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"It is a simple but sometimes forgotten truth that the greatest enemy to present joy and high hopes is the cultivation of retrospective bitterness."

[Robert G. Menzies](#)

Chaplain to Discuss A Buddhist View on the Art of Dying

As part of the Union-PSCE Dawe Lecture Program, Tim Ford, palliative care chaplain for the VCU Health System, will speak about "The Preciousness of Being Human; A Buddhist View on the Art of Dying." This is the fourth annual Dawe Lecture at Union-PSCE. It will be held Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. in The Early Center at Union-PSCE.

Haiti Hygiene Kit Prep Party this Thursday Night!

We are hosting a Hygiene Kit Preparation Event at the Presbytery Office in Rock Hill on Thursday, MARCH 4 at 6:30 pm. Please come and join us in preparing these important kits for use by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thought it is not necessary, you are also invited to bring the following: hand towels (16"x28" size only), washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers (no metal files or emery boards), wrapped toothbrushes (no toothpaste), wrapped bath size bars of soap, Band-Aids, and boxes of one-gallon plastic bags. While some Presbyterian Women groups are collecting donations, any group, family or individual is invited to join us in preparing the kits.

Lay School of Theology Registration Deadline this Week!

Lay School of Theology, our South Carolina Presbyterians' learning opportunity for lay pastors, elders, deacons and others interested in learning more about reformed theology. The Spring 2010 Session is coming up March 19-21 at White Oak Conference Center. Registration deadline is March 5th. [To register or find out more click here.](#)

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Educational Opportunities

Attend the Size Transition Concepts Workshop **this Week!**

Clergy, church staff and lay leaders gain clarity and direction when they attend the Size Transition Concepts Workshop at Forest Lakes Presbyterian Church in Columbia on March 4th from 9AM-3:20. Participants will make sense of their real life experience when they learn the nine factors to address in moving to the next church size, identify what can sabotage movement, learn practices for normalizing change; and many other concepts. For more information or to [register, check out the brochure online](#).

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author unknown

Our Condolences...

Please remember in your prayers Shane Owens and his family on the loss of his Mother, Doris Owens on February 19th.

Please also remember Barry Lambert and his family on his Mother-in-Law's passing last week.

WELCOME!

Aaron James White, the new pastor at Bowling Green Presbyterian.

Trey Hegar, Purity Presbyterian's new pastor.

We celebrate your calls with you and look forward to all of the ways God will use your gifts at Bowling Green, Purity and beyond in the years to come.

Presbytery Meeting March 18: Reservations for Meals Due this Thursday!

Please be sure and reserve your meal for the March 18th meeting by **this Thursday, March 11th**.

Van Wyck church is coordinating lunch and they need your meal choice in order to adequately prepare for you. Also, if you are in need of childcare during the meeting, please reserve for childcare by Thursday as well. Click here for the [Handbook](#).

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Second Harvest Partners 2010 Organizational Meeting Scheduled

The churches participating in the 2010 Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry will meet on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Hermon Presbyterian Church, 107 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, S.C. Each sponsoring church is asked to send at least one representative to the meeting. Dates and locations for the 2010 pantry sites will be decided on at this time. There will also be presentations by Benefit Bank of South Carolina and the Catawba Area Agency on Aging. We look forward to an exciting and productive year! See you on March 15th at Hermon.

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Presbytery Resource Center Online Catalog is Currently Down

The Presbytery office is experiencing some computer issues that are causing the Resource Center online catalog to be down. We anticipate this being taken care of this week. If, in the interim, you need to see if we have certain resources, please contact Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 800-922-1609.

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Bowling Green Presbyterian Church has called Aaron James White to be its new pastor. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. Mr. White will be ordained and installed at a service of worship on Sunday, March 21, 2010. at 4:00 PM, at Bowling Green Presbyterian Church, 250 Ridge Road, Clover, SC. The congregation welcomes Aaron, his wife Kara and their young son Owen. The public is invited to attend.

Presbyterians Have Talent...Sunday, March 28 at 6PM will be an evening to remember at **Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill**. Make plans now to attend the “Presbyterians Have Talent” Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show. Music by a Winthrop jazz combo, fellowship, fine dining, and talent of unquestionable value will be received by all. Proceeds will benefit mission efforts of the Winthrop Campus Ministry and their upcoming mission trip to Frontera de Cristo as well as the OAPC Youth Ministry. Admission is \$15 per person with a limit of \$40 per family. Come spend an evening with us—you’ll be glad you did!

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"To listen fully means to pay close attention to what is being said beneath the words. You listen not only to the 'music,' but to the essence of the person speaking. You listen not only for what someone knows, but for what he or she is. Ears operate at the speed of sound, which is far slower than the speed of light the eyes take in. Generative listening is the art of developing deeper silences in yourself, so you can slow our mind's hearing to your ears' natural speed, and hear beneath the words to their meaning."

