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“... for we have been given everything, forgiven everything, and promised everything, so that we ‘lack nothing except faith to believe it.’”

[Lesslie Newbigin](#), *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*
(The internal quote ‘lack nothing... is from Martin Luther)

Election Day is Tomorrow!

Please remember to exercise your right to Vote!

Looking for Advent Devotionals for your church?

Here are two suggestions:

1. *Presbyterian Today* offers their 2010 Advent Calendar: "Living the Advent Story" written by a Presbyterian pastor which includes daily scripture readings and questions for reflection. Bulk pricing is available. Purchase online at: store.pcusa.org/1216610011

2. *The Society of St. Andrew* offers advent devotions free of charge to those churches who commit to give, in the name of the Christ Child, a gift of food by making a small daily donation to the Society of St. Andrew during the season. These contributions will be used by the Society of St. Andrew to feed the nation's hungry—at a cost of about a two cents per serving! The Advent devotions starter kit includes a sample devotional booklet and instructions for church leaders to administer the church's participation in this program. Get more info at: <http://www.endhunger.org/advent.htm>

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Year D Project Offers Lectionary Options

As another church year comes to an end with Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary concluding next month, many preachers and congregations are looking for fresh inspiration for the coming year. What better source of inspiration than Scripture itself? And where better to look than to the very scriptures that have fallen silent in our churches, namely, those that the Revised Common Lectionary omits? For more information, see the attached [flyer](#), or visit the Year D Project website at <http://theyearproject.blogspot.com/p/start-here.html>

Looking at the Lectionary Through Art

Visit Jan Richardson's Painted Prayerbook at: <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>. Here she blogs about one of the lectionary passages each week and includes her beautiful artwork as a visual interpretation of the passage. Permission can be granted to use Richardson's artwork in worship by purchasing a download, or churches may purchase an annual subscription for unlimited downloads.

Habitat for Humanity Sponsors Blood Drive

You're invited to participate in a BLOOD DRIVE on Saturday November 6, 2010; 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Habitat for Humanity of York County Office/ReStore (825 N Anderson Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29730) For Appointments email habitatom@comporium.net. We all have the power to heal. It's in our blood®--Your Community Blood Center of the Carolinas--The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas is an independent, locally-managed, non-profit community blood center. We are the primary blood supplier to the region's patients and hospitals.

Noted Palestinian Anglican to Speak at Davidson College and Queens College TOMORROW

On November 2nd we have two opportunities to hear from Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, founder and director of Sabeel in Jerusalem as he shares "From the Nakba to KAIROS Palestine: A Palestinian Christian's Journey and Ministry." Rev. Canon Naim Ateek will speak November 2nd at 4:30PM in the Sprinkle Room (4th Floor) of the Alvarez Student Union Building, Davidson College, Davidson NC, hosted by the Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship and the Dean Rusk Center for International Studies, speech followed by Q&A, book signing and light refreshments. OR hear him at 8PM on Nov. 2nd in Belk Chapel Queens University, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte NC, hosted by the Philosophy and Religion Department and the International Studies Program

On Nov. 6 Shop Belk's Charity Sale and Help the Presbytery's Capital Campaign

Purchase a Providence Presbytery \$5 ticket to the Belk Charity Sale scheduled on **Saturday, November 6th** from 6AM-10AM and SAVE. This private 4-hour sale is dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations. When you present your ticket in a Belk Store on Saturday, November 6, you will get \$5 off your first purchase during the hours of 6-10 AM as well the ability to take advantage of other great sale prices ranging from 25%-70% off. If you would like to reserve desired merchandise for the event, you may do so beginning on Sunday, Oct. 31. To reserve items, show your Charity Sale ticket to the Belk associate and ask for details on reserving and claiming merchandise. As one of the non-profit participants in the sale, Providence Presbytery will get to keep the full amount for every ticket we sell. Tickets are not to be given away, discounted or reproduced. To purchase a ticket contact the Presbytery Office at 515 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, or 803-328-6269 or iglasgow@providencepres.org.

