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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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"I'm going to try to be as obtuse as possible and sing about the most obscure stories. And you are going to go home and say, 'Where did he get that?' And whether you agree with my interpretation or not, if you open your Bible, I win."

[Michael Card](#) in a concert Sunday night in Matthews, NC

## **Prayer Request**

Russ Wimmer, Stated Supply at Grace (L) became ill during worship service last Sunday and was admitted to Piedmont Medical Center on Monday.

Youth Camp started at Bethelwoods June 8<sup>th</sup> and will go through August 1. Please be in prayer for the campers, counselors and staff at camp this summer.

## **Welcome**

Welcome, Jackie Scoates! Jackie is the new Guest Services Coordinator for Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center.

## **New Website**

Check out our NEW Website at [www.providencepres.org](http://www.providencepres.org)! It is our prayer that you will find the site easy to use and accessible. If you find that something needs updating, or if you cannot find information you need on the site, please don't hesitate to let [Jill Wilson](#) know. We are working to create a site that better equips, supports and connects you, our congregations.

## **Presbytery In Brief available Online**

Mark Verdery, Executive Presbyter of Providence Presbytery has posted the Presbytery in Brief for the May 2009 Presbytery Meeting. It is available [online](#). Click on "Presbytery Meetings" under Quick Links.

## **VBS Booklets Needed!**

Van Wyck Church is looking for extra leader's guides and extra student books from Cokesbury's 2006 Adventure of the Treasure Seekers for their VBS in July. If your church has any you would be willing to give them, please email Pat Oglesby at [poglesby@comporium.net](mailto:poglesby@comporium.net).

## **Youth Leaders: Mark Your Calendar**

Mark your calendars NOW to bring the youth from your church to Providence Presbytery's Youth events during the [2009-2010 school year](#). We will kick off the year with our annual Youth Rally, which will feature our brand new Youth Worship Service at Bethelwoods. Three more youth worship services will be held on Sunday nights throughout the year. We will join other youth from across the presbytery in some hands on mission work at our second annual Youth Mission Retreat to be held March 26-27, 2010 at Bethelwoods. Contact [Kathryn McGregor](#) or [Kat Ward](#) for more info.

## **Cool off at Camp this Summer at Bethelwoods Sunday Swims**

Join us for Bethelwoods Sunday Swims in June, July and August. The camp pool will be open from 2-4PM on Sundays for members of Providence Presbytery churches.

## **Presbytery Quilt News**

Thanks to all the ladies who have finished their quilt square and turned them in. I have put together the first four rows of the quilt and need the rest of the blocks to be able to finish it. If you haven't turned in your block, please get it to me as soon as possible. It can be dropped off at the Presbytery office, mailed to me at 379 Windemere Drive, Winnsboro, SC 29180, or call me at 803-482-4111 or e-mail me at [ralphbrown@mybluelight.com](mailto:ralphbrown@mybluelight.com) and I will make arrangements to get it. The quilt is a project of the Presbyterian Women to raise money for the Capital Campaign. Tickets are available through me, at the Presbytery office, through Kathryn McGregor, or through the Presbyterian Women's Moderator, Graceann Jones. The quilt will be given away at the Fall Presbyterian Women's meeting in October.

## **Apply Now for the Leadership Initiative**

Clergy and lay persons who are interested in becoming transformational, missional leaders in their congregations should apply for the Leadership Initiative. Offered by Mark Tidsworth, leader of our recent Providence Leadership Seminars, the 9-month-long program will provide 1 group coaching session per month, 1 one-on-one coaching session each month, and reading targeted to the LI goals. LI runs from September 2009-May 2010. [Read more about the program online.](#)

## **Looking for a NEW Way to Share Your Gifts?**

Join the Presbytery Photo Team! We're looking for folks who enjoy taking pictures to attend presbytery events and snap a few photos. Your photos may be used on the presbytery website, in Presbyterian Times and in promotional brochures. Photographers will be credited in the publications. Need more information? Contact Jill Wilson at [jill@providencepres.org](mailto:jill@providencepres.org) for details. Participation in the Photo Team is open to members of any Providence Presbytery congregation.

## **Disaster Response Coordinator Training**

If you are a Church Disaster Response Coordinator or would like to be one, this will be a great opportunity to hear experts in several fields of disaster response. [See the attached flyer for more information.](#) All SC presbyteries are invited to attend. Contact **Kathleen Wood at 803-739-9709** (leave message) or email at [patandkatwood@sc.rr.com](mailto:patandkatwood@sc.rr.com). Please respond to Kathleen no later than June 10th. Lunch and t-shirts available. Make plans to attend this informative and fun day!

## **Cook position available at Bethelwoods Camp.**

Bethelwoods camp is looking for a cook to work up to 40 hours per week in the summer and part time on call the rest of the year. Contact Keith Newman at Bethelwoods. (803) 366-3722 camp number or (803) 378-3498. Resumes can also be e-mailed to [keith@bethelwoods.org](mailto:keith@bethelwoods.org).

## **Upright Piano Donated**

The presbytery has been offered an upright piano for one of our churches. We understand that it is in very good condition, however it needs tuning. If your church needs a new piano, please contact Dot Killian at [dot@providencepres.org](mailto:dot@providencepres.org).

