

# in the KNOW

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“Following Jesus is life-changing. But following Jesus is not easy, and it can’t be done alone: one person can’t do it alone; one congregation can’t do it alone. We follow Jesus together as a community of faith, coming together with all our strengths and weaknesses.”

Cynthia Bolbach, newly elected Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

[Read the entire Presbyterian Leader Article](#)

**Welcome!** Michael York is the new pastor at Oakdale Presbyterian. We extend the right hand of fellowship to you and your family.

## **Presbyterian Times August Issue is Available Online**

Download your [bulletin insert version](#) of the Presbyterian Times Online August Issue, or read it online at <http://presbyteriantimesonline.wordpress.com>

## **Presbytery Meeting Coming August 15**

Get the Handbook Online at [www.providencepres.org](http://www.providencepres.org). The August Presbytery Meeting will be held at Clinton College in Rock Hill and hosted by *Hermon Presbyterian*.

## **HD Video Camera Needed**

Do you have an HD Video Camera that you could loan the Presbytery for a week in August? Fred Powell is in need of an HD Camera for filming the upcoming Dimes for Hunger presentation. If you have one available, please contact Fred Powell at [fred@providencepres.org](mailto:fred@providencepres.org). Thanks!

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### **Take it On! Youth Day is Scheduled at Presbyterian College**

Looking for a fun activity to do with your youth in November? Plan to attend Youth Day at Presbyterian College. Find out more at [http://www.presby.edu/church\\_relations/youth-day.html](http://www.presby.edu/church_relations/youth-day.html). You can also nominate one of your senior high youth for Outstanding Church Youth Leader at [http://www.presby.edu/church\\_relations/ocyla.html](http://www.presby.edu/church_relations/ocyla.html).

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[Union-Presbyterian-Seminary.edu](http://www.union-presbyterian-seminary.edu) has some great new Christian Education resources on their website. Right now, it includes access to two blogs, one on using Children's Literature in the church and one on Theology and Film. There is also a link to a new study [12 week series on Revelation by Dr. Brian Blount](#), President of Union Presbyterian Seminary. The 12 week series will offer 30 minutes of teaching and 15 minutes of questions and answers. Subscription cost varies per size of church.

### **Board of the Board of Pensions met Last Weekend**

Items of note from the Board of the Board meeting last weekend are; No increase in dues for 2011. Still 31.5% and a press release from the Board regarding benefits for domestic partners. [Read the report online](#).

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**Church Unbound**--If we believe God yearns to turn the church loose to be a Gospel force in the world, how can we partner in what God is doing? Differences – of culture and color, gender and generation, political perspective and theology – are gifts to be explored and celebrated as we live into a Church Unbound. The [2010 Church Unbound Conference](#) at Montreat is August 11-14.

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**Church Van for Sale:** *Uriel Presbyterian* is selling a 1994 Ford e350 Super Club Wagon (will accommodate 15 passengers and the mileage less than 40,000!) for \$4000. Please contact Elder Aubrey Ramey (803-385-5567) for more information and a test drive.

**Knitting for the Haiti Baby Shower:** On Sunday August 8 from 4-5:30pm, knitters and those who would like to learn how to knit are invited to *Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church*. We will be working on baby blankets (beginners) and sweaters (advanced) for the PDA Baby Shower to be held by the Presbytery on August 29. No sign up required. Beginners, please bring #7 needles and 6 skeins of pastel colored Sugar & Cream cotton yarn. Advanced, please bring #7 needles and 2 skeins of pastel colored Sugar and Cream cotton yarn. Patterns and guidance provided. Questions? Call Janet Duffy at (803) 329-1049.

### ***Positions Available***

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church Rock Hill is now seeking its next ***Associate Pastor for Member Care and Involvement***. The CIF is now available [online](#). Suggestions, nominations and self referrals can be sent to the APNC at [ap.search@oapc.net](mailto:ap.search@oapc.net).

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[PAUL VITELLO](#), *New York Times*, August 1, 2010

[Read the entire article](#)

*Thanks to Aaron White for recommending this article for review.*

## **Bring Water to Sunday’s Presbytery Meeting**

If you will be attending Sunday’s Presbytery Meeting at Clinton College, please bring a small container (8 ounces or so) of water from your home or a nearby lake, pond, or stream, etc. The water will be used in the worship service to help carry out the theme of General Assembly: “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

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## **Simpson Prepares for YAV Year**

Jim Simpson, a member at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, and the son of OAPC’s Pastor, will be serving in a year of mission through the YAV program in Kerala, India. “I am looking forward to the presbytery commissioning service on August 15th as a way of meeting the greater presbytery community. I would ask for your thoughts and prayers during the coming year and active participation in my blog: [simpsonjim.blogspot.com](http://simpsonjim.blogspot.com).” For those interested in donating to Jim’s year of service you will find the link on the right hand side of his blog. “I send you all my peace and blessings as I go out as an ambassador of our great presbytery into the world to do gods work!”