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Registration for Fall Lay School of Theology Deadline is TODAY

If you would like to register for Lay School of Theology Fall 2010—November 19-20, please visit this link for information. www.providencepres.org/Communications/Flyers/Lay_School_2011.pdf

The Multicultural Institute Comes to Montreat

For the first time in the Southeast, Montreat Conference Center is proud to welcome the [Presbyterian Multicultural Network's](#) MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE, November 9-12, 2010. It is God's biblical vision to gather people of diverse identities into inclusive communities of faith. [The Multicultural Institute](#) at Montreat will offer courses to enable and inspire clergy and laity in cultivating that hopeful vision. The Multicultural Institute is just days away. [Learn more and download a registration form](#) today! If you have questions about registration, contact Aldenice Lemes at 888.728.7228, ext. 5252/5233 & 5344.

E3 is FREE Training for Anyone in Your Church

On January 9th you can join with people from throughout our presbytery to learn more about the ministries that interest you! This afternoon long conference will be at Rock Hill First, so make plans NOW to attend and bring a church van full of people! Our course offerings for E3 are expanded to include Every One--Every Generation. We are offering Camp-4-the-Day for our elementary aged attendees, as well as workshops for Middle and High School Youth, "So you think you CAN'T Dance, Dramatize or Draw" and "Taking the Lead!." Adults will find a wide variety of learning opportunities, including classes for those interested in mission, stewardship, confirmation, worship, technology, children's ministry, parenting issues, General Assembly issues, youth ministry, and evangelism. As you can see, there is something for everyone at E3. We look forward to seeing you and your fellow church members there! Bring Every One--Every Generation to E3 this year! [Register Online](#) or print the form online and mail it to the Presbytery Office. Your church office also has copies of the E3 Catalog for registration.

Around the Presbytery

Please join members of **Grace Presbyterian Church (Fort Mill)** as the Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo is installed as their pastor. The Installation Service will be Sunday, November 7th at 4 pm followed by a catered dinner. For more information call 803-548-0800.

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ELECTION DAY! Please remember to exercise your right to VOTE!

- 11/3 [Second Harvest Partners Hunger Relief Site \(Hermon\)](#)
11/3 Triennial Visitors Training Webinar--2PM
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11/6 Belk Charity Sale--6AM-10AM (Any Belk Department Store)-Buy tickets at Presbytery Office

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[Francis Bacon, Sr.](#)

Self Development of the People Committee

The Self Development of People Committee of Providence Presbytery will host Wayne Granuk from the GA Mission Council to conduct training on November 9 at 5:30PM at the Presbytery office. Self Development of People is a ministry of the GA Mission Council focused on helping economically poor and disadvantaged people to change their situations through active involvement in SDOP Projects. The Mission Council supports this ministry by providing grants to local SDOP Committees for projects owned and managed by economically disadvantaged people. The local committee is charged with nurturing, enabling and encouraging the project owners. Providence Presbytery’s SDOP Committee will be joined by Charlotte’s SDOP for this training event. If you would like more information on the SDOP committee, contact [Dot Killian](#).

Conference for Middle School Youth Scheduled for July

Do you have one or two (or maybe more) sixth, seventh or eighth grade youth who would be interested in getting a Montreat Youth Conference experience before they go to high school? “On The Move”, Montreat’s Middle School Conference will be held at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC July 20-24, 2011. [More information is available online.](#)

New Hymn Commissioned

A Presbyterian hymn writer, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, wrote the new hymn that was commissioned by the National Council of Churches for the Centennial Ecumenical Gathering in New Orleans. “O God, in Christ, you Call Us” is sung to the tune of “The Church’s one Foundation” (Aurelia 7.6.7.6D). Find the full lyrics to the new hymn at <http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/ga2010gillette.htm>.

Providence Presbytery welcomes South Carolina Presbyterian Student Associations

This weekend, November 12-14, Presbyterian Student Associations from across the state will gather in Rock Hill. Students will be housed at *Oakland Avenue Presbyterian* and will spend Saturday doing service for many folks in the Rock Hill area; including Family Promise, York Place, the Hope Garden and Hope House, Tender Hearts Thrift Store, Bethelwoods and more! Join us in the OAPC Sanctuary on Sunday morning the 14th at 8:45AM for a service led by the South Carolina PSA College Students. We’d love to have you. Contact John O’Kain at 803-984-4388 for further details.

