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“Christian prayer is always a response to a presence already felt. The awareness of a desire to pray again is already prayer. As the desert fathers so often said, “If you want to pray, you are already praying.”

- [Edward J. Farrell](#)

from Gathering the Fragments

Congratulations!

James Platt is thrilled to announce the birth of his first grand-daughter. Her name is, Abigail Celeste Barber.

In Haiti they say...<<MÈSI ANPIL!>>

or "Thank you very much!" on the behalf of the mothers in Haiti who will be receiving the over 200 bundles that were knitted, prepared and bundled by the Presbyterian Women of Providence Presbytery, and their daughters and granddaughters yesterday at the "Showering Haitian Mothers with Love" event at Purity Presbyterian Church in Chester. There were representatives from every county in the presbytery, and more than 18 churches were represented. Shown at the event was this [photo essay](#) from the New York Times about giving birth in Haiti.

You Can Help Society of St. Andrew Receive Pepsi Grant

Society of St. Andrew is in the running for \$250,000 in the Pepsi Refresh Project. Please help us win by voting every day in September! As of press time SoSA is ranked 19th in their division. Those ranked 1 and 2 on Sept. 30th will receive the grants. To Vote, go to www.endhunger.org and click the Pepsi Logo button to vote daily in September.

Older Adult of the Year Luncheon Coming Soon

The Luncheon will be held on September 21st—10:30AM-Noon at Bethelwoods. The cost of the event is \$11.00 per person. Registrations for the luncheon may be made by contacting Bethelwoods at 803-366-3722 or by e-mail at info@bethelwoods.org. Deadline for registration is September 14th.

Register Now for Youth Rally

Register NOW to bring your 6th-12th grade youth and adult advisors to the annual Youth Rally at Bethelwoods, **Sunday, Sept. 19** from 5-7:30PM. The cost for supper is \$3 per person. Please contact Jason at Bethelwoods by Sept. 16 with an estimate of the number of middle and high school youth and adults you plan to bring. This will help us with food preparations and small group assignments. The first Worship 4 YOUth will be a part of the Youth Rally. The youth from the Common Ground ministry are planning and leading this experiential worship. [More Information.](#)

Worship 4 YOUth Seeks Great Youth Groups

We are looking for youth groups or groups of churches that would be willing to work with Jason Roberson at Bethelwoods to plan and lead the other three Worship 4 YOUth services. The dates are: November 21, February 13, and April 10. Mark your calendars now to attend and please contact Jason

at Jason@bethelwoods.org or 803-366-3722 to volunteer your group to plan and lead a worship experience.

Metrolina Educator Connection Focuses on Children's Literature

Learn the many ways that children's literature can be used with all ages in Christian Education in the church. The fall Metrolina event will be held at Bethelwoods on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 11:00 – 3:00 and includes lunch. The cost is \$20. [Registration](#) and non-refundable payment is due to Kathryn McGregor at the presbytery office by Sept 22.

PW Fall Spiritual Retreat Coming Soon!

All women in the presbytery are invited to hear Dot Killian and some very talented musicians in our presbytery share "Serving the God We Love by Living the Hymns We Sing" at this year's PW Fall Spiritual Retreat to be held at Bethelwoods on **Saturday, Oct. 2**. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The retreat includes a FREE lunch and an optional Bible Study Helps workshop following lunch for those leading PW's Revelation Bible Study this year.

Columbia Seminary Offering \$500 Study Grants to Clergy and Church Professionals

Applications are due September 30 for \$500 study grants available from Columbia Theological Seminary's S3 Project. For small, self-selected groups of clergy and other church professionals, S3 (Sabbath, Study and Service) offers the opportunity to design and participate in learning projects that strengthen their practice of ministry. Groups will receive \$500 per person to fund self-directed projects. The S3 project also covers room and board on campus for two required retreats: one in February, 2011, and another in February, 2012. The application procedure requires a group proposal and individual applications for each group member. A [brochure](#) and [application](#) are available online at or by contacting Sarah Erickson at 404-687-4526 or ericksons@CTSnet.edu. Groups will be notified of acceptance by October 15. The S3 Project is supported with funding from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Please continue to pray this month for your community.

As you get ready for [Evangelism Sunday](#) on September 26 remember that the good news we share is not just about one Sunday of worship. Continue to pray this month for your community, asking God to show you ways to creatively serve those in your neighborhood. [Download](#) our 2010 Evangelism Sunday Worship packet. Follow our timeline. Discover ideas for a Servant Saturday in your community – *that they might know... Christ and our lives.*

Educational Opportunities: [EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available](#)

Small Church Pastors and CLP's welcome at CLP Conference--Please know that **pastors of small churches are welcome** to attend the CLP conference in Montreat October 4-7 with keynote presenter **John Bell**. We have received a number of inquiries and we are delighted to have installed pastors join the CLPs as together they are inspired by John Bell as they consider "**Music and Worship.**" Detailed information about the conference, including the workshop offerings on Preaching, Faithful Worship and Music, Christian Education, Stewardship, Boundaries, and Congregational Leadership, can be found online at: <http://www.montreat.org/current/2010-continuing-education-for-commissioned-lay-pastors-and-preachers>