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### **Want to Know What's Happening with Habitat for Humanity of York County?**

Read their Summer Newsletter [Online](#) today!

### **Family Promise of York County Furnishing Two Duplex Units for Homeless Couples**

Read about this new development and other news from Family Promise of York County in their [Online Newsletter](#).

### **Mom's In Touch Meeting to be Rescheduled**

The York Comprehensive High School Moms In Touch Prayer Meeting to be held at Bethesda Presbyterian Church and announced last week has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Watch In the Know for details.

### **Paul H. Stropkay, CFA named Chief Investment Officer for Presbyterian Foundation**

Paul H. Stropkay, CFA has been appointed to the position of Chief Investment Officer of the Presbyterian Foundation. Since 2008 he has served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of New Covenant Trust Company, N.A., a subsidiary of the Foundation; he will continue to hold this position in addition to responsibilities with the [Presbyterian Foundation](#).

### **The Presbyterian Leader Offers Discounted Subscriptions**

The Presbyterian Leader is currently offering a special for NEW subscribers. If you subscribe by August 31, 2010, you can enjoy a reduced subscription rate of just \$75, a substantial saving from our standard rate of \$99. In addition to the very popular Online Worship Planner, free bookplates, social policy summaries, and monthly Leading Voices essays that all visitors to the site have access to, you and up to four additional users in your church will enjoy one full year of unlimited access.

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**Ministers' Books found at Tirzah Y**--If a minister who has filled in at Tirzah (Y) Church in the past four months or so is missing a couple of Minister's books, please let us know. You can contact Larry at [lerollins@comporium.net](mailto:lerollins@comporium.net).

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Mark Verdery in Hope for a New Thing—Reflections on a Missional Church Journey

[Read the Columbia Seminary “Journeying Together” Article](#)

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### **Getting Ready for Stewardship Season?**

PC(USA) invites you to participate in a conference call and Go-To meeting to preview the Stewardship Packet Mailing for yourself, and to discuss any questions you may have about it. The call will be hosted by Terri Bate, Director of Funds Development Ministry and Rob Bullock, Director of Mission Communications. **The times and dates for the calls are:** Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM (EST); and Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM (EST). **Instructions for GoTo**

**Meeting/Webinar: go to [www.GoToMeetings.com](http://www.GoToMeetings.com)** . Click on "Join Meeting" , Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM (EST), Webinar ID: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/pjoin/461283594/105647029>; Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM (EST), Webinar ID:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/pjoin/797280138/105265961>. You can use your computer headset for audio participation, or call in by means of the following toll free number. **Instructions for conference call:** Call **1-888-767-9895**, and when prompted enter Conference ID: **5695026**.

### ***Educational Opportunities***

**Regional Training for Grief and Mourning offered in Columbia**--Especially appropriate for local pastors, chaplains, Stephen Ministry volunteers, CPE students and mental health professionals who work with grief and mourning, a 3-day block of training in the area of Grief and Mourning, will be presented by Dr. Therese Rando, October 1-3 in Lexington, South Carolina. Cost is \$375 for all three days. For more information and registration, [http://www.scleap.org/rando\\_training/](http://www.scleap.org/rando_training/).

**Scholarships Available for God Made Small Churches Event**--The PC(USA) Small Church and Community Office is offering twelve \$100 scholarships for the God Made Small Churches! Why?: Exploring the Spiritual Nature and Potential of Small Congregations Event February 21 – 23, 2011. Registration and more information available at <http://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?EventId=882829>.

**Awaken Young Lives to God's Call**--Register now for the FTE Calling Congregations Conference, Oct. 7-9 in Atlanta. Connect with a growing network of pastors, youth ministers, college and lay leaders who notice, name and nurture the next generation of leaders for the church. Learn practices that revitalize a commitment to Christian vocation and the call to ministry. Call 404-727-1458 or visit [www.fteleaders.org/callingconference](http://www.fteleaders.org/callingconference)

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At a recent monthly breakfast for the **Unity Presbyterian Men's Ministry Group**, the group was pleased to present a check to Keith Newman, Executive Director for Bethelwoods, to be used for the Camps Scholarship Fund. The Men's Ministry group has enjoyed helping with many projects at Bethelwoods and has always been impressed with the camps willingness to make sure every child has the opportunity to attend the camp even if funds may not be available.

