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The weekly communication of Providence Presbytery

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"There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us. 'Tis good to give a stranger a meal, or a night's lodging. 'Tis better to be hospitable to his good meaning and thought, and give courage to a companion. We must be as courteous to a man as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Be Inspired to Work for Peace and Justice

Our Presbytery will join the World Mission Celebration with the visit of two peacemakers to our area. Dr. Ingrid Reneau and Rev. Orozu Lokine Daky will visit October 8-11. Hear the Peacemakers speak at Winthrop; October 8—7PM at Barnes Recital Hall and October 9—Noon at Presbyterian Student Center. On Sunday, October 11, Reneau and Daky will be filling the pulpits at Uriel (Joint service with Carmel Presbyterian) at 9AM and Hermon at 11:15AM. Please don't miss these opportunities to hear about the ways God is working in Sudan. More information about the [World Mission Challenge](#) is available online at www.pcusa.org.

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Presbytery Quilt Recipient Named at PW Fall Meeting

Shirley Harris was the lucky winner of the Presbytery quilt, given away Saturday at the Presbyterian Women's Fall Meeting. She was at the meeting and was so excited to receive the beautiful quilt. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful project. The Presbyterian Women donated the over \$1,000 in proceeds from the quilt to the Capital Campaign. Thank You, Presbyterian Women!

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Participate in Bread for the World Sunday Oct. 18

There is still time to involve your church or faith community in Bread for the World Sunday on October 18 – or another Sunday in the fall. If you haven't ordered or downloaded your resources yet, please [order them today](#).

Please Complete Montreat Survey for Meeting Congregation Needs

Please give us five minutes of your valuable time and Help us help you. As you budget and plan for time away at Montreat Conference Center, we want to help by providing the information you need...when you need it! [Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey](#). The more we know about you and your needs, the better we'll be able to serve you. Thanks in advance!

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Equipping the Saints Seminar: This Seminar will be held at the Calvary Church in Winnsboro on October 10, 2009 from 8:30 A.M. --2:00 P.M. [Click here for more information and to register](#). The cost of registration is \$10.00. Register by October 1, 2009.

Union-PSCE's "Faith Seeking Understanding Series: "The Subject of the Sentence: What do We Preach?" October 11-12 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. For More information on this seminar, [visit the Union-PSCE Website](#).

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10/5 Resource Center Bookmobile—9AM (Lancaster First)
10/8 [Peacemakers Speak at Winthrop](#)—7PM (Barnes Recital Hall, Winthrop Campus)
10/9 [Peacemakers Luncheon—Noon](#) (Presbyterian Student Center, Winthrop)
10/11 [World Mission Challenge Peacemaker speaks at Uriel](#) (with Carmel) 9:30AM
10/11 [World Mission Challenge Peacemaker speaks at Hermon](#) (ecumenical worship)11:15AM

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— [Martin Luther King](#)

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Habitat for Humanity Recruiting Volunteers for Holiday '09 Build

Habitat is currently registering volunteers for their Home for the Holidays Build 2009 “HFH2009”. Register online at <http://www.volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=153>. You may register as a volunteer to work any Saturday on the calendar that is labeled “sign up”. The Habitat new administrative offices are located at 122 S. Confederate Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730. They can be reached by phone at 803-328-1728. Their PO Box remains the same at PO Box: 4255, Rock Hill 29732. The ReStore is still located at 825 N Anderson Rd.

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College Conference at Montreat, January 2-5, 2010

Registration for this event is happening now, and you don't want to miss out on one of the highlights of the conference season. Key leadership includes Eboo Patel, Cynthia Rigby, Anna Carter-Florence, Troy Bronsink, and Bruce Reyes-Chow. Visit <http://www.montreat.org/current/2010-college-conference> to watch a promotional video, learn more, and for full registration details.

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11/1-2 Presbytery Staff Retreat (Office Closed)
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11/22 Worship 4 YOUTH—5-7PM (Bethelwoods)
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“Christian discipleship requires being held in love and being held accountable. We simply cannot follow Christ apart from a community that holds us in compassion and calls us to accountability. Solitary discipleship is a misnomer. We cannot be Christian alone.”

Kenneth Carder, Duke Divinity School Professor and Retired Bishop

Our Condolences...

Please keep Bob and Jim Moss and their family in your prayers. Mary's mother passed away on Saturday.

Pickup Materials from Presbytery Meeting

If you were unable to attend yesterday's Presbytery Meeting or you forgot to pick up your packet, your church has a packet of E3 Workshop Catalogs, Bulletin inserts and other items you don't want to miss out on at the Presbytery Office. Please stop by and pick up the packet with your church's name on it. You'll find it in the downstairs conference room. Also, if you are interested in sharing the "What's Your Number" video with your church, contact Jill Wilson at jill@providencepres.org and she will prepare your copy.