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Plans Underway for Second Big Tent Event

The second Big Tent event will be held June 30-July 2, 2011 in Indianapolis. The event will include meetings of many different conferences within the PC(USA), including: Healthy Ministries Conference, Presbyterian Communicators Network Conference, National Multicultural Church Conference, Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, Peacemaking Conference and Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation. Added in 2011 are the World Mission Celebration, Clergy Women's Leadership Institute and the National Black Presbyterian Conference. Pathways, a theological and practical training program for youth leaders, will also meet at the same time. Online Registration is expected to begin in February with expected cost to be \$285 per attendee.

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Christians Emigrating from Middle East Raise Concern

Robert Fisk, a long-time observer of the Middle East has written a sobering account of the significant emigration of Christians from all parts of the Middle East in recent years entitled "[Exodus: The Changing Map of the Middle East.](#)" This issue was raised as a significant concern of Mary Mikhael, President of the Near East School of Theology when she was in our Presbytery in September, and a recent Synod of Catholic Bishops at the Vatican focused on this situation also.

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A Cancer Support Group for Men and Women from diagnosis thereafter meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 7PM at **Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church** in Room 2108. The next two monthly meetings are to be held on Thursday, **November 18** and Thursday, December 16. Parking is in the rear of the church. Open to the public.

It's that time again. Please mark your calendar. The **Covenant Presbyterian Church** PW Auction will be on Saturday, **November 20th** at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Along with the bidding, there will be a quilt drawing, and a small craft and bake sale. Dinner is served before the Auction begins for a nominal price. Come and join the fun!

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church is holding its' annual Alternative Gift Fair on **November 21** from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Activity Center at 504 Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill. The purpose of this event is to raise money for and awareness of local and international not-for-profit agencies such as Safe Passage, the Children's Attention Home, HOPE, Habitat for Humanity and many more. There will be lunch, a silent auction, musical entertainment and Ten Thousand Villages will be selling gifts from around the world. All proceeds from the lunch and auction are given to the agencies. This is the perfect opportunity to get all your Christmas shopping done early, hassle free and give gifts which will make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry, mentally and physically ill, homeless, abused, and will also touch the hearts of those who receive your gift this holiday season. Check the OAPC website, www.oapc.net under table of contents for more information or call the church at 327-2006.

Allison Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool Announces their fifth annual Christmas Bazaar. To be held **December 11** from 10AM-2PM, the event will feature quilted items, crafts, gifts, toys, home businesses, jewelry, wreaths, baked goods, a hot dog lunch, and much more. The Allison Creek Presbyterian Church is at the corner of Allison Creek Road and hands Mill Highway #274.

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Alan Roxburgh, author and leader of the
2010 Ministers and Educators Retreat, in [Moving Back into the Neighborhood](#)

Please remember in your prayers...

The family of the Rev. Wilson Busick who passed away November 8th . In the past he served for several years as stated supply at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church.

Worship 4 YOUth This Weekend

Bring your youth group and join us for a wonderful Youth Oriented Worship Event! Come to Bethelwoods Sunday, November 21st from 5-7PM. Call (803-366-3722) or [email](#) Jaquie at Bethelwoods to let us know the number of youth you will be bringing. Cost is \$3 per student for the meal.

Living Through Economic Crisis: The Church’s Witness in Troubled Times

A social involvement report, written by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), was approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010). The assembly also directed the Stated Clerk to make the report available to all PC(USA) congregations. Along with this report, the assembly authorized ACSWP, a standing committee of the General Assembly, to develop a study with recommendations on “the long term implications of our current economic trends and practices, including their impact on the church itself.” [Read the report.](#)

Bread for the World Urges People to Sign the Pledge to End Hunger

We can end hunger and poverty. Ending hunger is not a question of resources, but of political will. And in order to build the political will, we need to grow a strong movement of compassionate advocates — like you — to speak out on behalf of hungry and poor people everywhere. [Sign the pledge](#) and \$1 will be donated to the fight against hunger.

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Some need small shoes. Some need sports shoes. Some need church shoes. Some need work shoes but what we all have in common is that we all need shoes. With chilly weather approaching our region, please consider donating your used and old shoes. Christina Del Llano is collecting shoes for men, women and children. You can find a large collection box for these donations at Allison Creek Presbyterian. We welcome all shapes and shoe sizes but do ask that shoes do not have holes in them and they have wear left to them. ~Please email cdelllano@live.com with your questions~

New SVP and COO of New Covenant Trust Company Appointed

The Board of Directors announced the appointment of Timothy Clark to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for [New Covenant Trust Company](#) (NCTC), a subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation. Clark will be responsible for the strategic and operational leadership of New Covenant Trust Company.

