

# in the KNOW

The weekly communication of Providence Presbytery

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"Keeping this in mind helps us recognize that while our various projects (economic and otherwise) of making the world look the way we want it to may be doomed, we need not succumb to the gloomy conclusion that there's nothing for us to do and no way for us to move forward. We can train our desires because God has not abandoned us to the whirl."

From "Mammon in the Maelstrom" by Mark Douglas  
Read the entire article in [www.atthispoint.net](http://www.atthispoint.net) an online publication of CTS

## **Welcome, Baby!**

Mark and Frannie Verdery are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hattie, on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Hattie's proud parents are Sok and Jenny. We praise God with you for this beautiful addition to your family!

## **Visit with our Muslim Neighbors in Islamville**

You have a unique opportunity to meet with our Muslim neighbors in Islamville (north of York) when we are invited to visit their community on Saturday, August 15. Plans include time to meet and talk with each other, to learn what Muslims prepare to observe Ramadan, which begins later in August, to visit their mosque and shrine, and to share some refreshments. The hours for this event are from 4 to 6 p.m. and modest dress will be appreciated. Please let Presbytery office know if you plan to attend (by phone 328-6269 or by e-mail <[iglasgow@providencepres.org](mailto:iglasgow@providencepres.org)>) by August 12. Directions to Islamville are available at the Presbytery office. This event is sponsored by your Global Mission Committee.

## **Recent Communication from the Wheelers in Honduras**

We have received an email from our Mission Partners in Honduras-- The Wheelers. Read their thoughts and concerns about recent events in Honduras online at our Mission Blog, <http://missionlive.wordpress.com>

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## **Older Adult of the Year Nominations due THIS WEEK!**

Older Adult of the Year Nominations are due by August 14. Talk with your session NOW about who you will nominate. Please be sure and complete the section that indicates why you chose your nominee as this information is used to honor your nominee at the event! [Submit your Nomination Online](#) or [Print](#) the form and mail it to the Presbytery Office. Don't miss this opportunity to let your older members know they are appreciated! The Annual Older Adult of the Year Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at Bethelwoods.

### **Summer Youth Camp ends this Week**

Bethelwoods is thrilled to announce that they have had another wonderful summer of fun with young people from all over South Carolina and surrounding states. With a record, 12, Camp-in-a-Vans and over 900 campers, your Bethelwoods has impacted the lives of many children this summer. Bethelwoods' Adventure Campers who traveled to Canada for mission work will return on Wednesday. Thank you for your support this summer in helping us to follow God's lead and create a great environment for God to work.

### **CMC Announces the 2010 Chaplains Grand Rounds schedule**

The organizers are very excited about this up-coming series this year's theme is "Mind over Matter: Beliefs and the Body". This 9-part series is conducted in the Carolinas medical Center Auditorium from September through May, 12:00 pm to 1:00pm and are free and open to the public. See the schedule [online](#).

### **Elders, Church Leaders, Clergy will Enjoy Fruitful Churches Workshop**

Mark your calendar and join Providence Presbytery churches for the Spiritual Foundations for Fruitful Churches Workshop September 26 from 9:30AM-1PM. Joan Gray, author of *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* and moderator for the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, will lead this important workshop for our churches. Pastors, Elders and other church leaders are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held at Grace Presbyterian in Lancaster and will include lunch. Cost is \$5 per participant. Registration will be available online in August. Wondering if your church would benefit? [Register Online Today!](#)

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Dr. Shannon Jeffreys is the Choral director at Erskine College and will be leading a workshop for volunteer choirs September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30PM. Cost is \$5 per person. The focus of this workshop is to expand the toolbox of both the individual singer and the volunteer choir as a whole. Dr. Jeffreys will present simple tips that every singer can use to improve his/her sound, thoughts about what groups can do collectively to improve their sound, hints for leaders of singing groups, as well as other information and resources. More information and registration form is available [online](#).