The Adult Education Menu: How can a church go about planning enough adult education opportunities so that there is something for everyone? What are adult learners looking for today? This workshop will explore how even the smallest congregation can offer its members a chance to share and deepen their faith. 1.5 hour in length. Led by Sharon Ely Pearson. The Webinar is offered on the Wednesday, September 29 – 4 PM (APF2). To register for the webinar: Simply e-mail MER@cpg.org and in the subject line put: Webinar. In the body of the e-mail, list the webinars you would like to participate in, noting the title, date and code (such as RWF1). Sign it with your name, church, town or city and state and send. Shortly thereafter you will receive a toll-free number to call as well as a

website address to connect you to the session. (You will need Adobe Acrobat and Internet access to join the webinar if you wish to view the demonstrations.) Space will be limited to 15 participants for each session, so sign up in advance to insure your place.

Regional Training for Grief and Mourning offered in Columbia--Especially appropriate for local pastors, chaplains, Stephen Ministry volunteers, CPE students and mental health professionals who work with grief and mourning, a 3-day block of training in the area of Grief and Mourning, will be presented by Dr. Therese Rando, October 1-3 in Lexington, South Carolina. Cost is \$375 for all three days. For more information and registration, http://www.scleap.org/rando_training/.

Awaken Young Lives to God's Call--Register now for the FTE Calling Congregations Conference, Oct. 7-9 in Atlanta. Connect with a growing network of pastors, youth ministers, college and lay leaders who notice, name and nurture the next generation of leaders for the church. Learn practices that revitalize a commitment to Christian vocation and the call to ministry. Call 404-727-1458 or visit www.fteleaders.org/callingconference

Faith Seeks Understanding to feature Eugene Peterson--Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte announces the annual Faith Seeks Understanding series on October 10-11, 2010. This year the two-part series will be co-sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian Church and will feature the Reverend Eugene Peterson, internationally known writer and Presbyterian minister. Sunday, October 10 at 5:00p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (1000 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28204) Reverend Peterson will speak on the topic, "The Jesus Way: What Is It? And Why Should I Care?" This event is designed for the entire church community and will be followed by discussion and a reception Monday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m., Covenant Fellowship Hall. Dr. Peterson will speak on the topic, "What Are Pastors Good For?" This opportunity for deeper conversation and reflection is designed primarily for pastors and church leaders, although all are welcome. You are invited to stay for lunch. Sunday's events are free and open to the public. Please reserve a place for Monday's session by calling 704-337-2450 or emailing Nadine.moran@upsem.edu. A freewill offering for lunch will be accepted.

Brain Research and Spirituality: This conference is for church educators, Sunday School teachers, and anyone involved in Christian Education. It will be held at Columbia Seminary **Oct. 14-16**. [Deadline to register is Sept. 15](#). This is a very reasonably priced continuing education event with Columbia Seminary's top-notch Christian Education professors, Kathy Dawson and Roger Nishioka. The Education & Equipping Ministry Team of the presbytery has scholarship money available for both church professionals and volunteers to attend this event. Simply complete a [Leadership Development Scholarship Application](#) and contact Kathryn McGregor for more information.

2010 Transformation Conference to be held in Fort Worth--The 2010 Transformation Conference is an event that will bring together pastors, elders, and other church leaders to talk about, dream about, and learn about congregational transformation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are pleased to announce that the event will take place at **First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas--October 18-22**. [Find out More Online](#).

Scholarships Available for God Made Small Churches Event--The PC(USA) Small Church and Community Office is offering twelve \$100 scholarships for the God Made Small Churches! Why? Exploring the Spiritual Nature and Potential of Small Congregations Event February 21 – 23, 2011. Registration and more information available at <http://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?EventId=882829>.

It's Your Story! It's Our Story!

Good news! A national television broadcast focusing on the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been picked up by nearly 50 different NBC broadcast markets across the country beginning Sunday, August 29. ***Coming Home: Hurricane Katrina 5 Years Later*** explores the relationships between survivors and volunteers and stories of how they have touched each other's lives. It's a story about how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance stayed with the survivors long after the news teams left. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the ministry and faithful commitment to long-term recovery that Presbyterians have made! **Find out if this film will be broadcast in your area** or how you can encourage your local station to pick up the broadcast over the next six months. Promote the airing of the program in your congregation — **download a bulletin insert**.

Around the Presbytery

Rock Hill First invites all interested people to join our *Financial Peace University* class: Did you know that personal finance is 80% behavior and 20% head knowledge. Come join us this Fall for Financial Peace University. A 13 week small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before! Classes start September 12th at 5:30 pm in the Gaston Room. Our class last fall paid off over \$50,000 in debt during the 12 weeks! The cost is \$40 for the book and workbook and \$110 for the entire "Financial Peace" kit. Please contact Janelle Hicks (417-1559) or Melissa Granacher (327-4581) for more information! Additional classes will be added during the year as interest is expressed.

