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Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to equip, support, and connect our congregations as they faithfully serve Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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"This, then, is the answer to the problem of civilization: not to flee from the realm of space; to work with things of space but to be in love with eternity. Things are our tools; eternity, the Sabbath, is our mate."

----[Abraham Joshua Heschel](#)

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

John Miller's family, as John passed away this week. The funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 14th at 2PM at Hopewell Church-Highway 5 near Blacksburg.

Seminar to Discuss Health Care Reform Effects on SC Residents

South Carolina Health Care Voices is proud to announce a health care meeting to be held in Rock Hill Monday April 19th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Executive Hall of The Freedom Center 215 East Main St. They will be discussing the new health care changes that recently passed and their positive impact on South Carolina. They will discuss what initiatives have gone into effect and the process of implementing the rest of the improvements over the next few years. These meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to bring anyone interested in how these improvements will benefit South Carolina.

Racial/Ethnic Weekend Focuses on the Place of Music in Worship

All congregations in Providence Presbytery are invited to join us for this exciting weekend where the focus is gaining a better understanding of the role of music in worship. Pastor Alice Ridgill, pastor of New Faith Church in Greenwood, SC, and Dr. Tony McNeill, former Music Minister at Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, will lead workshops and worship for the event entitled, "Keeping the main thing the MAIN THING." The event will be held April 17-18 at Hermon Presbyterian Church. Anyone interested in joining the Mass Choir is welcome. Vocal and Instrumental Artists are welcome. Email Dot Killian at dot@providencepres.org if you have an interest in joining the choir. [Find out more.](#)

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Winthrop Connections Lunch

Did you graduate from Winthrop? Do you or did you work at Winthrop? Do you love the Winthrop Eagles? If so, then you've got a Winthrop Connection and the Campus Ministry of Providence Presbytery would like to invite you to a Winthrop Connections luncheon on April 18 at noon in the Activities Center of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. Join us for worship, then join us for lunch! There is no charge, but please call OAPC at (803) 327-2006 and let us know if you plan to

attend. The menu includes fried chicken, a potluck selection of vegetables and sides, and a variety of yummy desserts. The Campus Ministry Committee looks forward to having you with us!

New Two-Session Study- "[Our Creeds and Confessions](#)" from Presbyterian Leader

The roots of our church confessions span the whole history of the Christian movement. The names no doubt are familiar—the Nicene Creed, the Apostles' Creed, the Scots Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Second Helvetic Confession, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Shorter Catechism, the Longer Catechism, the Theological Declaration of Barmen, the Confession of 1967, and, of course, the Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)—but their history and relevance to today's church may be a bit more elusive. In this two-session study we will take a look at the roots of the creeds and confessions of the PC(USA). Why do we say them? Where did they come from? What do they mean? How are they distinctive? And, how can we as Presbyterian leaders use them to encourage Christian living? [Find out more.](#)

Stewardship beyond your Lifetime

You've read the headlines - "Museum receives \$5 million bequest from local businessman with a passion for American paintings." Ever wonder if donors such as these also remembered their church in their bequest? **Wills Emphasis Sunday is May 2** and every Presbyterian congregation should take the time to ask its members, "Have you remembered the church in your estate plans." Though this seems simple enough to do --- do we really get it? Do we understand the impact to the mission and ministries from a lifetime gift? The church is where we come for fellowship, support, spiritual guidance. We support capital campaigns, mission programs and tithing throughout the years. A charitable bequest is a continuation of our lifelong stewardship. To find out more, visit www.presbyterianfoundation.org.

Educational Opportunities

Webinar for Church Leaders Interested the Effects of Technology on Ministry

The new generation is spurring radical cultural transformations in the way that we communicate, relate, and organize. Why are these movements occurring? How should our congregations respond? Carol will explore these shifts and suggest ways to find hope for our churches in the midst of it. Carol Howard Merritt is associate pastor of Western Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., author of the book *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*, and is co-host with Bruce Reyes-Chow of the internet radio show, *The God Complex*. Tuesday, April 13—2PM EST. Cost is 29.95 and all webinar attendees must have access to the internet and a telephone. [Click here to register](#) or call Gillian at 800/446-6008.