— [Peter Senge](#)

Presbytery Meeting March 18! See you Thursday!

Presbytery Meeting will begin at 10 AM at Van Wyck Presbyterian. Click here for the [Handbook](#).

Find out More about the Kirkuk Kindergarten and Child Care Center

A DVD about the Kirkuk Kindergarten and Child Care Center in Iraq will be available for viewing at the Resource Center Table at Thursday's Presbytery meeting. This DVD will be available for you to borrow and use at your church in the coming months. The Kindergarten and Childcare Center provides high quality education to children, teaching basic skills in a loving environment. The center — operated under Christian principles of love, peace, tolerance and nonviolence — is a welcome institution in its Middle Eastern context. Requests for enrollment far exceed its current capacity of 150 students, as evidenced by long waiting lists. The school has been chosen as one of Presbyterian Women's mission projects for the 2010 Birthday Offering.

Through your Generosity--You are helping with Chile Earthquake Response

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) is responding to the devastating 8.8 earthquake that struck Chile on Feb. 27. The quake destroyed buildings and bridges, and triggered tsunami warnings for much of the Pacific Rim. Reports list the death toll at more than 700 and about 1.5 million homes have been destroyed. PDA is working with ecumenical partner Church World Service (CWS) in Chile to provide basic humanitarian assistance and to help local partners in assessing needs. Funds from the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) special offering will be used for an initial response.

Traditional "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering Coming Up

Thanks to the generosity of churches and individuals to last year's [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) special offering, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was able to immediately send support for relief and rescue efforts after the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. This is just one of the many ways that the One Great Hour of Sharing offering makes a difference at home and around the world. The offering is traditionally received Palm Sunday (March 28) or Easter Sunday (April 4). Check out the great [resources](#) to promote the offering!



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College-Age Mission Trip Spots Available

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Education and Funding for Smaller Congregations Offered

Please consider several life-long learning opportunities for pastors, especially those serving smaller size congregations. Please pass this along to those pastors in your presbytery who might benefit from these offerings. [Boudnot Library Fund](#): Provides grants of \$200 to small PC(USA) congregations to purchase books for the church library selected by the pastor, for the pastor's use. [Leadership Training Scholarship](#): Provides grants of \$200 to pastors of small churches to use to attend training events. Available Now. [Continuing Education Grant](#): Provides grants of \$1000-\$1500 for the first three years of a Doctor of Ministry program. Available Now. More details and application information can be found at Financial Aid for Studies <http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid/programs-pastors-smallchurches.htm>

Board of Pensions Spring Update is Online

[Click here for the Spring 2010 Issue of the Board Bulletin](#)

Please Complete your 2010 Census when it Arrives

Your participation provides important data that can impact our community for the better. 2010 Census data will: Impact the quality of life for members of the community and families by guiding local decision makers on where to build new hospitals, schools, child-care and senior centers, improve roads, improve housing and living conditions, increase jobs, etc. The Census will consist of 10 questions and will be mailed to your home address sometime in the next month. To read more about the 2010 Census, [click here](#).

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Workshop on Sharing the Gospel in a Technological Age

Twitter and Facebook and Blogs, oh my! At the Center for Ministry and Leadership Development (CMLD) at Union-PSCE, Director of Program Development Stan Hargraves is merging the worlds of technology and ministry to help leaders in the church make sense of how to effectively employ the latest tools in technology for communicating the gospel. In his new book, *Telling the Story: The Gospel in a Technological Age*, published by Smyth & Helwys, Hargraves explores ways in which the story has been told over the ages and suggests biblical and theological themes related to the use of technology for communicating the gospel today. He addresses important questions: What challenges does this technological age bring to the proclamation of the gospel? What can the traditions of the church teach us about effectively using new communication tools? How can the gospel be communicated most effectively in this technological age? Hargraves will also lead a seminar at **The CMLD, April 26-28 on Sharing the Gospel in a Technological Age** to examine these questions. <http://www.union-psce.edu/prodev/workshops/index.php> To learn more about issues on using technology in ministry, check out Hargraves' blog, <http://www.stanhargraves.wordpress.com>

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[Proclaiming the Text](#) and [Christian Education](#), once again run simultaneously, May 31-June 4, sharing dynamic worship and key leadership. **Proclaiming the Text**, with its theme "Lift Up Your Voice With Strength," offers the biblical scholarship, theological insights, and contemporary tools for preaching that help preachers proclaim a confident, exuberant, and expansive faith. Leaders include Jana Childers, Luke Powery, Michael Graves, Joanna Adams, Christine Yoder, Ann Laird Jones, and Nathan Proctor. **Christian Education**, "Words to Build a Life On," draws from Jesus' parable about the wise man who built his house on rock. Christian Educators are invited to study old and new models of transformational architecture - Christian Education - built on the solid foundation of God's word. Leaders are Dee Koza, Jana Childers, Joanna Adams, Luke Powery, Diane Wright, and Nathan Proctor.