## **Nominate Youth for Outstanding Youth Leader of the Year**

Outstanding Church Youth Leader Award (OCYLA) - nominations of 2009-2010 High School Junior and Seniors are now being received at Presbyterian College. Get the Nomination Form and instructions at: [www.presby.edu/church\\_relations/documents/OCYLA09](http://www.presby.edu/church_relations/documents/OCYLA09)

## **New Website offers Leadership Help**

Have you been blessed by a call to church leadership? Being a Presbyterian leader may be one of the most *fulfilling* and most *challenging* roles we can take on in service to God. The Presbyterian Leader.com—developed *by* Presbyterians *for* Presbyterians—is a comprehensive selection of resources designed to provide the inspiration and the information necessary to cultivate new congregational leaders and support existing ones through every success *and* every challenge. This reliable and accessible Web-based resource provides the perfect tools and research materials for preparing meaningful worship experiences, learning about practical and spiritual aspects of leadership in the church, and forging a deeper understanding of basic Presbyterian beliefs and doctrines. [www.thepresbyterianleader.com](http://www.thepresbyterianleader.com). You can also follow the site on [twitter](#) and [facebook](#).

## ***Don't Miss these Great Educational Opportunities!***

**THEOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS**, a PACE course, is being offered in July and August. Deadline to register is June 25. [Attached is a registration flyer with all the needed info](#). Learn with Dr. Bryan Bibb, who is an assistant professor in the religion department at Furman and a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church. Please make note of the reading assignment prior to the first day of class.

### **Alban Webinars on Economic Challenges**

Congregations and religious organizations are not immune to the forces at work during economic tough times. As institutions that exist to serve congregations and religious organizations, it is the desire of Alban Institute and the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at the Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University to launch a collaborative effort in order to learn more about how this crisis is being experienced by congregations and how they are responding to it. This [webinar series](#) is one way we are trying to share what we learn with our constituents in a timely, sensitive and creative manner. You can register for one or more of the live 1-hour webinars or register for the whole series for added savings.

### **Congregational Song Conference**

Learn practical, musical and pastoral ways to reclaim and cultivate musicianship and the embodied act of singing in worship. Attend the [Congregational Song Conference](#) at Columbia Theological Seminary July 27-29. Cost is \$225 per person with a 10% discount for multiple attendees from one congregation. [Tentative Schedule is online](#).

### **Mary Mikhael Leads August PW Bible Study Training Course**

Columbia Seminary offers a three-day Presbyterian Women's Bible study training course with the author, Mary Mikhael, in early August. See the [attached brochure](#) (with a link for online registration). PW Moderators and Circle Leaders will not want to miss this great opportunity!

### **Mediation Skills Training Institute**

How much of your time is invested in dealing with conflict in your churches? Do you have a judicatory level mediation team – people who are equipped to facilitate healing and reconciliation? The South Carolina United Methodist Conference has invited you to attend Lombard Mennonite Peace Center's *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* on August 17-21, 2009, in Columbia, South Carolina at Fair Lawn United Methodist Church ([see attached registration brochure for details](#)). This would be a valuable leadership training event for clergy and lay leaders.

### **All-expense Paid Holy Land Pilgrimage Offered for Mid-Career Pastors**

*Journey of Faith: A Pilgrimage of Discernment for Ministry* includes a two-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land and two short retreats—one before and one after the pilgrimage. Participant

costs for travel, accommodations, meals, and materials for the pilgrimage will be paid through a grant from the CF Foundation, through its Holy Land Pastoral Renewal Program. The only cost for those selected to participate will be a registration fee of \$250 and miscellaneous personal expenses. **June 22 is the application deadline** for a unique spiritual renewal experience offered for mid-career pastors by Columbia Theological Seminary's Center for Lifelong Learning. Travel to the Holy Land is from October 28-November 11, 2009, with an orientation retreat September 22-24, 2009, and a follow-up retreat scheduled for January 5-7, 2010. For application and information see the [website](#).

### **Need Help?**

Pianist and Flutist, Cathy Badalamenti of Purity Church is available as a pianist substitute, or to provide special music. Home number 803-581-6718, cell phone 803-374-6486, email [thecowjumpedoverthemoon@juno.com](mailto:thecowjumpedoverthemoon@juno.com)

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

### **This Week in Providence Presbytery**

- 6/8 [Summer Camp begins](#) (Bethelwoods)
- 6/10 Educator Luncheon-1 PM (Michael's Rock Hill Grill)
- 6/11 TTT goes to Phantom of the Opera-10:30AM (Bethelwoods)

### **Next Week**

- 6/16 Third Tuesday Together-10:30AM (Bethelwoods)

### **Mark your Calendar!**

- 6/23 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Freedom Center, Rock Hill)
- 7/30 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Unity Presbyterian, Fort Mill)
- 8/25 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Oakdale Presbyterian, Clover)
- 9/27 Youth Rally and first Youth Worship Event (Bethelwoods)

Please submit articles for In the Know to Jill Wilson by Friday at 5 PM for the following Monday's issue. Submit articles to [jill@providencepres.org](mailto:jill@providencepres.org) with In the Know and the date you would like your article to run in the subject line.