

Second Harvest Partners Gear Up for 2010

Join the 2009 Second Harvest volunteers on December 15 at 6:30 at Union Baptist Church as we review the year's progress, and plan for 2010. Kay Carter, Executive Director of Second Harvest Food Bank in Charlotte will attend. The organizers would like to present Second Harvest with a check from churches, civic groups, corporate offices, schools, small businesses, and individuals to help defray the cost of 2101 York County Second Harvest deliveries. We will provide a time during the meeting on December 15 for persons and groups to present contributions. For more information, call Dot Killian at (803) 517-7870 or e-mail Dot at dot@providencepres.org. Checks should be made payable to Second Harvest Food Bank with the notation Second Harvest Partners-York County. Checks can be mailed to Providence Presbytery, 515 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, S.C. 29730.

Did you send us your Video Christmas Card?

JUST THREE MORE DAYS!!!! Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups, Men's Groups...anyone associated with Providence Presbytery... We invite you to join us as we create a Providence Presbytery video Christmas card! Any group associated with Providence Presbytery is invited to shoot a 30 to 45 second Christmas Card. You can be as creative as you like to share your Christmas wishes or

Christmas “commercials” with others in the Presbytery and beyond. Submit your digital movie file (can be PowerPoint, QuickTime, Windows Movie File, Flip video...whatever) to jill@providencepres.org by **December 2nd**. In the email, please tell me the following: Subject: Your Church, Your Group Name—Video Christmas Card. Contact person, Contact phone and Contact Email Address. Submissions must be received by December 2nd to be included in the Video to debut at the Presbytery Christmas Open House and added to the website. If you have questions, contact Jill Wilson at jill@providencepres.org or at the Presbytery office, Extension 8.

Around the Presbytery

- *Alternative Christmas Market: **First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC** will host its annual Alternative Christmas Market on **December 5** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Join us and find creative ways to honor loved ones this Christmas as you reach out and help others in need through local, national, and international organizations. Some local and international craft items will also be available as well as Just Coffee and baked goods. We hope to see you on December 5th.*
- **Carmel Presbyterian** is honored to be on the *Chester County Historical Tour* to be held on Sunday, **December 13th**. The tour begins at 2PM and will visit Carmel at 4:30PM. The final stop on the tour will be First Baptist in Chester at 5:30PM where refreshments will be served. For more information on the tour and Carmel’s participation, contact W.T. Holmes at Carmel.

Check out the events below on the [Presbytery Calendar](#)--for event details, click on the event!

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