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Churches of Providence Presbytery have been invited to join with Trinity Presbytery in ordering church decals for automobiles and other uses. By ordering as a group you will benefit by receiving cheaper rates, depending on the total number ordered. For each church there will be a \$28.00 set-up fee and each church must order a minimum of 125. For more information [click here](#). Deadline to order is April 1st.

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Montreat Conference Center Announces the Return of Two Annual Summer Favorites

[Proclaiming the Text](#) and [Christian Education](#), once again run simultaneously, May 31-June 4, sharing dynamic worship and key leadership. **Proclaiming the Text**, with its theme "Lift Up Your Voice With Strength," offers the biblical scholarship, theological insights, and contemporary tools for preaching that help preachers proclaim a confident, exuberant, and expansive faith. Leaders include Jana Childers, Luke Powery, Michael Graves, Joanna Adams, Christine Yoder, Ann Laird Jones, and Nathan Proctor. **Christian Education**, "Words to Build a Life On," draws from Jesus' parable about the wise man who built his house on rock. Christian Educators are invited to study old and new models of transformational architecture - Christian Education - built on the solid foundation of God's word. Leaders are Dee Koza, Jana Childers, Joanna Adams, Luke Powery, Diane Wright, and Nathan Proctor.

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WELCOME!

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Click here to read the [Presbytery in Brief](#) report from the March 18th Presbytery Meeting held at Van Wyck Presbyterian.

Racial/Ethnic Weekend Focuses on the Place of Music in Worship

All congregations in Providence Presbytery are invited to join us for this exciting weekend where the focus is gaining a better understanding of the role of music in worship. Pastor Alice Ridgill, pastor of New Faith Church in Greenwood, SC, and Dr. Tony McNeill, former Music Minister at Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, will lead workshops and worship for the event entitled, “Keeping the main thing the MAIN THING.” The event will be held April 17-18 at Hermon Presbyterian Church. Anyone interested in joining the Mass Choir is welcome. Vocal and Instrumental Artists are welcome. Email Dot Killian at dot@providencepres.org if you have an interest in joining the choir. [Find out more.](#)

Interested in Starting or improving your Young Children and Worship Program

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Coupon Mama Coming to **Allison Creek**--Travise Smith, also known as Coupon Mama, will be coming to **Allison Creek Presbyterian** April 22nd at 6:30PM to teach us how to save over **50%** on everything from

groceries to medicines, but the best thing is she teaches you how to do it with the heart of a servant and a Biblical foundation. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are Required. RSVP@CouponMama.org or Face Book Coupon Mama. This event is being sponsored by the Nurture of the People of God Ministry Team of Providence Presbytery. The ministry team would also like to invite you to a similar event at St. John's Methodist on April 26th at 6 pm at St. John's Methodist with Southern Savers. Helpful web sites for couponing are www.couponmom.com, www.southernsavers.com, and www.thecouponclippers.com.

Bethesda Presbyterian will be unveiling its Historical SC State Highway Marker as part of its 250th Anniversary of its founding on May 2nd at 11AM. A Covered Dish Lunch will follow the service.

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

2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

5/23	Presbytery Meeting 2:30PM (Tirzah-Lancaster)
8/15	Called Presbytery Meeting at Clinton College (Hosted by Hermon)
10/17	Presbytery Meeting—2:30PM (Grace-Lancaster)

This Week in Providence Presbytery

3/29	Glocal Committee Meeting –5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
4/1	Maundy Thursday
4/2	Good Friday
4/3	Holy Saturday
4/4	Easter Sunday

Coming Up in the Next Two Weeks

4/5	No “In the Know” this week: We will resume publication on 4/12.
4/5	Presbytery Office Closed
4/5-9	Spring Break Day Camp—8AM-5:30PM (Bethelwoods)
4/8	Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—10AM (Allison Creek)
4/10	Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering —9AM (First Presbyterian, York)
4/11	Racial Ethnic Concerns Committee—1:30PM (Presbytery Office)
4/12	Bethelwoods Kid’s Night Out—5:30-10:30PM
4/15	Committee on Ministry—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
4/17	General Assembly Commissioner Training in Columbia (Call office for details.)
4/17-18	Racial/Ethnic Weekend

Mark your Calendar

4/28	Administrative Assistants Appreciation Luncheon-Noon
5/8	Bethelwoods Open House—8AM-
7/3-10	219 th General Assembly—Minneapolis, MN

Please submit articles to 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.