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“Christian prayer is always a response to a presence already felt. The awareness of a desire to pray again is already prayer. As the desert fathers so often said, “If you want to pray, you are already praying.”

- [Edward J. Farrell](#)

from *Gathering the Fragments*

## **Congratulations!**

James Platt is thrilled to announce the birth of his first grand-daughter. Her name is, Abigail Celeste Barber.

## **In Haiti they say...<<MÈSI ANPIL!>>**

or "Thank you very much!" on the behalf of the mothers in Haiti who will be receiving the over 200 bundles that were knitted, prepared and bundled by the Presbyterian Women of Providence Presbytery, and their daughters and granddaughters yesterday at the "Showering Haitian Mothers with Love" event at Purity Presbyterian Church in Chester. There were representatives from every county in the presbytery, and more than 18 churches were represented. Shown at the event was this [photo essay](#) from the New York Times about giving birth in Haiti.

## **You Can Help Society of St. Andrew Receive Pepsi Grant**

Society of St. Andrew is in the running for \$250,000 in the Pepsi Refresh Project. Please help us win by voting every day in September! As of press time SoSA is ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in their division. Those ranked 1 and 2 on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> will receive the grants. To Vote, go to [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org) and click the Pepsi Logo button to vote daily in September.

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## **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.](#)

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### **Columbia Seminary Offering \$500 Study Grants to Clergy and Church Professionals**

Applications are due September 30 for \$500 study grants available from Columbia Theological Seminary's S3 Project. For small, self-selected groups of clergy and other church professionals, S3 (Sabbath, Study and Service) offers the opportunity to design and participate in learning projects that strengthen their practice of ministry. Groups will receive \$500 per person to fund self-directed projects. The S3 project also covers room and board on campus for two required retreats: one in February, 2011, and another in February, 2012. The application procedure requires a group proposal and individual applications for each group member. A [brochure](#) and [application](#) are available online at or by contacting Sarah Erickson at 404-687-4526 or [ericksons@CTSnet.edu](mailto:ericksons@CTSnet.edu). Groups will be notified of acceptance by October 15. The S3 Project is supported with funding from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

### **Please continue to pray this month for your community.**

As you get ready for [Evangelism Sunday](#) on September 26 remember that the good news we share is not just about one Sunday of worship. Continue to pray this month for your community, asking God to show you ways to creatively serve those in your neighborhood. [Download](#) our 2010 Evangelism Sunday Worship packet. Follow our timeline. Discover ideas for a Servant Saturday in your community – *that they might know... Christ and our lives.*

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

**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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**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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## **It's Your Story! It's Our Story!**

Good news! A national television broadcast focusing on the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been picked up by nearly 50 different NBC broadcast markets across the country beginning Sunday, August 29. ***Coming Home: Hurricane Katrina 5 Years Later*** explores the relationships between survivors and volunteers and stories of how they have touched each other's lives. It's a story about how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance stayed with the survivors long after the news teams left. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the ministry and faithful commitment to long-term recovery that Presbyterians have made! **Find out if this film will be broadcast in your area** or how you can encourage your local station to pick up the broadcast over the next six months. Promote the airing of the program in your congregation — **download a bulletin insert**.

## ***Around the Presbytery***

***Rock Hill First*** invites all interested people to join our *Financial Peace University* class: Did you know that personal finance is 80% behavior and 20% head knowledge. Come join us this Fall for Financial Peace University. A 13 week small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before! Classes start September 12th at 5:30 pm in the Gaston Room. Our class last fall paid off over \$50,000 in debt during the 12 weeks! The cost is \$40 for the book and workbook and \$110 for the entire "Financial Peace" kit. Please contact Janelle Hicks (417-1559) or Melissa Granacher (327-4581) for more information! Additional classes will be added during the year as interest is expressed.

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***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.

The people of ***Faith Presbyterian Church***, your new church development in Indian Land, cordially invite the people, congregations and staff of Providence Presbytery to a joyful worship celebration in which the Presbytery will Charter Faith church as her 59<sup>th</sup> congregation. The worship celebration will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 3:00 pm on the grounds of the Faith Presbyterian Church office, 7520 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land, SC 29707 (for directions, see [www.faithpresusa.org](http://www.faithpresusa.org)). We will welcome Dr. Charles (Chuck) Campbell as our preacher and one of

our worship leaders. Dr. Campbell is a Professor of Homeletics at the Duke Divinity School, and he is formerly the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary. Pastors, you are invited to wear your robes and a red stole and process as one body into the service.