### **Rural Ministry conference, September 22-24 at Columbia Theological Seminary**

Decatur, GA. Columbia Theological Seminary will host "Rural Ministry Today: Retooling the Toolbox" on the seminary campus September 22-24. Program registration is \$165 and includes two lunches. Limited housing is available on campus. The conference will feature keynote speaker Betty Grit, program manager of the Worship Renewal Grants for the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, MI., and a lecture by Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia. Workshop leaders include Kimberly Bracken Long, assistant professor of worship and coordinator of worship resources for congregations, Columbia Theological Seminary; Trace Haythorn, president, The Fund for Theological Education; Bonnie Orth, 2009 Rural Ministry Fellow; and Tom Tewell, executive director, Macedonian Ministries. Registration is due by August 22. [More Information Online](#).

### **Don't Miss the Music for Humanity Concert at Winthrop**

Tickets are now available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Music for Humanity benefit concert on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Barnes Recital Hall, Winthrop University. [This year's show](#) will feature an evening of eclectic music and humor featuring various professional performers, all of whom have donated their time and services. The proceeds will be divided evenly between Habitat for Humanity of York County and Music for Humanity. Tickets are \$12 and are available by emailing Penny Sheppard at [habitatom@comporium.net](mailto:habitatom@comporium.net) or by calling 803-328-1728. They can also be picked up at Habitat's ReStore located at 825 N Anderson Road, Rock Hill.

## Honduras Medical Mission Trip Dates Announced

The 2010 Honduras Medical Mission Trip is scheduled for May 28-June 5, 2010. Make plans now to join this team who will be conducting a dental and eye clinic for the impoverished people of rural Honduras. Contact [Fred Powell](#) to find out more.

## Around the Presbytery

**Hermon Announces 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends and Family Carnival.** A day filled with entertainment, food, give-a-ways, free school supplies and fellowship. There will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. You can register in advance or on that day. Entertainment provided by J-Real, Christian Rapper from Durham, NC and the band Mellogroove from Rock Hill, SC. Waterslides, games and prizes will be available for children. Local food, African art and clothing vendors will be there. If you would like to donate items to students in need, contact the organizers at 803-493-5893. They expect to serve 100 students this year.

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## Opportunities to Serve

**Pianist Needed:** Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church for choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and worship on Sunday mornings. Contact Edgar McCall at 803-547-5240 or email at [edgar@dobysbridge.org](mailto:edgar@dobysbridge.org).

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- 8/10 NCD Committee at Faith NCD-6:30 (Faith NCD)
- 8/12 Educator Luncheon-1PM (The Station, Rock Hill)
- 8/12 Common Ground Cooperative Youth Program Planning Meeting-5:30(Bethelwoods)
- 8/13 Nurture the People of God—6:30 (Presbytery Office)

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## **Support the Spiritual Development of Families**

Become a part of the online parents' community that [Heartfelt](#) is forming. It's easy and it's free! Just sign-up for your own Twitter account. Then follow [Heartfelt](#) at [heartfeltparent](#). Once you do, you will get access to ideas and news from children's ministry leaders and parents like you. We are forming a community to provide real-time support and ideas that meet your needs...when you need them.

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### **South Carolina Native joins Interfaith Peace Builder Delegation to Israel**

David Matos from Aiken, SC was our contact for the slide presentation by photo journalist Skip Schiel entitled "Bethlehem the Holy", which was co-sponsored by Providence Presbytery and OAPC in December 2008. Matos was part of the July 2009 delegation of Interfaith Peace Builders which considered "The U S Role in the Israeli-Palestine Conflict" during their travels. Read more about the [Interfaith Peace Builders](#) or check out [Matos' Blog](#) which includes his impressions from his visit to Israel.