Pastors--A Little Bit of Knowledge Could Save You Big

Are you aware of the ways in which tax law changes could affect how you report income and expenses in 2011? In contrast to many previous years, tax law has been under discussion and subject to change late into 2010. To include the most up-to-date information, the Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches, presented by the Board of Pensions, will take place live on January 5, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. This online education event is designed to help active and retired ministers and churches understand what's new for the 2010 tax year. Featured speakers will be guest clergy and church tax expert Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA, and Board of Pensions education specialist Steven Fleming. [Register Here](#).

Help! Do You Have Any of These Resources?

Ann Barnwell, retired educator at Beth Shiloh, is looking for one of the following commentaries on the Psalms for a paper her granddaughter is writing:

1. Broadman Bible Commentary,
2. World Biblical Commentary
3. Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentaries
4. Anchor Bible Commentaries
5. Hermenia Bible Commentaries
6. Old Testament Library
7. New Century Bible Commentary
8. International Theological Commentary

If you have any of these that you would be willing to loan Ann, please email her at ambarnwell@hotmail.com or call her at 803-684-6798 as soon as possible.

Presbyterian College to Host Young Church Leaders on Youth Day

PC's Annual Youth Day will be held on November 20. Middle school and high school aged students from Presbyterian churches across the Southeast enjoy a day on campus. Youth Day includes naming the Outstanding Church Youth Leader award winner and recognizing those who have served in leadership roles in their churches. Also included in the day's activities is worship, tours and games, and a 1:00 pm football game against Davidson College. To find out more, visit http://www.presby.edu/church_relations/youth-day.html.

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Society of St. Andrew announces Alternative Christmas Card Program

The Society of St. Andrew - the premier gleaned organization in the country - is offering its annual Alternative Christmas Gift Card program. Beautiful, original Christmas cards are offered, and the proceeds directly support the ministry that has provided fresh vegetables and fruit to millions of hungry Americans for the past 31 years. All donations are tax-deductible. SoSA works with all church denominations, as well as civic and educational groups. Recipients in all 48 contiguous states receive the gleaned food at no cost to the feeding agencies. See more about the Alternative Gift Christmas Cards (as well as the SoSA Advent Devotional booklet) at: <http://endhunger.org/AdventOffers.htm>.

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Vote by Nov. 24 for “Back the Pack” \$25,000 Award

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church member Sue Kutz, who spearheaded efforts with the Rock Hill School District Foundation to create “Back the Pack”, has been nominated as one of ten National Honorees in the 5th Annual Women of Worth Awards by L’Oreal Paris. Our community has provided \$98,500, thousands of food donations and hundreds of volunteer hours to support this program, serving more than 600 elementary and middle school students in SC. This is a one-in-ten opportunity to win -- the winner will receive \$25,000 for her charitable cause, which could provide nutritious food on weekends for 208 more undernourished students. Follow this link to vote [Vote for Back the Pack](#) or www.womenofworth.com. You will be asked to submit your email address and click the “Submit” button. Please vote and encourage others to vote; once per email address.

Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry Scheduled for January 2011

On January 20, 2011, Second Harvest Partners will sponsor its first indoor mobile pantry made possible by a private donation. The pantry will be at the National Guard Armory in Rock Hill. Second Harvest Partners has collaborated with the Catawba Area Agency on Agency and the York County Department of Social Services. These agencies have provided volunteers and administrative support for the ministry. “There has been a noticeable increase in the number of guests who are coming to the sites, and we are doing all that we can to try and serve as many guests as we can. Unfortunately, there are usually more guests than there is food.” If your church or community organization would like to participate in Second Harvest Partners, contact Dot Killian at dot@providencepres.org or (803) 517-7870.

Do You Have 8th Graders who are Ready for Confirmation?