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

**Unity Presbyterian Church** of Fort Mill will hold dedication worship services on Sunday, October 31 at 8:45 and 11:00 for the new sanctuary. The service will include dedication of the church building and furnishings, including the baptismal font, pulpit, communion table, and stained glass windows. Members of the congregation and representatives of Providence Presbytery will participate in the dedication service, which will include special music with hand bells, organ and brass. Unity has held worship services in the current historic sanctuary for 129 years. Please join us as we "Celebrate the Journey" with God in our new sanctuary.

### **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.

**New Kirk Baptist** on Museum Road in Rock Hill is in need of a Part-Time Youth Director. Their purpose would be to provide hands on leadership for the church's middle, senior high age youth and college age youth, consisting of planning for, developing and supervising a youth ministry in conjunction with our "Youth Committee." He/She would be under the supervision of the Deacon Council and Youth Ministry Committee. The specific responsibilities would be discussed at the time of the interview. If you are interested, phone the church at 803-325-2002.

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

### **2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule**

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

### **Coming This Week**

9/8 North York County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30 PM (Allison Creek)  
9/9 Education and Equipping Ministry Team—9:30AM (Presbytery Office)

### **Coming Next Week**

9/13 NCD Commission—5:30PM (Faith NCD)  
9/13 Leader of Leaders Planning Team—11:30AM (Presbytery office)  
9/14 Nominations Committee—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)  
9/15 Union County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6PM (Cane Creek)  
9/17 Kids' Night Out (Bethelwoods)  
9/19 [Youth Rally—5-7:30PM \(Bethelwoods\)](#)

### **Mark Your Calendar**

9/21 Older Adult of the Year Luncheon—10:30AM-Noon (Bethelwoods)  
9/22 Lancaster County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30 PM (Liberty Hill)  
9/28 [Second Harvest Partners](#) (Flint Hill Baptist)  
9/29 Chester County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30PM (Fishing Creek)  
9/29 South York County Dimes for Hunger Kickoff—6:30 (Hermon)  
10/3 Faith Presbyterian Church Chartering Ceremony—3PM

10/15 Kids' Night out (Bethelwoods)  
11/15 Second Harvest Partners (Foundation)  
11/15-17 [Minister and Educator Fall Retreat \(White Oak Conference Center\)](#)  
11/21 Worship 4 YOUth (Bethelwoods)  
12/7 Providence Presbytery Christmas Open House—11AM-1PM and 4-7PM (Presbytery Office)  
12/14 Second Harvest Partners (Faith Presbyterian)

**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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“All the blessings we enjoy are Divine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition, that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbors.”

[John Calvin](#)

## **Looking for a way to Teach Confirmation to One, Two or a Few youth?**

Join our newly formed Confirmation Cluster! This class will offer 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. This experience will begin with a retreat Jan 21-23, 2011 continue with monthly groups from 3:00 - 5:00 pm Sundays, Feb 13, March 13, and April 10 and culminate with a closing retreat May 13 - 15. All group meetings will be held at Bethelwoods. 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. For more information and/or to register 8th graders from your church, please contact Kathryn McGregor, Associate for Education & Resourcing for Providence Presbytery at [kmcgregor@providencepres.org](mailto:kmcgregor@providencepres.org) or 800-922-1609 or Michael York, Pastor at Oakdale Presbyterian Church at [revmichaelyork@oakdalepres.org](mailto:revmichaelyork@oakdalepres.org) or 803-222-7141.

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## **Enjoy the music of the Christmas season while giving to Your Church**

Please join us as we share the joy of the Christmas season with Presbyterians in the Charlotte community. This year's special performance of the *Magic of Christmas* will take place *Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 P.M., Belk Theater, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte*. Over the last three years, through the cooperation of many churches in the Charlotte area, the Presbyterian Foundation, sponsor of the event, was able to give back nearly \$55,000 to the churches whose members purchased tickets. In the true spirit of Christmas and in appreciation for the support and participation of Presbyterians, the Foundation will again donate proceeds back to participating churches and organizations. Tickets are available through the Symphony Ticket Office after September 1. Call 704-972-2000 or email [AlexandraZ@charlottesymphony.org](mailto:AlexandraZ@charlottesymphony.org). Ticket prices are \$25 for Orchestra and \$50 for the Grand Tier – Grand Tier tickets include complimentary parking and a pre-concert VIP reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

## **Union Presbyterian Seminary to Celebrate first Convocation since Name Change**

Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond campus will celebrate its 199th convocation on September 15, at 11:30AM in the Early Center. This year's service marks the first time students are being admitted to Union Presbyterian Seminary since its name change from Union-PSCE in July of this year. Rodney S. Sadler, Jr. Associate Professor of Bible, Charlotte campus will address the community.