### **Board of Pensions offers its Investment Midyear Review**

"Some of the economic experts tell us that we have to settle for a "New Normal", which seems to be shorthand for less money, less stuff, a lower level of spending and a higher level of savings. If it was not so painful to get to this new normal, it might not be all bad. We all can live better with fewer credit cards, no subprime debt and no alphabet soup of complex derivatives securities that we wrote about in our 2007 Midyear Investment Review" [Read the BOP Midyear Review.](#)

### **Archbishop of Galilee to speak at Montreat**

Internationally acclaimed peace-maker, the Rev. Dr. Elias Chacour, will be the special guest of honor for dinner and a presentation Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 PM, in the Galax Dining Room at Montreat Conference Center's Assembly Inn, Montreat, NC. "I am honored to invite the public to join me for this evening with Archbishop Chacour," said conference center president Pete Peery. "Following dinner, the Archbishop will speak to us about his ministry through his schools as well as his unique perspective on the way of peace in his war-torn and conflicted part of the world." [More information available online.](#)

### **PDA Now Allows 16 year-olds**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has now lowered the age of youth who may stay in the [Presbyterian Volunteer Villages](#). They hope the new age limit will encourage renewed interest and participation in [volunteer mission work teams](#). Port Neches, Texas is in desperate need of volunteers to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Ike. You are asked to please consider them for you next mission destination.

### **Louisville Seminary offering sabbatical grants**

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“Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is glue.”

[Eugene O'Neill, \*The Great God Brown\*, 1926](#)

## Can You Help?

We have produced a DVD and need to duplicate it for each of our churches. If you have access to a DVD duplicator, we would appreciate your help. Contact Jill Wilson by email at [jill@providencepres.org](mailto:jill@providencepres.org) or by phone at 803-429-0689, Ext. 8.

## Faith Habitat Build is Complete

After Weeks of work by our construction committee and the volunteers from 12 participating churches, another home has been completed! Please join us for refreshments and fellowship to celebrate homeownership with The White Family on **Friday, August 28, 2009, 5:45 P.M.** The White family home is located at 380 Softwinds Village Dr, Rock Hill 29730

## Older Adult of the Year Nomination Deadline Extended

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## We're Waiting For You at Your Home in the Mountains

South Carolina Home at Montreat has some availability during September, October and November. Wouldn't you like to visit your mountain get-away this fall? Available dates at press time: September 11-13 and 18-20 (4 apartments and the suite); October 9-11 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor is available); November 6-8 (House and 4 apartments are available). Pastors, don't forget you have 1 complimentary week per year at South Carolina Home. For more information [www.schomemontreat.org/](http://www.schomemontreat.org/).

## **Conquering Climate Change Seminar**

This second installment of the Environmental Policy Lecture Series to be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 9AM-3:30PM at South Carolina State University will provide an opportunity to explore the issues of new opportunities and economies associated with climate change in greater depth. Among the items to be discussed will be the faith community's concern for good stewardship of the Earth. Elected officials, business leaders and entrepreneurs, leaders of the faith community, and conservationists: we can all be part of the climate solution. There is no cost for the seminar. [Find out more online.](#)

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## **In Preparation for our World Mission Challenge Missionary**

Dr. Ingrid Reneau will be visiting our presbytery in October as part of the PC(USA) World Mission Challenge. Dr. Reneau is passionate about the plight of the people of Sudan. She has offered some [reading materials](#) for us to study in preparation for her visit. She also recommends the [UN's Sudan Weekly Update website](#). More information to come on Dr. Reneau's schedule during her visit in early October.

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### **Do you want to save money?**

Come learn all about clipping coupons and the secrets to saving money from Trivise Smith, the "Coupon Mama". Trivise and her family have been featured in over 50 newspapers, and Dave Ramsey's website and radio talk shows. [www.Leavethejonesalone.com](http://www.Leavethejonesalone.com) & [www.Couponmama.org](http://www.Couponmama.org). Please join us at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in York on Thursday August, 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$7.00/per person. Call Christine McCraven at 981-6811 with any questions.