Lay School of Theology at White Oak in November

If you are interested in enrolling in the Lay School of Theology for the fall semester, November 13-15 at White Oak Conference Center, you will find registration documents on the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery website at www.chas-atlpresbytery.org.

Third Tuesday Together learns about "Backyard History" October 20

This month TTT welcomes guest speaker Pat Veasey from Oakdale Presbyterian Church. Her presentation entitled, "Backyard History: The Presbyterian Connection in York County, Educating Youth between the Revolution and the Civil War" will focus on the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and their dedication to education, establishing local academies that became institutions of higher learning for men and women. Our time together will start at 10:30am at Horton Lodge and be followed by a delicious lunch together. Please take the time to sign up in advance. Cost includes lunch. To do so you can call Bethelwoods at 803.366.3722. If you have any questions please e-mail info@bethelwoods.org.

Synod Meeting Highlights

Barbara Kurz was our representative at last week's Synod meeting. BOP requests that churches make a special effort to contribute to the "Joy Gift" offering this year to support retired pastors and their spouses. Mardee Rightmyer suggested two resources 1) <http://www.thedoorpost.com> [look for words hope, joy, redemption, etc. to find online video resources – esp. look for *Butterfly Circus*] and 2) 30 Good Minutes [Lillian Daniels' ministry in Chicago – see her TV shows]. [Barbara's meeting notes are online.](#)

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- **FREE Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches** to be held December 9 from 3-4PM Eastern [Register now](#) for this FREE seminar to learn what common errors should you be aware of as you prepare your 2009 returns? and How could recent tax law changes affect how you report income and expenses in 2010? Join us for our Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches, a free event that helps ministers and churches understand clergy taxes. Hear renowned clergy and church tax expert Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA,
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- **Erskine Clarke to lead Presbyterian Heritage tour of GA and SC low country, April 5-9, 2010.** Columbia Theological Seminary's Center for Lifelong Learning is offering this tour of the Georgia and South Carolina low country from April 5-9, 2010. Leading the tour is Erskine Clarke, professor emeritus of American religious history and author of the award-winning book [Dwelling Place: A Plantation Epic](#).

Registration and tour deposit are due November 20, 2009. More information is available online at <http://www.ctsnet.edu/Files/Events/PresbyterianHistoryTheology.pdf>.

- **Journey to the Lands of Faith and History:** A group of faculty, students and friends from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education will travel to the Middle East May 7-27, 2010. Our journey will take us to Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, and Egypt as we learn about this vital region for the Christian faith. We will explore the Great Pyramids, the vibrant streets of Damascus, the Old City of Jerusalem, and many more historic sites. This exciting opportunity is open to all alumni and friends of Union-PSCE. Total cost per person is \$5,275, which includes air travel from Washington/Dulles. Email for [More information](#).

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- **Hermon Presbyterian** will host its First Annual Trunk-A-Treat for children ages 3-10 years old on Saturday, **October 31** from 1:00- 3:00pm. Children may wear costumes or comfortable clothing for the event. There is no cost for children to participate. [We do ask that all children/parents RSVP](#) by Saturday, October 24th. We are looking forward to a great time of fun and fellowship!!
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- **Concert of Gratitude:** Join us for a wonderful afternoon of sacred music on **November 15** as members of **First Presbyterian Church Union and the Union Music Club** share inspiring selections designed to express our gratitude to God for His many blessings. The concert is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC.
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Youth Leaders...Don’t Miss This!

Do you have just 1 or 2 youth (grades 6-12) in your church? Bring them to Horton Lodge at Bethelwoods THIS SUNDAY NIGHT from 5-7 pm for Common Ground, an experience of Christian community with youth from around the presbytery. Last month there were 19 youth from 6 different churches. There will be games, fellowship, study, snacks and more! Contact Sam McGregor at mgregorsk@comporium.net for more information.

Presbytery Habitat Build Organizing

We are inviting churches of Providence Presbytery who might not be able to afford to build a Habitat home on their own to join together with other churches and care for a family working to escape from poverty in York County. Lead churches will donate \$4500 and a \$450 tithe for international Habitat Homes as well as volunteers to staff the construction site for one Saturday. Partner churches will donate whatever they can afford and provide volunteers to team with other Partner church volunteers for one Saturday. Contact [Steve Hardy](#) for information on how to get involved by December 15.

News from Guatemala

Many of you are anxious to hear of the mission and ministry of Dr. Tito [Palacios](#) in Guatemala. Read his [Summer 2009 newsletter](#) online.

Lay School of Theology at White Oak in November

If you are interested in enrolling in the Lay School of Theology for the fall semester, November 13-15 at White Oak Conference Center, you will find registration documents on the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery website at www.chas-atlpresbytery.org.

Interesting Ideas Related to Technology and Ministry

The folks at <http://mediaoutreach.com/> have some interesting ideas on the intersection faith, culture and technology. You’ll find blog entries on using stock photos, copyright issues related to your website, using twitter in your ministry and other interesting topics.

