

# in the KNOW

The weekly communication of Providence Presbytery

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## **Attend a “Moving Prayer Event!”**

"Moving Prayer Event" for [National Day of Prayer 2010](#) will be May 6th at Stevens Park in Kershaw, SC. Drop in anytime that day after 7am and volunteers\* will hand you prayer information at the stop sign, next to the new playground. Drive the circle, or park and walk around the playground, praying *as you go*. There will be signs guiding you on what to pray for so bring the family! Open to everyone! We need volunteers to 'stand on the hill' to hand out info throughout the day. So if anyone is interested, please e-mail to [davidwilliamroberts@yahoo.com](mailto:davidwilliamroberts@yahoo.com).

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First Presbyterian has rented a house for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Montreat Youth conference and we have extra space for other groups to stay with us. The dates are June 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if your group is interested in joining us for this conference. (704)516-2546. With God's Blessings, Tai Magette

## **Mother's Day Offering Supports Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina**

On Sunday, May 9, the Mother's Day Offering will be received. This offering is vital to the Presbyterian Communities of S.C. because they give over \$2 million annually to members of Presbyterian churches for charitable care. What this means is that some residents, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their financial resources for living at the communities. The funds are provided for them to remain in their "home" with their "family" (other residents who have become friends and feel like family to them). What peace of mind and security this offers the residents and family members who are unable to help their loved ones financially. Over the past 20 years Presbyterian Communities has supplied over \$27 million in benevolent care to S.C. Presbyterians. Through your generosity, residents are able to continue to live in safe and familiar surroundings at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.--Penny Arnold, Presbyterian Communities of S.C.

## **First Christian-Muslim Habitat Build Day a Success**

Together with area Muslims, we are working on the current Habitat “Faith Build” house on Irwin Road in Rock Hill. See pictures from our very first work day on May 1st. Want to be a part of this exciting venture to provide a local family with a comfortable, safe, affordable home? Your contribution of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please send your check for this specific build to: York County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 4255, Rock Hill, SC, 29732 and note on the check “Muslim-Christian Fellowship Group”.

## **Your Haiti Mission Information Needed for May Presbytery Meeting**

*ONE MORE CHANCE....Thanks to all of you who have sent information on your groups' Haiti Mission actions for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting presentation!* We haven't heard from everyone, however. If you have been involved in **doing service, donating goods or contributing to financial relief** for the people of Haiti, please email Jill. In your [email to Jill](#), please include your church name, a description of what your group did, and a contact person in case we need more information. Thanks so much for sharing this with all of us!

## **Thoughtful Christian Adds Books to Offered Resources**

In just a few weeks The Thoughtful Christian.com will be launching a new marketplace that includes the sale of books. Subscribers will receive a 35% discount on books, while nonsubscribers will receive a 20% discount. Quantity discounts on books for group study will add more savings. For the first six months of the new marketplace, you will receive free shipping and handling on Web orders when you spend \$50 or more on books. [See more.](#)

## **Mission Podcast Launched by Presbyterian World Mission**

God's mission matters is a monthly podcast of Presbyterian World Mission that will help you learn how to engage more faithfully and effectively in God's mission. Bringing insights from mission workers and Scripture, it will be based on a guiding "tip of the month" for mission involvement. Subscribe today at [www.pcusa.org/missioncrossroads](http://www.pcusa.org/missioncrossroads).

## **Looking for educational ideas for youth, children and adults this summer?**

Check out We Believe Mission Stories, a downloadable 13 session study. The children's unit is a biblically-based, multi-age curriculum (K-5) which features stories from the children of PC(USA) mission personnel or PC(USA) mission personnel who work with children. The Mission Stories for Youth and Adults features Bible studies written by participants of the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. The stories connect participants to 13 mission sites around the world. The curriculum will include downloadable videos and other resources from the YAVs. See samples at <http://www.pcusa.org/webelieve/summer/index.htm>.

## **Stated Clerk Writes Letter to Congress**

Please see the letter to Congress from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008), and the Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council expressing concern about Arizona's new immigration law. A link to the letter is online at [www.pcusa.org/oga](http://www.pcusa.org/oga).

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The [Presbytery of Western North Carolina](#) endorsed the Rev. Maggie Palmer Lauterer to stand for moderator at its presbytery meeting. Lauterer is the third candidate for the moderator position, joining the Rev. Jin S. Kim (Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area) and Elder Cynthia Bolbach (National Capital Presbytery). The new moderator will be elected July 3, the first day of the weeklong biennial meeting in Minneapolis. The winner will succeed the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218th GA.

