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*[John Calvin](#)*

[Subscribe to daily readings of Calvin’s writings at Princeton Theological Seminary site celebrating the 500th anniversary of his birth.](#)

## **Please Remember in Prayer:**

John Evans, who is recovering from brain surgery (January 2).

Russ Wimmer, who fell and broke a bone in his neck.

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## **Coming to the E3 Event? Register Today!**

Please note: The E3 Training Event online registration materials include two files. The first is a [workshop catalog](#) listing the times workshops are offered and the description of each workshop. The [online registration](#) form is a separate form to be completed. The E3 event will be January 25 at Oakland Avenue. Call or [email Kathryn McGregor](mailto:kmcgregor@providencepres.org) with questions.

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### **Emergency Kits and Congregation Contact Lists...**

#### ***If your church doesn't have them, you need this training!***

Presbytery and Church Disaster Response Coordinators and any other disaster response individuals are invited to join us for a [workshop](#) covering the duties of Presbytery and Church Disaster Response Coordinators, ministering to victims and responders in the event of a man-made crisis, and how to set up your church as a certified Red Cross Shelter Church. The workshop will be Jan. 17, 2009 9AM-3PM at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian, [5503 Sunset Boulevard](#), Lexington, SC 29072. Please reserve your place today by contacting [Kathleen Wood](#) at (803) 738-9709. Lunch will be served.

### **Sign Up Today for 2009 Montreat Middle School Conference**

Youth completing 6th, 7th and 8th grades in the spring of 2009 are welcome to join the Providence Presbytery group going to the Montreat Middle School Conference 2009. The conference will be held July 22-26, 2009 at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. The cost for the conference, which includes the conference fee as well as room and board, is \$347.00. Chaperones and travel to and from Clinton will be provided by the presbytery. Applications and a \$100 nonrefundable deposit per person must be to the presbytery by Tuesday, January 20. Applications and more information can be found at [www.providencepres.org](http://www.providencepres.org). [More info here.](#)

### **Mailing List Update**

The Presbytery updates our mailing list continually. Please send us any changes to mailing addresses for your membership, including new members and anyone who should no longer be included in mailings throughout the year. Additionally, we will send an update form in January, please complete and send it back at your earliest convenience. Because of new bulk mail rules, it is imperative that we have good addresses for our church memberships. You may send hard copies via US Mail or electronic updates to [Inez Glasgow](#).

### **Mission Yearbook Goes Online**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*, which dates back to 1892, is now available in formats never dreamed of by our Presbyterian ancestors. In addition to the

traditional printed version, the 2009 yearbook is now also available as a podcast, through a Web site, through an RSS feed, or by e-mail. To access the *Mission Yearbook* in these new ways, go to [www.pcusa.org/missionyearbook](http://www.pcusa.org/missionyearbook) to see daily readings online, subscribe to receive readings by e-mail, or get information on downloading podcasts or subscribing to an RSS feed (Really Simple Syndication).

### **IRS Lowers Mileage Rate**

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2009 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be: 55 cents per mile for business miles driven; 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

### **Interested in becoming a Published Author?**

The Presbyterian Writers' Conference, sponsored by Presbyterian Writers Guild and Cecil Murphey, will help you get the information you need. Scheduled for April 23-24, 2009 Harrington Center, Columbia Seminary ~ Atlanta, GA, this event features several published Christian authors. Cost is \$200 with a 10% discount for Presbyterian Writers' Guild Members. [More information online.](#)

### **World Mission Challenge Scheduled for FALL '09**

World Mission Challenge is the successor to the very successful Mission Challenge '07, which sent 48 PC(USA) missionaries to visit 144 presbyteries in September 2007. The month-long program will begin September 25 and end October 18, 2009. In cooperation with the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, this year several mission workers will be accompanied by international church partners. For more information visit <http://www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge/>. Also, plan to attend the World Mission Celebration set for October 21-24, 2009 in Cincinnati. For more information on the Celebration Event, visit <http://www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration/>.