## **Grace (Y) 10th Annual Yard Sale, BBQ, and Bake Sale Next Saturday**



Saturday, August 29, we'll have our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale, BBQ, and Bake Sale! The Yard Sale will be from 7AM to 1PM. The Bake Sale will begin at 7AM and the BBQ will be 11AM to 5PM. The BBQ

will feature Pork or Chicken BBQ plates with cole slaw, baked beans, roll, and tea or lemonade. Adult plates are \$8, children under 10 can eat for \$4, and bbq pork can be purchased for \$12 per pound. Tickets for BBQ plates are now available through the church office at (803)548-0800.

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[Dale Carnegie](#)

## **Thank You Habitat Volunteers and Sponsor Churches!**

Dear Church Leaders, Thanks to you, Habitat for Humanity of York County has been able to provide a home for LaTonya White and her children! LaTonya received several gifts, her family bible and home keys yesterday at the home dedication. We give thanks to God, whose spirit moved each of you and your congregations to reach out to LaTonya with your friendship, time, talents, and generous financial contributions. Habitat for Humanity relies on contributions such as these to fulfill its mission. Please accept our thanks. We look forward to your participation in future Faith Builds.

## **Bread for the World Sunday is October 18**

Conquering worldwide hunger is the goal of Bread for the World. Check out their website for free resources to use on Bread for the World Sunday in your congregation. [www.bread.org/sunday](http://www.bread.org/sunday)

## **Interested in CPR Class**

Contact [Edye Bender](#) if you or a group in your church (nursery workers, mother's morning out, for example) would like to take a class for CPR Certification. A CPR class is being organized in the York County area.

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### **Dust off those stewardship packets!**

Each church was given a packet of stewardship materials at the May presbytery meeting. Do you know where your packet is? If not, check with your pastor or elder commissioner to the May meeting and ask them for the packet. This envelope has helpful materials and resources for your Fall stewardship campaign. The packet includes a "Giving" magazine from the Ecumenical Stewardship Center, congregational stewardship season resources on the theme "New Love, New Mercy", a bibliography of stewardship resources available from the presbytery's resource center, two booklets from the denomination entitled "Growing Healthy Churches" and "Presbyterian Leadership" and various other stewardship resources.

### **Metrolina offers Adult, Youth and Children's Ministry Tracks at October Workshop**

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, Oct. 1 at Bethelwoods. Three great tracks to choose from as we "Re-invision Christian Education." Flyer with online registration is available on the [Providence Presbytery website](#). Please note the change in time. We have tried to respond to the request by some of you to finish up a little earlier in the afternoon as well as utilize the lunch break as a time to process what we've learned so far and give an opportunity to ask more questions as we delve deeper after lunch. We are still using paypal to collect credit card payment for preregistrations, but are doing it a little differently in an attempt to respond to problems in the past. Please note that you will submit your registration to me online and I will send you a confirmation email with the link to pay on paypal. You are always welcome to mail a check made out to Providence Presbytery to my attention at the address below or call me with a credit card number. We look forward to seeing you on October 1!

### **Raising Awareness of the Plight of the Poor**

Charlotte's "Walk for Economic Empowerment" on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 4pm on the Lower McAlpine Creek Greenway in south Charlotte. The walk [www.w4ee.org](http://www.w4ee.org) will help raise awareness in the Charlotte area and Carolinas about the plight of the poor worldwide and how we as Christians can help them through microenterprise development, specifically through microfinance.

### **Conquering Climate Change Seminar**

This second installment of the Environmental Policy Lecture Series to be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 9AM-3:30PM at South Carolina State University will provide an opportunity to explore the issues of new opportunities and economies associated with climate change in greater depth. Among the items to be discussed will be the faith community's concern for good stewardship of the Earth. Elected officials, business leaders and entrepreneurs, leaders of the faith community, and conservationists: we can all be part of the climate solution. There is no cost for the seminar. [Find out more online](#).

### **Choir Workshop for Informal and Formal Choirs**

Dr. Shannon Jeffreys is the Choral director at Erskine College and will be leading a workshop for volunteer choirs September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30PM. Cost is \$5 per person. More information and registration form is available [online](#).