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Chester invites you to a Fish Fry and Hot Dog "Fundraiser, Saturday, September 18th 5pm. **Find out more.**

Tirzah Presbyterian Church (York) will be celebrating its 95th Homecoming on Sunday September 19th, the Rev Achim Daffin will be returning as the guest minister. All friends, former pastors, and members are invited to attend our 11 am worship service with a covered dish lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

Mikhael President to Visit Rock Hill in September

Mary Mikhael, President of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, will be visiting Rock Hill on Thursday, September 23 to speak about the work and needs of the seminary. Dr. Mikhael wrote the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study on Joshua in 2009. You are invited to meet her at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. Box lunches will be available at 6:30 p.m. for \$5.00. To reserve your box lunch, call the Richards at 328-9392 by September 20. Choices are turkey, ham, or roast beef sandwiches, tuna or chicken salad croissant. Donations to the NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (NEST) may be made through any congregation's treasurer or directly to -- Providence Presbytery ---- for NEST, 515 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730. On-line individual contributions can be made through -- **<http://gamc.pcusa.org/donate/E862612/>**

Knit Together—A new Ecumenical Knitting Group welcomes all knitters (experienced and beginners) to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 3-4:30PM in the Fellowship Hall at ***Oakland Avenue Presbyterian*** Church. The group will knit Prayer Shawls as well as some Community Projects.

The people of ***Faith Presbyterian Church***, your new church development in Indian Land, cordially invite the people, congregations and staff of Providence Presbytery to a joyful worship celebration in which the Presbytery will Charter Faith church as her 59th congregation. The worship celebration will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 3:00 pm on the grounds of the Faith Presbyterian Church office, 7520 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land, SC 29707 (for directions, see **www.faithpresusa.org**). We will welcome Dr. Charles (Chuck) Campbell as our preacher and one of

our worship leaders. Dr. Campbell is a Professor of Homeletics at the Duke Divinity School, and he is formerly the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. Pastors, you are invited to wear your robes and a red stole and process as one body into the service.

Camden Second Presbyterian Church will celebrate their 120th anniversary with events on Friday, October 22 and Sunday, October 24.

Unity Presbyterian Church of Fort Mill will hold dedication worship services on Sunday, October 31 at 8:45 and 11:00 for the new sanctuary. The service will include dedication of the church building and furnishings, including the baptismal font, pulpit, communion table, and stained glass windows. Members of the congregation and representatives of Providence Presbytery will participate in the dedication service, which will include special music with hand bells, organ and brass. Unity has held worship services in the current historic sanctuary for 129 years. Please join us as we "Celebrate the Journey" with God in our new sanctuary.

Jobs Available

Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church is seeking a nursery caregiver for Sunday morning worship service. Hours needed are 10:45 am to 12:15 pm every Sunday. Applicants must be 18 years of age and older; a background check will be required. Please email edgar@dobysbridge.org if interested.

New Kirk Baptist on Museum Road in Rock Hill is in need of a Part-Time Youth Director. Their purpose would be to provide hands on leadership for the church's middle, senior high age youth and college age youth, consisting of planning for, developing and supervising a youth ministry in conjunction with our "Youth Committee." He/She would be under the supervision of the Deacon Council and Youth Ministry Committee. The specific responsibilities would be discussed at the time of the interview. If you are interested, phone the church at 803-325-2002.

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

2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

10/17 Presbytery Meeting—2:30PM (Grace-Lancaster)

Coming This Week

9/8 North York County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30 PM (Allison Creek)
9/9 Education and Equipping Ministry Team—9:30AM (Presbytery Office)

Coming Next Week

9/13 NCD Commission—5:30PM (Faith NCD)
9/13 Leader of Leaders Planning Team—11:30AM (Presbytery office)
9/14 Nominations Committee—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)
9/15 Union County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6PM (Cane Creek)
9/17 Kids' Night Out (Bethelwoods)
9/19 [Youth Rally—5-7:30PM \(Bethelwoods\)](#)

Mark Your Calendar

9/21 Older Adult of the Year Luncheon—10:30AM-Noon (Bethelwoods)
9/22 Lancaster County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30 PM (Liberty Hill)
9/28 [Second Harvest Partners](#) (Flint Hill Baptist)
9/29 Chester County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30PM (Fishing Creek)
9/29 South York County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30 (Hermon)
10/3 Faith Presbyterian Church Chartering Ceremony—3PM

10/15 Kids' Night out (Bethelwoods)
11/15 Second Harvest Partners (Foundation)
11/15-17 [Minister and Educator Fall Retreat \(White Oak Conference Center\)](#)
11/21 Worship 4 YOUth (Bethelwoods)
12/7 Providence Presbytery Christmas Open House—11AM-1PM and 4-7PM (Presbytery Office)
12/14 Second Harvest Partners (Faith Presbyterian)

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.