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“Each of us, famous or infamous, is a role model for somebody, and if we aren't, we should behave as though we are -- cheerful, kind, loving, courteous. Because you can be sure someone is watching and taking deliberate and diligent notes.”

- [Maya Angelou](#)

**Attention Churches:** Your pastor or elder commissioner to the August Presbytery meeting received several packets of information for your church, including stewardship and budget materials and two interpretive pieces on the recent General Assembly. The GA pieces are a half page bulletin insert, purchased by the Presbytery from the Presbyterian Outlook for use in your Sunday morning bulletins and "The Assembly in Brief," a longer interpretive piece for your session and others in your congregation that may want to know more. We encourage you to use these resources to share information with your congregation about the important actions of this General Assembly.

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### **Items left after the Presbytery Meeting**

If you lost a green umbrella, a black umbrella, or a plastic container, probably used to bring water at the August Presbytery meeting, you can find the umbrellas on the coat rack downstairs and the water container on Inez's counter.

### **Shower the Babies of Haiti with God's Love NEXT SUNDAY!**

Girls of all ages are invited to join us August 29th at 2PM at Purity Presbyterian as grandmothers, great-grandmothers, mothers, daughters, grand-daughters, aunts, nieces and friends throughout the presbytery join together to Shower Haitian Moms and their Babies with God's Love. Anyone interested in helping relieve some of the suffering of Mom's and Babies in Haiti is welcome. (Great gifts include CLOTH diapers; baby t-shirts, diaper pins, gowns, sleepers, washcloths, baby sweaters and receiving blankets.) We'll have refreshments, games and will "bundle" baby kits for Haitian Bundles of Joy! More info available at [www.providencepres.org](http://www.providencepres.org).

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## **Near East School of Theology Needs Help**

The world-wide financial downturn has created a significant budget deficit for NEST. Please read the [recent update](#) from Mary Mikhael, NEST President.

## ***Win money for College!***

Self-Development of People (SDOP) is sponsoring a T-shirt design contest as we celebrate 40 years of "People Investing in People" to demonstrate God's justice and wholeness especially among the economically poor and oppressed. These original designs should reflect the mission of SDOP. E-mail your entries by August 31, 2010. [Find out More.](#)

## **Benefits of Thoughtful Christian Subscription**

Thoughtful Christian is offering 12-month subscriptions for a reduced price of \$150 until August 31. If you choose to subscribe today you will immediately have unlimited access to our ever-growing list of studies as well as the ability to purchase from thousands of books at a 35% discount. All non-subscribers have the ability to purchase books with an everyday discount of 20% off. Purchases over \$50, between now and October 31, will receive FREE shipping. [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com)

## **Board of Pensions Adult Child Enrollment in Medical Plan**

In compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), all primary plan members enrolled in medical coverage will receive a letter from the Board of Pensions explaining how to enroll adult children up to age 26 in Medical Plan coverage effective January 1, 2011. To qualify, the adult children must not be eligible for coverage under their own employer's health plan. The explanatory letter will be sent in three mailings from August 23, 2010 through September 23, 2010, based upon plan enrollment type (Traditional Plan or Affiliated Benefits Plan) and the member's last name. The enrollment period will run until October 30, 2010. If a member has not received the letter by September 30, 2010, he or she may call the Board to request a copy. If you have questions about this healthcare reform provision or the Board's Adult Child Enrollment process, please call Member Services at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., ET or Clark at 800.966.1575.

## **PC(USA) Website Resources for Consideration of Proposed Book of Order Revisions**

These resources were prepared to assist your presbyteries in considering this proposed revision. They are found on the following websites. We suggest you start with the "insert", as it contains the background and the study guide for use by your presbytery. You can find the Proposed Amendment itself and the "insert", which includes a study guide, on the OGA Website <http://oga.pcusa.org/> This is the site where both Part II of the Book of Amendments (Belhar) and Part III of the Book of Amendments will be posted once they are ready. You can find Form of Government FAQ's and other resources on the Form of Government Web site: <http://oga.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/> .