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[Pericles](#)

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Dr. W.T. Holmes and his family... Holmes' daughter, Louise passed away last week. A celebration of her life was held at 1pm today in Columbia.

Welcome, Baby!

Congratulations to Schaap Freeman & Clay Fouse on the birth of their daughter, Virginia Walker Freeman Fouse on March 16. Schaap is the Youth Director at Grace (Y) and Clay is also a member of our presbytery, serving as a hospital chaplain in Charlotte.

Your Haiti Mission Information Needed for May Presbytery Meeting

We are preparing a presentation compiling all of the ways our churches reached out to the people of Haiti in the recent months. Would you please let me know what your church has done service-wise, or financially for the people of Haiti? (For example: Did you pack hygiene kits? Did you collect a special offering? Did you send a team to build houses?) If you were involved in a group that did something to help Haiti, please send Jill Wilson an email. In your [email to Jill](#), please include your church name, a description of what your group did, and a contact person in case we need more information. Thanks so much for sharing this with all of us!

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A Great Addition to Your Youth Ministry Program

Common Ground Youth will next gather on Sunday, April 25th at 5 pm at Allison Creek Church. We have great games, uplifting music, and challenging small group discussions. This has been a great way for youth from several churches to connect with one another in a meaningful way. Please contact [Sam McGregor](#) if you have any questions or you want more information.

Looking for curriculum for summer Sunday school?

We Believe has published a broadly graded 13 lesson children's curriculum with reproducible resource sheets and "For the Home" pages as well as photo-copiable, take home comic adventures that enable kids to make a comic book of their very own. The Resource Center has a sample for you to look at, or view a sample online at <http://www.pcusa.org/webelieve/summer/index.htm>.

Free Telephone Equipment Available for Vision, Hearing and Speech Impaired

Amplify Life, a telephone equipment distribution program administered by the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind has **free telephone equipment** for SC residents who are vision, hearing or speech impaired. If you have a problem using a standard telephone, please contact their office at 803-896-8337 or 877-225-8337. Email amplifylife@scedp.org or visit their website at www.scedp.org.

Are you a Woodworker?

The presbytery office has a map of our 5 county area that we need to have framed. Would you be interested in designing and building a frame for our map? If so, please contact [Rose](#) for measurements and information. Thanks!

General Assembly News

As our denomination prepares for its biannual General Assembly, The Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) is looking for about 1,000 people who are willing to serve as **prayer partners**, said Lois Potter, a member of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake, MN, and coordinator of the committee's Prayer Partner Work Group. Each prayer partner will be given the name of a commissioner or advisory delegate and asked to pray for them throughout the Assembly. If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner for General Assembly, please sign up to volunteer at the [COLA General Assembly 2010 Website](#). Click on the Volunteer tab.

Educational Opportunities

Make Plans for a Mountain Retreat!

Montreat Camp and Conference Center is offering several educational and informative camps and seminars for adults in the relaxing setting of Montreat the Spring and Summer. Families are also invited to come to Montreat for a family getaway. Check out their [catalog online](#). Don't forget to check with your home in the mountains...South Carolina Home at Montreat if you are planning a trip. Rates are great and the accommodations provide one of the best views in Montreat!

www.schomemontreat.org

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4/26	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team—6PM (Grace-Lancaster)
4/27	Educator Gathering—11:30-1:30PM (Presbytery Office)
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Douglass Key in *Persuadable Hearts*
Clover Presbyterian Newsletter, Tidings, March 2010

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Rev. Alvis (Al) Daniel passed away April 22nd. A celebration of his life was held April 24th at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian. Rev. Daniel served as a Parish Minister for students at Union Seminary and pastored several churches in Providence Presbytery. He was a gifted leader in the Presbyterian Church. Please keep his wife, Faye and their children and grandchildren in your prayers.

Thanks from Presbyterian College...

