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I know where the food is
And it isn't very far away
Doesn't cost much but an empty soul
And the pride that stands in the way

I'm not one who's got it all in place
Telling you what you should do
No I'm just one old hungry beggar
Showing you where I found food

["Beggar": John Fischer: *Dark Horse* \(1982\) 701-6713-385 \(MSB 6713\)](#)

God's Blessings During Your Season of Renewal, Mark!

Mark Verdery, Executive Presbyter of Providence Presbytery will be entering a season of rest, renewal and study as he begins a three-month sabbatical today. Mark will return in August. [A letter from Mark is available online](#). Should you have a need that you would usually contact Mark for, [Bob Moss](#) will be available to help as he is needed.

Welcome Home!

Our Medical Mission Team returned from Honduras on Saturday. Thank you for your willingness to represent Christ in Honduras. See pictures and read about the trip online at <http://missionlive.wordpress.com/>.

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Bethelwoods Campership Intent Request

As we prepare for an exciting summer camp season with more registrations than ever before, we need to request some information from your church. In previous years, many churches have elected to pay a portion of the camp fee for all the children and youth who are planning to attend camp from their church. If your church is planning to support your campers in this manner, please let us know. Click here for a link to the [2009 Church Campership Intent Form](#). You may either email us with this information or fill out the form and return it to camp **as soon as you possibly can**.

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Union PSCE Adopts New Name

Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and Dr. Art Ross, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announced today that the Board of Trustees, in unanimity of voice and spirit, has chosen a new name for the seminary – Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Don't Miss these Great Educational Opportunities!

Are you going to the Big Tent, JUNE 11-13 in Atlanta!

It's time to register! Register at www.pcusa.org/bigtent by June 9th.

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- *Hermon is celebrating its 140th anniversary on June 28th.*

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6/7 Trinity Sunday

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3/26-27 2010 Youth Mission Retreat

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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 8th 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! 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

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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 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.

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- *First Presbyterian Church of Union* welcomes the Reverend Clay Fouse on June 28th and the Reverend John O’Kain on July 5th to lead worship while the Reverend Robert Alexander and his family visit his sister and her family in Brazil. Robert’s sister (Julie) and brother-in-law (John) are serving for three years with Mennonite Central Committee in Monteiro, Brazil. Please keep them in your prayers.
- *Hermon Presbyterian Church* will be hosting its 140th Church Anniversary on Sunday, June 28, 2009 @ 3 pm. To help commemorate this 140 year milestone, you can advertise in our attractive booklet by including a congratulatory message, a business advertisement, an honorary or memorial message. The booklet will highlight the church’s accomplishments as well as its future endeavors. Full page, half page, quarter page and business card size pages are available. To advertise in the booklet and information on fees, contact Aletra Geddis or Jennifer Ancrum Horton by email at hermonpresbyterian@yahoo.com or jdancrum@yahoo.com.

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6/23 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Freedom Center, Rock Hill)

6/27 Prayer Fellowship-9:15AM (Presbytery Office)

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George Goodman, Executive Presbyter of Peaks Presbytery(VA)
at the Healthy Ministry Conference at the PC(USA) Big Tent last weekend in Atlanta.

[Read the Presbyterian News Service article.](#)

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Bob Rea and his family. Bob's mother passed away June 6th. Bob is the former exec of Providence Presbytery.

Plan Now to Attend the Spiritual Foundations for Fruitful Churches Workshop

Join us September 26 from 9:30AM-1PM for an exciting event. Joan Gray, author of *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* and moderator for the 217th 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.

Scholarship Money Available

Please remember the Education and Equipping Ministry Team has scholarship money available for anyone wishing to attend a conference or workshop that would help with work you do for your church, whether paid or volunteer. The ministry team requests that all scholarship recipients share the information they learn with the presbytery in some way. You may choose to write an article, create a power point, teach a class, or share the information in another way. Apply for the scholarship [online](#).

Carmel and Uriel announce Joint Service to Celebrate Calvin

Carmel Presbyterian and Uriel Presbyterian, both of Chester, are planning a joint worship service on Sunday, July 12 at 10AM at Carmel Presbyterian to celebrate the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth. Pastor Fred Powell, III will be the guest speaker. Join us for this exciting event!

Participate in Alban Institute Congregation Survey of Charitable Giving Trends

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[Hal Borland](#) "The Certainty - April 5," Sundial of the Seasons (1964)

Email Difficulties

Due to problems with our email server, presbytery staff cannot receive emails at this time. Rose is working to correct this problem. However, if you have an immediate need, please don't hesitate to call the presbytery office at 803-328-6269. Thanks for your patience.

New Youth Ministry Opportunity Starting at Bethelwoods

Help the youth at your church become involved in a new youth ministry that several Providence Presbytery churches in York County along with Bethelwoods are working to create. We are working on a once a month gathering on the first Sunday evening of the month beginning in October. This would be an opportunity to reach out to youth in the York County community who may or may not have a church home. A planning meeting will be held Tuesday, July 14th at 5 pm at Bethelwoods. Please contact Sam McGregor at mcmgregorsk@comporium.net or 803-366-1302 if you have further questions or if you are interested but can't make the meeting on the 14th.

Can you help ACPC with curriculum?

Allison Creek Presbyterian is looking for an Advent Rotation curriculum to use for four weeks with their elementary aged workshop rotation Sunday School. If you have a rotation curriculum you would be willing to loan, please contact Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 800-922-1609, ext. 6. Allison Creek has several PowerXpress Rotation units they would be willing to loan other churches as well.

Scholarship Money Available

Please remember the Education and Equipping Ministry Team has scholarship money available for anyone wishing to attend a conference or workshop that would help with work you do for your church, whether paid or volunteer. The ministry team requests that all scholarship recipients share the information they learn with the presbytery in some way. You may choose to write an article, create a power point, teach a class, or share the information in another way. Apply for the scholarship [online](#).

Carmel and Uriel announce Joint Service to Celebrate Calvin

Carmel Presbyterian and Uriel Presbyterian, both of Chester, are planning a joint worship service on Sunday, July 12 at 10AM at Carmel Presbyterian to celebrate the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth. Pastor Fred Powell, III will be the guest speaker. Join us for this exciting event!

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PC(USA) Events

The [Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women](#) will be held July 11-15, in Louisville, Kentucky. Featured events include workshops in English, Spanish and Korean, as well as tours centered on mission, leadership, personal spiritual growth and much more.

The Office of Hispanic-Latino/a Congregational Support is co-sponsoring a [pastoral development seminar](#) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 29-August 3. The theme of the seminar is "The legacy of John Calvin: Proposals for action in the Church of the 21st Century."

The **National Black Presbyterian Caucus** will hold its 40th convention at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, July 30-August 2. The convention is centered on Ephesians 4:11-12 and will focus on the African American Church Growth Strategy. [Find out more.](#)

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