Join us for this series of classes and retreats offering the opportunity for 8th grade youth at your church to experience the connectional nature of the PC(USA) by meeting monthly with eighth graders from several Providence Presbytery churches for group building, fellowship, and lessons on Presbyterian Polity and Theology using the PCUSA confirmation curriculum, "Professing Our Faith." The youth will delve into their faith at a deeper level by also meeting one -on-one with a confirmation covenant partner from your church between group meetings. Confirmands will have written their statement of faith and be ready to meet with your session to discuss what they have learned following the May retreat. Contact Kathryn McGregor to register by December 15th. At that time a \$50 deposit will be required to hold your spot. [Print the Flyer.](#)

Twelfth Annual Christmas Celebration at Presbyterian College

Presbyterian College will host its twelfth annual Christmas celebration during two separate performances on December 4 and 5. "*Christmas at PC 2010: Truth, Hope, and Love Abide*" will take place Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 pm in Belk Auditorium. "This year's theme, 'Truth, Hope, and Love Abide,' speaks to the fidelity of the divine in our lives, but it also speaks to the universality of the Christmas spirit," Porter Stokes, chair and director of choral activities, said. [Click here to learn more, make reservations, or purchase tickets.](#)

PC(USA)-BACKED CAFÉ JUSTO COFFEE COOPERATIVE EXPANDS

Congratulations to SC native, Mark Adams of Clover Presbyterian, on the expansion of Café Justo. Founders, friends and neighbors celebrated the dedication of the new roasters and processing facility of Café Justo (Just Coffee) in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, Oct. 30. The celebration marked a milestone in a dream that germinated in the minds of Presbyterian laypersons and ministers nearly 10 years ago. Café Justo, a coffee grower cooperative, was created in response to the growing wave of Mexican men and women migrating north to the U.S. border. Café Justo is the result of years of planning by Daniel Cifuentes, a migrant from Chiapas, Mexico; the Rev. Mark Adams, U.S. coordinator of Frontera de Cristo; and Tommy Bassett, a Roman Catholic layperson. The men wanted to create a sustainable, small-scale coffee company that sells its products at a fair and just price.

Harvest of Hope Hosts College Alternative Spring Break 2011

College Students & Staff are invited to this incredible mission opportunity March 6-12, 2011 in Orlando, FL. Bring your campus group, or come as an individual and join us for this unique hunger relief mission opportunity. We will glean/harvest fresh fruits and vegetables. The food we save will be donated to local food banks and feeding agencies. This spring break, help feed those who are hungry in the central Florida area. **COST:** \$150 per person (travel not included). [Additional information available online.](#)

Habitat 2011 Faith Build Organizing

Habitat for Humanity of York County is organizing a home build in early 2011 supported by the faith community. Faith groups will come together and share the cost and labor for this home. Lead groups are asked to contribute \$5000 and workers/food for one workday. Other interested groups can be combined to share the requested contribution. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian based housing ministry building homes with volunteer labor for qualified partner families. Homeowners must qualify based on need, ability to repay an interest free mortgage, and willingness to partner with Habitat by attending classes and providing "sweat equity". Contact Steve Hardy at 803 547-2042 or stevehardy59@yahoo.com for more information.

Donate Your Used Shoes to help Men, Women and Children in Need

Some people need big shoes. Some need small shoes. Some need sports shoes. Some need church shoes. Some need work shoes but what we all have in common is that we all need shoes. With chilly weather approaching our region, please consider donating your used and old shoes. Christina Del Llano is collecting shoes for men, women and children. You can find a large collection box for these

donations at Allison Creek Presbyterian. We welcome all shapes and shoe sizes but do ask that shoes do not have holes in them and they have wear left to them. ~Please email cdellano@live.com with your questions~

Pastors—Find out how Tax Law Changes Affect You

Are you aware of the ways in which tax law changes could affect how you report income and expenses in 2011? In contrast to many previous years, tax law has been under discussion and subject to change late into 2010. To include the most up-to-date information, the Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches, presented by the Board of Pensions, will take place live on January 5, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. This online education event is designed to help active and retired ministers and churches understand what's new for the 2010 tax year. Featured speakers will be guest clergy and church tax expert Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA, and Board of Pensions education specialist Steven Fleming. [Register Here.](#)

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Are you Needing a Better Way to Get Your Church Videos Online?

OurChurchVideos.com is now on Facebook. As our customers and friends all across the country, we invite you to use our Facebook page as an easy way to get in touch with us. Don't forget, OCV is staffed with experts in video production, live streaming, church communications, and media evangelism. If you have any questions about any of these areas, write on our wall.