## ***Educational Opportunities***

## **Caring for Creation: A Forum for Religious Education Leaders**

The Center for Humans and Nature, Audubon – South Carolina and Mepkin Abbey are sponsoring an interfaith conference at Mepkin Abbey for religious education leaders who wish to know more about faith-based environmental education. This Caring for Creation conference is offered without charge and is open to educational leaders and teachers in places of worship. The event will be Thursday, May 20; 8:30AM-4PM at Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner, SC. [More information is available online.](#)

## **Celebrate 300 years of Presbyterian Church History**

Join us at Johns Island Presbyterian Church May 20-22 for a 3-day presentation series entitled, “Stories of a Presbyterian Meeting House,” offered by Dr. Erskine Clarke, well known Southern Presbyterian Church Scholar. Find out more at [www.jipc.org](http://www.jipc.org).

## **Smaller Churches Combine Efforts for Big Impact on their Community**

LINKING FOR MINISTRY is an event for smaller membership congregations interested in learning about cooperative ministry (clustering) for the purpose of ministry and mission. This 3-day conference is designed to excite, encourage and empower small churches towards new possibilities and opportunities through joint mission and ministry. Learn more about how “clustering” can revitalize the small church, enlarge its vision and expand its capacity for worship, work and witness. June 2-4, 2010, Thornwell Home Campus, Clinton, SC 29325. For more information or to register, go to [www.trinity-presbytery.org](http://www.trinity-presbytery.org) and look under Events.

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- 5/8 [Bethelwoods Open House](#)—8AM

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Louis Cassels, UPI Writer, 1970

## **Keep in Your Prayers...**

Please remember the family of Linda Sample, Don Simpson's sister, in your prayers. Services celebrating her life were held last Saturday. Communications can be sent to Don and Diane at P. O. Box 358, Gakona, Alaska 99586.

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## **Proclaiming the Text—Montreat-- May 31-June 4**

There's still time to register for Montreat's acclaimed annual preaching event! [Updated workshop information now available online.](#) *“Lift Up Your Voice with Strength” For pastors, lay leaders, seminary students, and all who seek the tools and inspiration needed for proclaiming the Good News.* Preaching requires the courage to speak the word of scripture to particular people in particular places who, as worshipping communities, seek to find meaning in their ordinary lives, often in extraordinary times. This conference offers the biblical scholarship, theological insights, and contemporary tools for preaching and workshops that help preachers proclaim a confident, exuberant, and expansive faith. Come join a learning, worshipping, and encouraging community... all amidst the beauty of Montreat. **Leadership includes:** Luke Powery, Jana Childers, Joanna Adams, Mike Graves, Christine Yoder, Ann Laird Jones, Nathan Proctor, and more. [Details and registration information.](#)

## **Response to Tennessee Floods...**

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee [www.presbytery-middletennessee.org](http://www.presbytery-middletennessee.org) is receiving monetary donations to help offset the costs of the damages to its churches (especially Harpeth Presbyterian Church in Brentwood, TN), its community and NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center in Pleasantville, TN. The contribution address is Middle Tennessee Presbytery, 318 Seaboard Lane,

Suite 205, Franklin, TN 37067 – please mark “flood relief”. You may also give to PDA for Tornados and Flooding in Southern States. [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) for more information. At Camp NaCoMe, the immediate need is for skilled volunteers to help get the facility and grounds up and running to be ready for summer camp in 3 weeks. For contact information, go to [the camp's Facebook page](#). They have clean water but no electricity, no phone lines, no internet connection and you would need to bring your own food. Please consider creating a team and traveling to TN to help.

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### **Hear Brueggemann Interview on WJK Radio**

An interview with Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann is featured on the most recent segment of [WJK Radio with Dan and Jana](#). Brueggemann talks with hosts Dan Braden and Jana Riess about his latest book, *Journey to the Common Good*, which takes a penetrating look at today's most pressing issues, including terrorism and the recent economic collapse. In spite of these challenges, Brueggemann calls us to journey together to the common good through neighborliness, covenanting, and reconstruction.

### **[Check out the Pictures from the Faith Spring Habitat Build](#)**

### **Receive the Pentecost Offering on May 23**

We encourage you to allow the power and excitement of the Holy Spirit to move through your congregation this Pentecost! [The Pentecost Offering](#), often received on the day of Pentecost, is a tangible way to allow the Spirit to touch the lives of children, youth and young adults within and beyond our church. Forty percent of the offering is used for your own congregation's ministry and vision for children and youth at risk. The remaining portion of the offering supports the work of the General Assembly Mission Council in [Child Advocacy, Ministries with Youth](#) as well as the [Young Adult Volunteer](#) program. Learn more about the Spirit's work and how you can conduct a successful Pentecost Offering!