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

- 1/8 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile 11:15AM(Allison Creek)
- 1/8 Nurture the People of God Ministry Team 6PM (Presbytery Office)
- 1/9-10 Statewide Committees on Ministry Retreat 6PM to 4PM Sat. (White Oak)

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### **South Carolina Bread for the World Offering of Letters Workshops**

With new faces and energy in Washington, DC, now is the key time for Congress to consider ways to improve U.S. foreign assistance. In 2009, Bread for the World churches, campuses, and groups will urge Congress to refocus and streamline our nation's aid and eliminate long-standing inefficiencies to make that aid more effective in relieving global poverty. To help kick off this exciting campaign, Bread for the World is offering training workshops in South Carolina. Check the [calendar](#) on the fol-

lowing dates for SC Workshops Feb. 24, 28, or Mar. 2.

### **Celebrate the diversity of God's family**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) professes that racism, in all its forms, is contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet it acknowledges that racism is a reality in both church and society. In faithful witness to the love of Christ, the church is committed to confronting the ideology of racism and racial oppression, working to overcome racism with prayer, discernment and worship-based action. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19 and Race Relations Sunday, January 18 provide opportunities to celebrate the diversity of God's family. [Use these worship resources](#) and reflections as you plan celebrations in your congregation.

### **SCCAC Yearbook of Prayer for South Carolina 2009 is available online**

The South Carolina Christian Action Council (SCCAC) is an ecumenical body of 16 denominations and 21 regional judicatories, including 4,500 congregations. The members of this group have written prayers for the 2009 SCCAC Yearbook of Prayer for South Carolina. [To read this week's prayer for 2009, CLICK HERE.](#) From this page on the SCCAC website you can find an index of this year's prayers by theme, search for the prayer suggested for a particular Sunday, or download a hard-copy of the entire 2009 Yearbook.

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Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

## **Did you know that Providence Presbytery has Leader Development Scholarship Money?**

Providence Presbytery has scholarship money available for any member or staff person in your church to attend a continuing education event that would benefit the mission of your local church or the presbytery at large. Want to send a team of people to a stewardship conference? Need some training for Sunday School teachers? Had to cut continuing education budgets this year for your staff? Consider applying for scholarship money to attend a local, regional or national event that would enhance the ministry of your church. Scholarship application is available online. For more information, contact Kathryn McGregor at 800-922-1609 or [kmcgregor@providencepres.org](mailto:kmcgregor@providencepres.org)

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### **Online Teacher Training Covers Teaching Skills and Bible Background**

[Opening Doors to Discipleship](#), the FREE online training resource, now offers three courses: Course A--Teaching Skills, Course B--Bible Background and Course C: Presbyterian/Reformed Faith. Each course provides 12 sessions of interactive learning for volunteer training, leader development, or with Course B, member faith formation. Contact [Kathryn McGregor](#) for your log-in code. For security purposes, this number is unavailable on the Web.

### **Retirement Community Chaplains Needed**

We have been notified by Presbyterian Communities of SC that they are searching for a full time Chaplain for the Clinton Retirement Community and a part time Chaplain for the Florence Retirement Community. Go to [www.pres-outlook.org](http://www.pres-outlook.org) and click on Classifieds for more information.

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[Oliver Wendell Holmes](#)

## **Proposed Amendment Discussion Scheduled**

Join us for a discussion of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA) on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4PM at Uriel Presbyterian Church, [1578 Stringfellow Road](#), Chester. In March our presbytery will vote on proposed amendments to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA. These amendments deal with a wide variety of subjects including ordination standards for church officers, the role of Christian Educators in the work of the presbytery, and ecumenical relationships with other denominations. Rev. Dan Holloway, Pastor, Unity Presbyterian Church & Commissioner to the 218th General Assembly will facilitate the discussion which will provide an overview of the issues coming before us in these proposed amendments. A time will be provided from responses and questions for clarification from those present.

## **Third Tuesday Together Announces Spring and Summer Schedule**

On Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> TTT will meet at 10:30AM at Bethelwoods with guest speaker Mark Verdery, Executive Presbyter of Providence Presbytery. Also in February, join us on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> for a trip to the NC Raptor Center. Participants will meet at Bethelwoods at 9AM. Cost is \$10. Third Tuesday Together, the Older Adult Group of Providence Presbytery invites you to join them at one of the upcoming meetings. Each month a different program is offered including a variety of guest speakers, day trips to local attractions and sharing in fellowship over lunch. TTT is an outreach of Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center.