## ***Educational Opportunities: EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available***

**Public Policy Related Overtures Webinar:** Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons will join the staff of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness (OPW) for a webinar on Thursday, September 16 from 11:15 a.m. until noon. The webinar will present the public policy-related Overtures approved by the 2010 General Assembly. The webinars periodically conducted by the Office of Public Witness provide an opportunity for Presbyterians at the local level to learn about and share in the development of priorities for the office and the larger church. The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, Director of the OPW, has invited representatives of local congregations and presbyteries to participate in the webinar through their computers. Watch next week's ITK for Log-in information as it will be released late on August 23rd.

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**Grace Presbyterian Church** Fort Mill will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale/BBQ/Bake Sale Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Yard Sale 7 am-1pm BBQ 11 am-5pm. Corner of Gold Hill Road and Highway 160 Fort Mill, SC. Call 803-548-0800 for information on how to donate items for the yard sale or purchase BBQ tickets. All proceeds go to furthering the missions and ministries of Grace.

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

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10/17 Presbytery Meeting—2:30PM (Grace-Lancaster)

#### Coming This Week

8/23 PW Coordinating Team—6PM (Grace L)  
8/24 Hunger Action Team—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)  
8/24 Nominations Committee—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)  
8/26 Committee on Ministry Called Meeting—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)  
8/28 Prayer Fellowship—9:15AM (Call Presbytery Office for Location)  
8/29 [Shower Haitian Mom's and Babies with God's Love](#)

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11/21 Worship 4 YOUth (Bethelwoods)  
12/7 Providence Presbytery Christmas Open House—11AM-1PM and 4-7PM (Presbytery Office)

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.

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[Alan Roxburgh](#)

[Speaker at upcoming Ministers and Educators Retreat at White Oak Conference Center](#)

[Find Out More](#)

## **Remember in Your Prayers...**

Please keep Ed Jillson and his family in your prayers. Ed’s Step-father passed away on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Simpson Travels to India for YAV Year**

Jim Simpson, a member at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, and the son of OAPC’s Pastor, leaves today (August 30) for India. He will be serving in a year of mission through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program in Kerala, India. “As I travel to India and begin my orientation there I would ask for your continued prayers and hope that you will check out my blog: [simpsonjim.blogspot.com](http://simpsonjim.blogspot.com). Maybe the Youth Group or a PW Circle or some other group in your church would like to partner with me in a special way?” (As with all YAV’s Jim was charged to raise funding for this mission there is a link to the PC(USA) YAV donation site for him – “YAV - India – Position 2” on the right hand side of his blog).

## **Uplifting Paperbacks Needed for Justice Center**

The library at the Moss Justice Center in York County is in need of paperback books that are uplifting or religious. Anyone who has books they might want to donate, may drop them off at the Presbytery Resource Center and Kathryn McGregor will pass them on to one of the library volunteers. Please only bring PAPERBACKS and make sure they are labeled as donations to Moss Justice Center.

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## Resources Available for Adults and Youth Online

[PresbyterianLeader.com](http://PresbyterianLeader.com) and [TheThoughtfulChristian.com](http://TheThoughtfulChristian.com): If you haven't checked out the resources for adults and youth at Presbyterian Publishing's two websites, there are great subscription deals going on now until **August 31** on both sites. Renewals and new subscriptions are discounted until Tuesday, Aug. 31. Of course, you can always purchase individual studies from either site.

## Register Now for Youth Rally

Register NOW to bring your 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and adult advisors to the annual Youth Rally at Bethelwoods, **Sunday, Sept. 19** from 5-7:30PM. The cost for supper is \$3 per person. Please contact Jason at Bethelwoods by Sept. 16 with an estimate of the number of middle and high school youth and adults you plan to bring. This will help us with food preparations and small group assignments. The first Worship 4 YOUth will be a part of the Youth Rally. The youth from the Common Ground ministry are planning and leading this experiential worship. [More Information.](#)

## Worship 4 YOUth Seeks Great Youth Groups

We are looking for youth groups or groups of churches that would be willing to work with Jason Roberson at Bethelwoods to plan and lead the other three Worship 4 YOUth services. The dates are: November 21, February 13, and April 10. Mark your calendars now to attend and please contact Jason at [Jason@bethelwoods.org](mailto:Jason@bethelwoods.org) or 803-366-3722 to volunteer your group to plan and lead a worship experience.

## Metrolina Educator Connection Focuses on Children's Literature

Learn the many ways that children's literature can be used with all ages in Christian Education in the church. The fall Metrolina event will be held at Bethelwoods on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 11:00 – 3:00 and includes lunch. The cost is \$20. [Registration](#) and non-refundable payment is due to Kathryn McGregor at the presbytery office by Sept 22.