### **Rousos named Chief Executive Officer of New Covenant Trust Company**

Jeffersonville, IN. (May 10, 2010) Gregory T. Rousos has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of New Covenant Trust Company (NCTC), a subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation. Mr. Rousos, who also serves as the Presbyterian Foundation's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner. Mr. Rousos is excited about the opportunity for NCTC and said the following recently, "NCTC is a nationally chartered trust bank with a parent organization, the Presbyterian Foundation, has been around for over 200 years. It is very rare to find an organization with so much rich history and stability. That history and stability coupled with values based on Christian stewardship principles present exciting opportunities for NCTC."

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[Sarah B. Drummond in Setting the Welcome Thermostat](#)  
[Read the Alban Institute Article](#)

## Keep in Your Prayers...

Please remember Rev. Trey Hegar, the new pastor of Purity Presbyterian Church in Chester, whose grandmother passed away last week.

The Winthrop Campus Ministry of Providence Presbytery asks you to remember in your prayers the student mission trip to Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Mexico this week. We'll be doing some light repair/construction and painting, as well as serving with Mark Adams and Jordan Bullard, good friends of Providence Presbytery.

## Thoughtful Christian offers FREE Studies

Relaunch Subscription Special...To celebrate the site relaunch, [annual subscription](#) rates to The Thoughtful Christian.com have been reduced to \$150 through August 31, 2010. Don't forget that subscribers receive a 35% discount on a great number of titles.

*Free Study Special...*In the spirit of this week's relaunch celebration, the newest Thoughtful Christian study for adults will be provided for free to nonsubscribers. It is titled "Lost: Live Together or Die Alone." This will join our collection of eleven other [FREE sample studies](#) available for you to test out in your congregation this week.

## Looking for a Great way to Connect with College Students?

Next fall, our primary weekly student fellowship at Winthrop will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM. We're looking for folks who can assist students in preparing those meals at the student center. Does your congregation have a group that likes to cook? Can you demonstrate the preparation of a good (and cheap) meal to a college student with little kitchen experience? Have we got a service opportunity for you! Contact John O'Kain at [jokain@oapc.net](mailto:jokain@oapc.net) or (803)984-4388 to sign up for a Tuesday this fall!

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Group project applications are being accepted through September 30 for participation in Columbia Theological Seminary's S3 (Sabbath, Study and Service) Project. S3 offers small, self-selected groups of clergy and other church professionals the opportunity to design and participate in learning projects that strengthen their practice of ministry. Groups will receive \$500 per person to fund their self-directed group work. Participants must attend two retreats, one in February, 2011, at the beginning of their year-long project and another in February, 2012. [More information](#)

### **Campus Ministers seek names of Next-Year's Students**

This is the time of year to pass along the names of high school graduates and their plans to the presbytery office so that we can forward those names to appropriate Presbyterian Campus Ministries around the state of South Carolina and beyond. E-mail John O'Kain with names at [jokain@oapc.net](mailto:jokain@oapc.net). Thanks!

### **Union-PSCE Professor's Book Addresses Morality and the Marketplace**

Richmond, Va., May 13, 2010 - In the current economy still reeling from one of the worst meltdowns in U.S. history, Professor of Church History Mark Valeri's latest book to be published in June sheds new light on the history behind the continuing American dilemma over morality and the marketplace. Valeri's Book, *Heavenly Merchandize: How Religion Shaped Commerce in Puritan America* published by Princeton University Press, provides a fascinating glimpse into the commercial culture in puritan America through the eyes of four generations of Boston merchants. Valeri reveals how the puritan understanding of moral conviction, discipline and providence influenced their business practices.

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*More Moderator Candidate News...*A Philadelphia pastor, the Rev. James A. Belle, is the fifth candidate for moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Belle, pastor since November 2005 of Holy Trinity-Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, notified the Office of the General Assembly last week of his intent to seek the post. A vote to endorse his candidacy is scheduled when the [Presbytery of Philadelphia](#) meets May 25.

*Budget News...*LOUISVILLE, KY. (May 14, 2010) – Today, the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved budgets of \$82,097,234 for 2011, and \$80,550,613 for 2012. These are in contrast to a 2010 budget of about \$93.8 million. "Our role is changing from doing mission on behalf of the church to inspiring, equipping and connecting the church for mission and ministry," said Linda Valentine, GAMC executive director. "At the same time, God calls us to look at our resources honestly. We must be sure we live within our means to sustain ministry into the future."

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Hello dear friends, just writing to you at this time, The volcano make a big eruption and cover a lot of places with sand, all the city and other places where having sand and make a lot of problems, but the storm Agatha start on the same day and start a lot of rain and make more problems, two big holes and a lot of big problems, the government said that is worst than Mitch. We have a lot of work and we were working hard at the office and home for the sand. The next team coming on Saturday and we need your prayers. Dr. Pedro Palacios (Tito) La Mision, Guatemala, [palacios@lamision.org.gt](mailto:palacios@lamision.org.gt)

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