Presbyterian Foundation News

The six newly elected trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation began their terms in November. [Find out more.](#)

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Learn to Pray through Challenges at Home and Abroad

Join Presbyterian World Mission for a Webinar on **December 6 from 2-3 PM**. Space is limited. [Reserve your Webinar seat now](#) for The power of prayer in mission As the holidays approach and stress begins to mount, most people find themselves overscheduled, overstuffed and overfull of the nonstop barrage of consumer culture. As we enter this new time of challenge and renewal, Presbyterian World Mission wants to engage in dialogue about the lessons we learn from the mission field, the stories that bring perspective to the bustling American holiday season and how we pray through our challenges at home and abroad. Please join us online as we have a discussion about how we pray, what our prayers can do for ourselves and others, and how we learn to Pray the Way! After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

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[See the Video](#)

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Capital Campaign Benefits from Belk Charity Sale

Thanks to all the folks who participated in the Belk Charity Day Sale either by selling tickets or buying tickets. The Presbytery's Capital Campaign received \$1005.28 for your combined efforts! There will be another Charity Day Sale in the spring. As soon as we learn the date, we'll let you know. We'll also pass along some shopping tips.

Attention Worship Planners!

Christmas carols or Advent hymns? Your church can sing both. Simultaneously! The Presbyterian Outlook commissioned noted Presbyterian hymn writer Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to prepare four Advent hymn texts to be sung to familiar, beloved Christmas carol tunes everyone enjoys singing. The lyrics are based upon one of the lectionary texts for each Advent Sunday. You can lead your congregation in singing: -1st Sunday - "Here's a Promise You Can Count On!" (Based on Isaiah 2:1-5) to the tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"-2nd Sunday - "When John the Baptist Preached" (based on Matthew 3:1-12) to the tune of "The Snow Lay on the Ground" -3rd Sunday - "Are You the One Who is to Come?" (Based on Matthew 11:2-11) to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" -4th Sunday - "Joseph Heard the Startling News" (based on Matthew 1:18-25) to the tune of "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child". You can download the lyrics of each of these hymn carols free of charge on the Presbyterian Outlook Web site, or you can purchase a print master with full musical manuscript (like appears in a hymnal) in two sizes (regular and large print) for just \$9.95 per Sunday, or \$35.00 for all four. You download the master, and then print as many copies as you need for your worship services. PLUS: You will receive a second, bonus hymn-carol for each Sunday, prepared by Robert Campbelle! [Click here to order the hymns online!](#)

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local churches for their mission and ministries. Ticket prices are \$25 for General Seating and \$50 for the Grand Tier, which includes a pre-concert reception and free parking. Tickets are available beginning September 1 through the Symphony Box Office 704-972-2000 or AlexandraZ@charlottesymphony.org. It is our understanding that churches receive the full amount of ticket prices purchased by their congregants.

Register Now for Charlotte Youth Day—Space Limited

Charlotte Youth Day **March 5, 2011** will be amazing! We are in store for a great day for middle and senior high youth students to experience great youth worship, band, special message, and NCAA men's basketball game. The cost includes a free t-shirt! Registration is now open at www.charlotteyouthday.org. Doors open at 11am Worship at Noon Game at 2pm - UNC Charlotte. Sponsored by Charlotte Athletics and UCF: Charlotte's Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist & Presbyterian Campus Ministry (campus-ministry.org). Early Bird: \$13 per person (includes t-shirt) **by December 1** ... Hurry! Cost is \$15 per person after December 1, but space is limited.

Do You Have Students Ready for Confirmation?

Join us for this series of classes and retreats offering the opportunity for 8th grade youth at your church to experience the connectional nature of the PC(USA) by meeting monthly with eighth graders from several Providence Presbytery churches for group building, fellowship, and lessons on Presbyterian Polity and Theology using the PCUSA confirmation curriculum, "Professing Our Faith." The youth will delve into their faith at a deeper level by also meeting one -on-one with a confirmation covenant partner from your church between group meetings. Confirmands will have written their statement of faith and be ready to meet with your session to discuss what they have learned following the May retreat. Contact Kathryn McGregor to register by December 15th. At that time a \$50 deposit will be required to hold your spot. [Print the Flyer.](#)