## **DAR Recycles Hymnals, Books, Doilies**

Do you have old hymnals taking up space in a closet? Children's books in your church library that are out of date or in bad shape? Crocheted doilies that are no longer used? These items can be recycled by the Daughters of the American Revolution, into ornaments, which are sold to raise funds for military and veteran services, offered by the DAR. (Daughters supply gas and food cards, toiletries, clothing, etc for VA medical facilities patients and war zone areas). If you can help, please call Dianne Killmer (Faith Presbyterian NCD) at 803 325-4346.

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Remember the book [Beatrice's Goat](#)? Providence Presbytery is organizing a trip to allow you to help take care of the goats, camels, and llamas that will eventually be shipped overseas to help change the lives of families in places like Honduras, Guatemala, Uganda and Malawi! If you are unable to travel out of the country, but want to impact world hunger, this is the trip for you! A mix of younger adults (College age and twenties) and older adults (50 to 75) will be traveling to Heifer International's Global Village Farm for four days in beautiful Rutland, Mass to help care for the animals that will eventually go to rural villages. Our mission partners will spend the second half of the trip working together in the inner city of Worcester, Mass. [Brochures](#) and [Applications](#) may be viewed online or can be picked up in your church office. There is space for up to 16 participants. Deadline for application is February 20, 2009 and the trip itself will depart July 5 and return July 13, 2009.

### **PC Announces Spring Music Schedule and New Partnership with Montreat**

Presbyterian College Music Department listing all the [Music recitals, performances and events](#) that will take place throughout this Spring 2009 semester. Also, the Music Department at PC has created a specialization in Sacred Music. And we have a new partnership with the Montreat Conference Center whereby the College will provide leadership for the music at all eleven of the Summer Sunday Worship Services in Anderson Auditorium. (From the Montreat website: <http://www.montreat.org/press/planning-underway-for-summer-worship-at-montreat-conference-center> )

### **Pastor Nominating Committees to meet CTS Seniors**

Columbia Theological Seminary will host its fourth annual Call Fair for Pastor Nominating Committees on Friday, February 27, 2009, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. The event is designed to help connect graduating seniors with congregations and organizations that have openings for leadership positions. Register at <http://www.ctsnet.edu/StudentPlacement/CallFair.aspx>

## Retirement Community Chaplains Needed

We have been notified by Presbyterian Communities of SC that they are searching for a full time Chaplain for the Clinton Retirement Community and a part time Chaplain for the Florence Retirement Community. Go to [www.pres-outlook.org](http://www.pres-outlook.org) and click on Classifieds for more information.

## Part-time Job Opportunity Available

Bowling Green Presbyterian Church is seeking a part time Director of its Wednesday Night Program. This is a ten hour a week position and involves coordinating and resourcing our successful program. To receive a job description or submit a resume, please call Jenn Pressly 803 222 2884

## This Week in Providence Presbytery

1/26 PW Coordinating Team –6PM (Presbytery Office)  
1/31 [Southern Gospel Bluegrass Event](#) to benefit Capital Campaign-4-7PM (Allison Creek)

## Next Week

2/3 Education and Equipping Ministry Team-5:30PM (Presbytery Office)  
2/5 Committee on Ministry—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)  
2/6-7 Bethelwoods Ministry Team Visioning Retreat  
2/8 Racial-Ethnic Concerns Committee-2PM (Presbytery Office)

## Mark your Calendar!

2/17 Third Tuesday Together -10:30AM (Bethelwoods)  
2/26 Third Tuesday Together-NC Raptor Center Trip-9AM (Bethelwoods)  
2/26 [Peoplemap Communication System-Providence Leadership Seminar 1](#)-9:45AM-4PM (Pleasant Grove-Chester)  
3/12 Presbytery Meeting (Lancaster First)  
3/13-14 [Youth Mission Retreat \(Bethelwoods\)](#)  
3/20-21 Lay School of Theology (White Oak Conference Center)  
3/31 Metrolina Educator Connection w/Karen Tye--1-4PM (Bethelwoods)  
4/4 PW Spring Gathering (Beth Shiloh)  
4/18-19 Racial Ethnic Weekend (Hermon)  
4/23 [Leading Healthy Change-Providence Leadership Seminar 2](#)-9:45AM-4PM (Bethelwoods)  
5/3 [Vision Infuzion-Providence Leadership Seminar 3](#)-2:30PM-5:30PM (Unity)

Please submit articles for “In the Know” to [Jill Wilson](#) by Friday at 5PM, noting the dates you wish your article to be published on the Subject line.