Be Part of the Presbytery’s Video Christmas Card

Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups, Men’s Groups...anyone! We invite you to join us as we create a Providence Presbytery video Christmas card for our website! Any group in Providence Presbytery is invited to shoot a 30 to 45 second Christmas Card. You can be as creative as you like to share your Christmas wishes or Christmas “commercials” with others in the Presbytery and beyond. Submit your digital movie file (can be QuickTime, Windows Movie File, Flip video...whatever) to jill@providencepres.org by Nov. 23. In the email, please tell me the following: Subject: Your Church,

Your Group Name—Video Christmas Card. Contact person, Contact phone and Contact Email Address. Submissions must be received by November 23rd to be included in the Video to debut at the Presbytery Christmas Open House on December 6 and added to the website. If you have questions, contact Jill Wilson at jill@providencepres.org or at the Presbytery office, Extension 8.

A Note from Dot Killian, Associate for Congregational Development and Missions...

I am grateful to the Presbytery Staff, Betty Salmond, and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for assisting me with my application for the Theological Scholarship and the African American Scholarship from Synod of South Atlantic. I was awarded both scholarships (\$500 each) for the 2009 fall semester at Union- PSCE at Charlotte.

Don't Miss E3...Coming in January

Don't miss the E3 Event, featuring FREE workshops for ministers, educators, elders, clerks, youth leaders, and children's ministry volunteers, lay leaders in charge of worship, education, personnel, stewardship, mission, and evangelism. To be held January 10, 2010 at Rock Hill First Presbyterian... The workshops designed to help all who serve in Providence Presbytery churches to be more prepared to carry out their callings whether they are volunteers or staff positions. Our Workshop Catalog and registration form are online at www.providencepres.org. To insure you get your preferred workshops, pre-register by January 5th.

Around the Presbytery

- **Grace Presbyterian Church (York County)** hosts their annual Pumpkin Patch Sat., **Oct. 10 – Sat., Oct. 31**. The Patch will be open Weekends 9am-6:30pm and Weekdays 2pm-6:30pm. If your church preschool or mothers' morning out program is interested in coming to the Pumpkin Patch, groups are being scheduled from 9am-12pm on Oct. 26 – Oct. 30. Call (404) 451-4677 to schedule your group. Grace is located in Fort Mill on Highway 160 just north of Gold Hill Road.
- Everyone is invited! **Oakdale Presbyterian Church** invites you to our annual Beef Hash Sale, Saturday, **October 31** will be held from 11AM to 8PM. Large plates are \$7 and small plates are \$4. Each plate includes hash, slaw, pickles, bread, dessert and tea.
- **Hermon Presbyterian** will host its First Annual Trunk-A-Treat for children ages 3-10 years old on Saturday, **October 31** from 1:00- 3:00pm. Children may wear costumes or comfortable clothing for the event. There is no cost for children to participate. **We do ask that all children/parents RSVP** by Saturday, October 24th. We are looking forward to a great time of fun and fellowship!!
- Join **First Presbyterian Church, York, SC** and other Presbyterians of Providence, Western North Carolina and Charlotte Presbyteries to share fellowship and celebrate those we love who have gone to be with God and those here who work with one another at a service of thanksgiving and remembrance for all the saints, both here on Earth and in Heaven be held on All Saints Day, Sunday **November 1** at 4PM in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC. A collection of anthems for All Saints Day will be performed featuring the combined choirs of First Presbyterian Church, York, SC, First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte,

NC, and First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC. The Reverend Doctor, William P. Wood of First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte will deliver a brief homily. The Prelude for the service will begin at 3:30 PM featuring organist, Tim Belk and a brass choir from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Questions? Contact Phillip Warren at pwarren@mbaj.com

- **Covenant Presbyterian Women** will sponsor a Craft Auction & Bake Sale on Saturday, **November 14**. Small Craft & Bake Sale will be from 5-7 p.m. Supper will be at 5:30 (\$5 adults, \$2.50 children 4-19, 3 and under Free). Large Crafts and Gifts will be auctioned starting at 7 p.m. There will be gift baskets galore, handmade crafts, game packets, golf packages, etc. A drawing for a handmade quilt will take place during the auction. This is a great time to buy Christmas gifts. We've also added a new twist this year. The folks from *Ribald Farms Nursery & Florist* will be on hand with demonstrations, supplies, holiday tips and more.
- **Concert of Gratitude:** Join us for a wonderful afternoon of sacred music on **November 15** as members of **First Presbyterian Church Union and the Union Music Club** share inspiring selections designed to express our gratitude to God for His many blessings. The concert is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC.
- **Alternative Christmas Market: First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC** will host its annual Alternative Christmas Market on **December 5** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Join us and find creative ways to honor loved ones this Christmas as you reach out and help others in need through local, national, and international organizations. Some local and international craft items will also be available as well as Just Coffee and baked goods. We hope to see you on December 5th.

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