Twelfth Annual Christmas Celebration at Presbyterian College

Presbyterian College will host its twelfth annual Christmas celebration during two separate performances on December 4 and 5. "*Christmas at PC 2010: Truth, Hope, and Love Abide*" will take place Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 pm in Belk Auditorium. "This year's theme, 'Truth, Hope, and Love Abide,' speaks to the fidelity of the divine in our lives, but it also speaks to the universality of the Christmas spirit," Porter Stokes, chair and director of choral activities, said. [Click here to learn more, make reservations, or purchase tickets.](#)

Join in this Local Mission in 2011

Habitat for Humanity of York County is organizing a home build in early 2011 supported by the faith community. Faith groups will come together and share the cost and labor for this home. Lead groups are asked to contribute \$5000 and workers/food for one workday. Other interested groups can be combined to share the requested contribution. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian based housing ministry building homes with volunteer labor for qualified partner families. Homeowners must qualify based on need, ability to repay an interest free mortgage, and willingness to partner with Habitat by attending classes and providing "sweat equity". Contact Steve Hardy at 803 547-2042 or stevehardy59@yahoo.com for more information.

What is Your Christmas Card going to Look Like? **December 1st Deadline!**

This year our presbytery is expanding its 'Video Christmas Cards' program from last year to include any type of media. As you prepare for Advent, please ask a group or groups in your church to reflect on John 1:14; "and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"; or another translation "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." Groups should then prepare a 2-3 minute video, original song, poster, slide show or other artistic endeavor to reflect your church community's understanding of this verse. Don't forget to let us know your church name, the group name and a contact name and number. We must receive all entries by December 1st. We will be

thrilled to display all entries at the Presbytery Open House to be held on December 7th. Make plans now to contribute and to come by and see all of the ways our churches share the coming of Christ! Send your electronic entries to jill@providencepres.org by December 1. You may ship or drop off your posters, sculptures, or other artwork at the Presbytery Office at 515 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, 29730. Attention: Jill Wilson, Christmas Card. We're looking forward to all of your interpretations!

Get ready to *Engage* in 2011!

Engage is a new resource from the Office of Evangelism. Beginning in January 2011, a number of focus groups will experience ***Engage***, helping refine the resource, for an expected denomination-wide release in June at [Big Tent](#). As focus groups engage Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"; pray for their work. Designed to connect evangelism with disciple making, *Engage* emphasizes both the importance of social justice and faith sharing. Stay tuned in 2011 for stories of churches who are engaged by growing disciples who serve others and share personal faith in their communities.

Educational Opportunities: [EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available](#)

WEBINAR! Learn to Pray through Challenges at Home and Abroad

Join Presbyterian World Mission for a Webinar on **December 6 from 2-3 PM**. Space is limited. [Reserve your Webinar seat now](#) for The power of prayer in mission As the holidays approach and stress begins to mount, most people find themselves overscheduled, overstuffed and overfull of the nonstop barrage of consumer culture. As we enter this new time of challenge and renewal, Presbyterian World Mission wants to engage in dialogue about the lessons we learn from the mission field, the stories that bring perspective to the bustling American holiday season and how we pray through our challenges at home and abroad. Please join us online as we have a discussion about how we pray, what our prayers can do for ourselves and others, and how we learn to Pray the Way! After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Interim Pastor Training Scheduled for January 2011

Please don't miss the Interim Pastor Training opportunity at Calvin Center (Atlanta), January 24-28, 2011. If you know of quality individuals looking to expand their skill set, please forward this on, or print the attached brochure for them. The leadership team includes: Rev. Joan Gray, Rev. Joel Alvis, and Rev. Penny Hill. Please do not hesitate to contact us if anything is unclear. Our calling is to serve Christ Jesus by being a servant to you. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. [For More Info Click Here](#)

CTS Hosts Dialogue on Peace, Justice and Reconciliation

The Center for Lifelong Learning and Columbia Theological Seminary's Center for Preaching invites you to join them for a Dialogue on Peace, Justice and Reconciliation on **January 25-27**. The \$265 program fee includes lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, contact robertsj@ctsnet.edu or 404-687-4589.

Don't Wait till After the Holidays!!! Register Today.