## PW Fall Spiritual Retreat Coming Soon!

All women in the presbytery are invited to hear Dot Killian and some very talented musicians in our presbytery share "Serving the God We Love by Living the Hymns We Sing" at this year's PW Fall Spiritual Retreat to be held at Bethelwoods on **Saturday, Oct. 2**. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The retreat includes a FREE lunch and an optional Bible Study Helps workshop following lunch for those leading PW's Revelation Bible Study this year.

## Council to Set Presbytery Meeting Locations

Between now and mid-September, the Council of Presbytery will be considering meeting locations for Presbytery in 2011. If your church would like to host a meeting, please email Mark Verdery and let him know of your church's interest. The criteria for hosting includes: (1) having a fellowship hall that will seat approximately 130 persons at tables (preferably round tables) as well as adequate space for registration; (2) an adequate sound system; (3) provide light refreshments during registration and **at the March meeting** provide a noon meal. The meeting schedule for 2011 is: **Thursday, March ?**(date yet to be determined; this is an all day meeting beginning at 10 a.m.) **Sunday, June 12** beginning at 2:30 pm **Sunday, October 16** beginning at 2:30 pm

## Ecumenical Dialogue Group Begins New Season

The Ecumenical Dialogue Group of Rock Hill begins a new season of discussions at 7:15 p.m., Sunday, September 5, about issues of the faith that unite and excite Christians. The meetings are held in The Oratory, and bring together Catholics, Protestants and others around common interests. The group will use cd/video presentations by some outstanding religious leaders to focus the discussions. Titled "Rethinking Christianity", they have been prepared by [Living the Questions, 2.0](#). You are invited to join the group at Faber Hall on the first Sunday evening each month. In addition, there will be a

discussion of Gifts of the Jews, a short book by Thomas Cahill. Other books may be added later in the coming season. For further information, contact Steve Rast (329-7379) or Larry Richards (328-9392).

## **GA Business & Reports**

We have now posted links related to all of the General Assembly actions on the Providence Presbytery website. The Amendments to the Book of Order (to be voted on at the June 2011 Presbytery meeting), the New Form, of Government (to be voted on at the March 2011 Presbytery meeting), and the Belhar Confession (to be voted on at the October 2010 Presbytery meeting) may now be found by going to: [http://www.providencepres.org/219th\\_GA\\_Business.html](http://www.providencepres.org/219th_GA_Business.html).

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**Small Church Pastors and CLP's welcome at CLP Conference**--Please know that **pastors of small churches are welcome** to attend the CLP conference in Montreat October 4-7 with keynote presenter **John Bell**. We have received a number of inquiries and we are delighted to have installed pastors join the CLPs as together they are inspired by John Bell as they consider "**Music and Worship**." Detailed information about the conference, including the workshop offerings on Preaching, Faithful Worship and Music, Christian Education, Stewardship, Boundaries, and Congregational Leadership, can be found online at: <http://www.montreat.org/current/2010-continuing-education-for-commissioned-lay-pastors-and-preachers>

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**Brain Research and Spirituality:** This conference is for church educators, Sunday School teachers, and anyone involved in Christian Education. It will be held at Columbia Seminary **Oct. 14-16**. *Deadline to register is Sept. 15*. This is a very reasonably priced continuing education event with Columbia Seminary's top-notch Christian Education professors, Kathy Dawson and Roger Nishioka. The Education & Equipping Ministry Team of the presbytery has scholarship money available for both church professionals and volunteers to attend this event. Simply complete a [Leadership Development Scholarship Application](#) and contact Kathryn McGregor for more information.

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**Tirzah Presbyterian Church (York)** will be celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> Homecoming on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Rev Achim Daffin will be returning as the guest minister. All friends, former pastors, and members are invited to attend our 11 am worship service with a covered dish lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

**Knit Together--**A new Ecumenical Knitting Group welcomes all knitters (experienced and beginners) to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 3-4:30PM in the Fellowship Hall at **Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church**. The group will knit Prayer Shawls as well as some Community Projects.

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**Camden Second Presbyterian Church** will celebrate their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary with events on Friday, October 22 and Sunday, October 24.

### **Jobs Available**

**Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church** is seeking a nursery caregiver for Sunday morning worship service. Hours needed are 10:45 am to 12:15 pm every Sunday. Applicants must be 18 years of age and older; a background check will be required. Please email [edgar@dobysbridge.org](mailto:edgar@dobysbridge.org) if interested.

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