### **Rural Ministry conference, September 22-24 at Columbia Theological Seminary**

Decatur, GA. Columbia Theological Seminary will host "Rural Ministry Today: Retooling the Toolbox" on the seminary campus September 22-24. [More Information Online](#).

### **Register this week for Joan Gray Workshop! ([Online Registration Available Here](#))**

Register this week for Spiritual Foundations for Fruitful Churches Workshop September 26 from 9:30AM-1PM. Joan Gray, author of *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* and moderator for the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, will lead this important workshop for our churches. Pastors, Elders and other church leaders are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held at Grace Presbyterian in Lancaster and will include lunch. Cost is \$5 per participant.

Questions? Contact Inez at the Presbytery Office 803-328-6269. [Wondering if your church would benefit?](#)

### **CTS Decatur offers “Rediscovering Calvin the Pastor”**

Elsie A. McKee will present the 2009 Smyth Lectures, October 13-15, at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. Her lecture series is titled “Rediscovering Calvin the Pastor.” The lectures, at 10:00 a.m. each day in the Harrington Center Chapel on the seminary campus, are free and open to the public.

### **In Preparation for our World Mission Challenge Missionary**

Dr. Ingrid Reneau will be visiting our presbytery in October as part of the PC(USA) World Mission Challenge. Dr. Reneau is passionate about the plight of the people of Sudan. She has offered some [reading materials](#) for us to study in preparation for her visit. She also recommends the [UN's Sudan Weekly Update website](#). More information to come on Dr. Reneau's schedule during her visit in early October.

### **Louisville Seminary offering sabbatical grants**

Louisville Theological Seminary awarded 48 sabbatical grants to pastoral leaders in 2009. They are again offering the opportunity for those who are interested in obtaining assistance in taking sabbatical leaves. Grant applications are due by September 1, 2009 and the sabbatical must be taken between March 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010. Information is available at [www.louisville-institute.org](http://www.louisville-institute.org). In addition, study grants are also available. Those applications are due by September 15, 2009.

### **Here's an Interesting Resource**

If you've been wanting to add video to support your Sunday morning message, but weren't sure about the equipment cost or how to do the production, check out [Worship House Media](#).

### **Opportunities within the Presbytery**

*Part Time Church Secretary* needed at Purity Presbyterian. Computer skills and office experience required. Send resume to Purity Presbyterian Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, PO Box 278, Chester, SC 29706-0278.

## ***Around the Presbytery***

**Uriel Presbyterian Church / Lewis Fire Department Annual Labor Day BBQ.** Uriel Presbyterian Church and the Lewis Fire Department will be cohosting their Annual Labor Day BBQ and Bake Sale fundraiser on Monday, 7 September 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Uriel Church located at 1578 Stringfellow Road in Chester, S.C. There will be BBQ sandwiches (with slaw, chips and a Tea) for \$6.00 and BBQ plates (with slaw, beans, roll, and Tea) for \$7.00. Enjoy some great music from three locals performers and a water slide and bouncy castle for the children. Join us for our Annual Labor Day celebration with Great Food, Fun Times, and demonstrations from the Lewis Fire Department.

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

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

8/31 HAT Meeting—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)

### **Coming Next Week**

9/7 Labor Day (Presbytery Office Closed)

9/10 COM-5:30 (Presbytery Office)

9/10 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Mt. Zion Baptist, McConnells)

### **Mark your Calendar!**

9/15 Older Adult of the Year Luncheon-10:30AM (Bethelwoods)  
9/17 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Flint Hill Baptist, Rock Hill)  
9/21 Bethelwoods Ministry Team—5PM (Bethelwoods)  
9/26 Fruitful Churches Workshop 9:30-1PM (Grace-Lancaster)  
9/27 Youth Rally and first Worship 4 YOUth Event (Bethelwoods)  
10/1 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Union Baptist, Rock Hill)  
10/18 Presbytery Meeting (Bethelwoods)  
10/27 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Unity Presbyterian, Fort Mill)  
11/5 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Hermon Presbyterian, Rock Hill)

Please 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 by Friday at 5 PM for the following Monday's issue.