## **Looking for a way to boost mission support without impacting a tight church budget?**

Regardless of whether you have a sizable mission budget or are agonizing over cutting mission giving, Alternative Giving is an easy way to encourage mission support. An Alternative Christmas Giving program offers an opportunity for your members to give simple, but thoughtful, gifts for mission as part of their Christmas shopping. [Find out more about Alternative Christmas Giving.](#)

## **OGA Monthly Column available Online**

An Office of General Assembly monthly column featuring Moderator Cynthia Bolbach and Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons is available online. This month's article entitled "Divine Deposits" was written by Parsons and is available at <http://oga.pcusa.org/newsstories/clerk-mod-sept10.htm>.

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**Uriel Presbyterian Church** has pounds of frozen BBQ ready for your oven at \$5 a pound. Please contact Sammy Hunter at 803 581-4055 or Fred Powell at 803 209-5807 to arrange pick-up or delivery. Many thanks to those who came to make the Uriel-Lewis Fire Department Labor Day BBQ a success!

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to do what is right  
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Michael Card  
1996 Poema

## **Thornwell Announces Interim President**

Reverend Dr. Charles D. Elliott is the newly appointed Interim President for Thornwell Home for Children. Elliot has listed the two top administrative priorities as balancing the budget and preserving the Teaching-Family model of care, which has made Thornwell's program one of the best in the country. He also stated that he was pleased with the board's "mandate that [Thornwell] be more open to the local community and its sister institutions.

## **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.

## **Looking for a way to Teach Confirmation to One, Two or a Few youth?**

Join our newly formed Confirmation Cluster! This class will offer 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. This experience will begin with a retreat Jan 21-23, 2011 continue with monthly groups from 3:00 - 5:00 pm Sundays, Feb 13, March 13, and April 10 and culminate with a closing retreat May 13 - 15. All group meetings will be held at Bethelwoods. 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. For more information and/or to register 8th graders from your church, please contact Kathryn McGregor, Associate for Education &

Resourcing for Providence Presbytery at [kmcgregor@providencepres.org](mailto:kmcgregor@providencepres.org) or 800-922-1609 or Michael York, Pastor at Oakdale Presbyterian Church at [revmichaelyork@oakdalepres.org](mailto:revmichaelyork@oakdalepres.org) or 803-222-7141. Print the Flyer at [www.providencepres.org/youth\\_ministry.html](http://www.providencepres.org/youth_ministry.html).

### **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.

### **Looking for a Fun Family Activity this October?**

Visit the Anne Springs Close Fall Festival in Fort Mill on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in October! From a Corn Maze, to Wagon Rides to Haunted Hay Rides, there is something for everybody this October! [Find out More.](#)

### **Enjoy the music of the Christmas season while giving to Your Church**

Please join us as we share the joy of the Christmas season with Presbyterians in the Charlotte community. This year's special performance of the *Magic of Christmas* will take place *Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 P.M., Belk Theater, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte.* Over the last three years, through the cooperation of many churches in the Charlotte area, the Presbyterian Foundation, sponsor of the event, was able to give back nearly \$55,000 to the churches whose members purchased tickets. In the true spirit of Christmas and in appreciation for the support and participation of Presbyterians, the Foundation will again donate proceeds back to participating churches and organizations. Tickets are available through the Symphony Ticket Office after September 1. Call 704-972-2000 or email [AlexandraZ@charlottesymphony.org](mailto:AlexandraZ@charlottesymphony.org). Ticket prices are \$25 for Orchestra and \$50 for the Grand Tier – Grand Tier tickets include complimentary parking and a pre-concert VIP reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

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

**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/).

### **Earth Care Webinar to be held October 6th**

PC(USA) Congregations interested in working on earth care — participate in a webinar from PC(USA) Environmental Ministries and ENERGY STAR for Congregations called "Earth Care Congregations and How ENERGY STAR Can Help" on Wednesday, **October 6** from 3-4 p.m. Eastern. [Earth Care Congregations](#) is a new program that encourages churches to care for God's earth and honors churches that have committed to this important mission. The webinar will explain how churches can become an Earth Care Congregation and how ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager can be used to help churches become more energy efficient. [Sign up for the webinar.](#) Please email [Katie Holmes](mailto:KatieHolmes) with questions.