On January 9th you can join with people from throughout our presbytery to learn more about the ministries that interest you! This afternoon long conference will be at Rock Hill First, so make plans NOW to attend and bring a church van full of people! Our course offerings for E3 are expanded to include Every One--Every Generation. We are offering Camp-4-the-Day for our elementary aged attendees, as well as workshops for Middle and High School Youth, "So you think you CAN'T Dance, Dramatize or Draw" and "Taking the Lead!" Adults will find a wide variety of learning opportunities, including classes for those interested in mission, stewardship, confirmation, worship, technology, children's ministry, parenting issues, General Assembly issues, youth ministry, and evangelism. As you can see, there is something for everyone at E3. We look forward to seeing you and your fellow church members there! Bring Every One--Every Generation to E3 this year! [Register Online](#) or print

the form online and mail it to the Presbytery Office. Your church office also has copies of the E3 Catalog for registration.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference Set for Feb-Mar 2011

Life in Abundance: Growing Disciples is the title for the 2011 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference set for February 28-March 2 in Phoenix. More than ever before, leaders need resources that will help them teach, preach and practice successful stewardship. Join us as we learn how to make stewardship ministries come alive in our congregations and presbyteries. Register by February 10 and save! Stewardship Kaleidoscope is a retreat for elders, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers. Find out more at www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org.

Around the Presbytery

Join **Ramah Presbyterian Church** and others in the community for a benefit to support ROBBIE NEELANDS Saturday, **December 4th** at Ramah Presbyterian Church, Ramah Church Rd., York, SC 29745. Join us for a Bake Sale and Community Yard Sale. Breakfast, and a Hot dog lunch will be available. Neelands is a young father and member of the community who was recently hospitalized due to a serious illness. This event is a cooperative effort of all area community churches. Please come out and support this very worthwhile event!

Allison Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool announces its fifth annual Christmas Bazaar. To be held **December 11** from 10AM-2PM, the event will feature quilted items, crafts, gifts, toys, home businesses, jewelry, wreaths, baked goods, a hot dog lunch, and much more. The Allison Creek Presbyterian Church is at the corner of Allison Creek Road and hands Mill Highway #274.

Hermon Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Baked and Goods fundraiser on Saturday, **December 11**, from 7 am to 2pm. Plate lunches will be available, as well as cakes and pies. Household items will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the church's building fund. Call Elder Shirley Hamilton 803-927-7425 for more information.

A Cancer Support Group for Men and Women from diagnosis thereafter meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 7PM at **Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church** in Room 2108. The next meeting is Thursday, **December 16**. Parking is in the rear of the church. Open to the public.

Jobs Available

Grace Presbyterian (Fort Mill) is seeking a Part Time Director of Youth Ministries with flexible hours and "office work" done from home. Primary responsibilities are planning, recruiting advisors for, and directing Middle and High School educational, missional and recreational activities. Sunday morning and evening availability is required, as is flexibility for weekend and some weeklong trips (Montreat & mission trips). Mail resumes to GPC P O box 3454 Fort Mill, SC 29708 or email to office@gracewired.org by Nov. 28th.

Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill is seeking a Part-Time CHURCH PROGRAM DIRECTOR. Most Sundays and flex hours during the week. The candidate must have excellent people/communication skills, healthy church and leadership experience. This person will support overall mission programs. Develop growth opportunities. Background check and references required. Send letter of application/resume to: Director, PO Box 36818, Rock Hill, SC 29732 or sgstart@startadvertising.com.

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 if interested.

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

2011 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 3—Unity Presbyterian, Fort Mill
Sunday, June 12—Oakdale Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 16--Grace Presbyterian Church (York)

Coming This Week

11/30 Mission Discernment Assessment Task Force—5:30 (Presbytery Office)
12/1 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11AM (Allison Creek)

Coming Next Week

12/6 Resource Center Preschool Book Mobile—9AM (Lancaster First)
12/6 White Oak Retreat Follow-Up Lunch—Noon (Presbytery Office)
12/7 Providence Presbytery Christmas Open House—11AM-1PM and 4-7PM (Presbytery Office)
12/9 TTT visits Billy Graham Library
12/9 Advisory Committee on Constitutional Amendments—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)

Mark Your Calendar

12/14 Third Tuesday Together Christmas Celebration—10:30AM (Bethelwoods)
12/14 [Second Harvest Partners \(Faith Presbyterian\)](#)
12/18-19 Bethelwoods Youth Christmas Retreat
1/9/11 [E3—Presbytery Wide Training Event—1:45-5:30PM \(Rock Hill First Pres\)](#)
1/21-23/11 [Confirmation Retreat](#)

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.