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Providence Presbytery,
Thank you for your continual faithfulness and loyalty during these difficult days. Your example of continuing your support of the mission at PC is humbling and we appreciate it so much. Gratefully,
Harry R. Workman

Reaching Out for Better Understanding and Friendship

The Presbytery's Glocal Mission Committee has formed a working group with the Muslims of this area to strive for better understanding and friendship. Together we are working on the current Habitat “Faith Build” house on Irwin Road in Rock Hill. A good team of workers has been organized for our work day, May 1st. You, too, can help in this effort to provide a local family with a comfortable, affordable home in a nice neighborhood. Your contribution of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please send your check for this specific build to: York County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 4255, Rock Hill, SC, 29732 and note on the check “Muslim-Christian Fellowship Group”.

Attend a “Moving Prayer Event!”

"Moving Prayer Event" for [National Day of Prayer 2010](#) will be May 6th at Stevens Park in Kershaw, SC. Drop in anytime that day after 7am and volunteers* will hand you prayer information at the stop sign, next to the new playground. Drive the circle, or park and walk around the playground, praying **as you go**. There will be signs guiding you on what to pray for so bring the family! Open to everyone! We need volunteers to 'stand on the hill' to hand out info throughout the day. So if anyone is interested, please e-mail to davidwilliamroberts@yahoo.com.

Your Haiti Mission Information Needed for May Presbytery Meeting

*Thanks to all of you who have sent information on your groups' Haiti Mission actions for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting presentation! We haven't heard from everyone, however. If you have been involved in **doing service, donating goods or contributing to financial relief** for the people of Haiti, please email Jill. In your [email to Jill](#), please include your church name, a description of what your group did, and a contact person in case we need more information. Thanks so much for sharing this with all of us!*

Haiti Outreach Ministries Seeks Nurses

George and Linda Bates – Coordinators for the Haiti Outreach Ministries are looking for nurses to travel with their group to Haiti from May 23rd – 30th. If you or someone you know are available and is interested please contact Linda Bates at haitioutreachtrip@gmail.com . Haiti Outreach Ministries website is <http://www.haitioutreachministries.org>

Hunger and Homelessness Summit to be held in Rock Hill

On behalf of the [Pathways to Housing Steering Committee](#) and our host partner, Westminster Presbyterian Church, I would like to cordially invite you to attend the second annual **Faith-Based Summit on Hunger and Homelessness**. The event will be held on **May 5th, 2010**, at Westminster Hall on the campus of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. (1320 India Hook Road) It will begin at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served. If you could please RSVP to Lora Holladay at 324-2735 or lholladay@comporium.net by May 1st, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Former PC(USA) associate accepts White House appointment

[Phil Tom](#), associate for [Small Church and Community Ministry](#), has been appointed by the [White House](#) to serve as the director for the [Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives](#) for the [Department of Labor](#), effective April 5. Tom will work at building partnerships with faith-based and community groups to improve the lives of workers, particularly around livable wages and working conditions. Tom served the [General Assembly Mission Council](#) since 2000, working with small, rural and urban congregations, building relationships for congregational and community renewal.

Education and Funding for Smaller Congregations Offered

Please consider several life-long learning opportunities for pastors, especially those serving smaller size congregations. Please pass this along to those pastors in your presbytery who might benefit from these offerings. [Boudnot Library Fund](#): Provides grants of \$200 to small PC(USA) congregations to purchase books for the church library selected by the pastor, for the pastor's use. [Leadership Training Scholarship](#): Provides grants of \$200 to pastors of small churches to use to attend training events. Available Now. [Continuing Education Grant](#): Provides grants of \$1000-\$1500 for the first three years of a Doctor of Ministry program. Available Now. More details and application information can be found at Financial Aid for Studies <http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid/programs-pastors-smallchurches.htm>

General Assembly News

Free GA Resources available from Presbyterian Leader! On April 28 Presbyterian Leader will launch its first Special Edition Leader Reader that will give you all the information you need to know about General Assembly and ensure that your experience at GA is a rich one. This will be the first in a series of five that will be released between now and July. They will also be releasing a study by Matthew Skinner on the theme of this year's event, "Rivers of Living Water." They are also creating the official daily devotions to help guide you in prayer and reflection throughout the event. ***The 219th General Assembly (2010) materials are free to all visitors of the site.*** In order to access these FREE tools you will need to [create a free account](#) and then download the desired material. If you're a subscriber you will automatically receive these tools. We'll keep you posted as new resources are developed.