**Faith Seeks Understanding to feature Eugene Peterson**--Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte announces the annual Faith Seeks Understanding series on **October 10-11, 2010**. This year the two-part series will be co-sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian Church and will feature the Reverend Eugene Peterson, internationally known writer and Presbyterian minister. Sunday, October 10 at 5:00p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (1000 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28204) Reverend Peterson will speak on the topic, "The Jesus Way: What Is It? And Why Should I

Care?” This event is designed for the entire church community and will be followed by discussion and a reception Monday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m., Covenant Fellowship Hall. Dr. Peterson will speak on the topic, “What Are Pastors Good For?” This opportunity for deeper conversation and reflection is designed primarily for pastors and church leaders, although all are welcome. You are invited to stay for lunch. Sunday’s events are free and open to the public. **Please reserve a place for Monday’s session by calling 704-337-2450 or emailing [Nadine.moran@upsem.edu](mailto:Nadine.moran@upsem.edu).** A freewill offering for lunch will be accepted.

**2010 Transformation Conference to be held in Fort Worth**--The 2010 Transformation Conference is an event that will bring together pastors, elders, and other church leaders to talk about, dream about, and learn about congregational transformation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are pleased to announce that the event will take place at **First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas--October 18-22.** [Find out More Online.](#)

### **Join in A New Conversation**

Are you attempting to faithfully figure out what the future holds for your congregation or middle governing body? Are you eager to be part of a meaningful conversation about the practice of pastoral leadership for today and tomorrow? If so, on **November 9-11, 2010**, in Philadelphia join with a diverse gathering of clergy and church leaders who are hungry for a leadership conversation that invites a process of discovery and mines the treasure of colleagues’ wisdom and faithfulness. What makes any gathering memorable is the company in attendance. Will you come? For more information or to register, visit the [Broad Street Ministry website](#) or [email](#) Susan Tindall, gathering coordinator, today!

### **Register Now for 2010 Ministers and Educators Retreat!**

***MOVING BACK INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Conversations about the Missional Church*** is the subject of the annual White Oak Retreat. Featuring Retreat Leader, Alan Roxburgh, this gathering is for Ministers, Educators and Other Church Leaders of the Five South Carolina Presbyteries. The event will be held November 15-17, 2010 at White Oak Conference Center 633 Mobley Highway Winnsboro, South Carolina. [More Information and Registration form available online.](#)

### **Youth Worker Summit Renews You for Ministry**

The 2010 Youth Worker Summit, to be held in Walt Disney World Resort **December 1-4** is an ecumenical gathering, bringing together youth ministry leaders from judicatories and congregations across the country. Together, we will find sacred space to rekindle Christ’s light in our lives. We will seek space for reassurance, renewal, strength, and hope for us as we serve young people and their families. You can anticipate dialogue with youth ministry professionals and visionaries, worship, skill and awareness development workshops, resource sharing and networking with other leaders. It may sound like a full schedule, but you’ll also find time for relaxing or wandering the Disney’s Parks! When you leave the Youth Worker Summit in Orlando, you will do so with a renewed spirit for the ministry to which God has called you – that’s our prayer; that’s our hope. [Find out more.](#)

### **Does Your Church Need an Organ?**

A member of one of our churches has an electric Yamaha E5 organ that she would like to donate to a church that would like to have it. It has two key boards and some foot pedals and a bench. She also has the instruction manual. Anyone who is interested should contact Tom Jackson at 803-222-4147. Leave a message and he will return the call.

### ***Around the Presbytery***

**Uriel Presbyterian Church** has frozen BBQ ready for your oven at \$5 a pound. Please contact Sammy Hunter at 803 581-4055 or Fred Powell at 803 209-5807 to arrange pick-up or delivery. Many thanks to those who came to make the Uriel-Lewis Fire Department Labor Day BBQ a success!

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