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Educational Opportunities

Effectively Leading Congregations through Size Transitions

You are invited to participate in this partnering workshop between Pinnacle Leadership and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina on May 6. This workshop is open to clergy, church staff and lay persons from any denomination. The [brochure](#) is available online.

Caring for Creation: A Forum for Religious Education Leaders

The Center for Humans and Nature, Audubon – South Carolina and Mepkin Abbey are sponsoring an interfaith conference at Mepkin Abbey for religious education leaders who wish to know more about faith-based environmental education. This Caring for Creation conference is offered without charge and is open to educational leaders and teachers in places of worship. The event will be Thursday, May 20; 8:30AM-4PM at Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner, SC. [More information is available online.](#)

Celebrate 300 years of Presbyterian Church History

Join us at Johns Island Presbyterian Church May 20-22 for a 3-day presentation series entitled, "Stories of a Presbyterian Meeting House," offered by Dr. Erskine Clarke, well known Southern Presbyterian Church Scholar. Find out more at www.jipc.org.

Smaller Churches Combine Efforts for Big Impact on their Community

LINKING FOR MINISTRY is an event for smaller membership congregations interested in learning about cooperative ministry (clustering) for the purpose of ministry and mission. This 3-day conference is designed to excite, encourage and empower small churches towards new possibilities and opportunities through joint mission and ministry. Learn more about how "clustering" can revitalize the small church, enlarge its vision and expand its capacity for worship, work and witness. June 2-4, 2010, Thornwell Home Campus, Clinton, SC 29325. For more information or to register, go to www.trinity-presbytery.org and look under Events.

Positions Available

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church Rock Hill is now seeking its next **Associate Pastor for Member Care and Involvement**. The CIF is now available [online](#). Suggestions, nominations and self referrals can be sent to the APNC at ap.search@oapc.net.

Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church has determined its desire to hire a **Director of Christian Education**. If interested, please submit the [attached application materials](#) and general personal information. Submission address is included in the application materials.

First Presbyterian Church, York is looking for a **childcare worker** to staff the Nursery on Sunday Mornings from 9:45am-12:15pm. Contact the church for an application. 803-684-2356 or firstpresbyk@comporium.net

Around the Presbytery...

Join us at **Lancaster First Presbyterian** for our 175th Anniversary! Our celebration will include Saturday and Sunday events! [See our Online Calendar of Events!](#)

Please come and hear the Rev. Dr. Charles Raynal deliver the sermon the 11 a.m. Worship Service on 5/2 for **Bethesda's 250th Homecoming Celebration**. Then join us in the Family Life Center for a covered dish luncheon. All are invited.

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

2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

5/23	Presbytery Meeting 2:30PM (Tirzah-Lancaster)
8/15	Called Presbytery Meeting at Clinton College (Hosted by Hermon)
10/17	Presbytery Meeting—2:30PM (Grace-Lancaster)

This Week in Providence Presbytery

4/26	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team—6PM (Grace-Lancaster)
4/27	Educator Gathering—11:30-1:30PM (Presbytery Office)
4/27	Administrative Ministry Team—5:30 (Presbytery Office)
4/28	Administrative Assistants Appreciation Luncheon-Noon
4/29	Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11AM (Allison Creek)

Coming Up Next Week

5/5	Metrolina Educator Connection Planning meeting—10AM (Presbytery Office)
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5/8

[Bethelwoods Open House](#)—8AM

Mark your Calendar

- 5/23 Presbytery Meeting –2:30PM (Tirzah-Lancaster)
- 5/25 [Second Harvest Partners](#) (Foundation AME Zion, Lesslie)
- 6/1 TTT Meet the Camp Summer Staff--5PM (Bethelwoods)
- 6/29 [Second Harvest Partners](#) (Oakdale Presbyterian, Clover)
- 7/3-10 219th General Assembly (Minneapolis, MN)
- 7/27 [Second Harvest Partners](#) (Unity, Fort Mill)
- 8/31 [Second Harvest Partners](#) (Ebenezer Baptist, Rock Hill)
- 9/19 Youth Rally—5-7:30PM (Bethelwoods)

Please submit articles to jill@providencepres.org with In the Know and the date you would like your article to run in the subject line by Friday at 5 PM for the following Monday's issue.