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The weekly communication of Providence Presbytery

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April 4, 2011

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“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

April 10: Clover Presbyterian, Clover, SC (324 members)

Prayer Request: We would covet the prayers of the Presbytery for the following mission project: we have a group going to Mexico in July to work with Mark Adams in Chiapas.

Pause on the Path Celebrates Youth and Service

Youth across the presbytery responded to a call to service this weekend when they joined together in ministry at the 2011 Youth Mission Retreat. [See the pictures of the great weekend event here.](#)

Worship 4 YOUTH at Bethelwoods

Come out to Bethelwoods and enjoy worship for middle school and high school youth Sunday, April 10 from 5-10PM. The worship will be led by the youth of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church and will incorporate the new prayer labyrinth at Bethelwoods. The evening will start with a delicious pizza dinner followed by a great worship. Cost is \$3 per person. Register your youth group to attend by contacting Bethelwoods at 803-366-3722 or info@bethelwoods.org. We hope to see you at Bethelwoods soon!

Mikhael expresses Thanks to Providence Presbytery for Calvin Scholarship Funds

In appreciation for funds for the Calvin Scholarship for the Near East School of Theology: Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is to acknowledge with deep gratitude the receipt of a check in the amount of \$5,000 toward expenses of leadership training. Many thanks to all the pastors and educators and other individuals from Providence Presbytery who contributed to make this gift possible. We all are interested in the continuation of Calvin's vision for educated church leadership. Thank you all for your generosity, your prayers and your faithful partnership in our ministry. We praise God for all you do for God's glory.—Mary Mikhael—www.theonest.edu.lb. *Those who would like to contribute to the Calvin Scholarship Fund may send a check to Providence Presbytery with the notation for “Calvin Scholarship”.*

Get Great Prices While Supporting the Capital Campaign

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Unity Presbyterian Church is planning a mission trip to Honduras July 18-27, 2011. This trip is open to members of Providence Presbytery. We will be working with our friends, Tim and Gloria Wheeler and Heifer Honduras in a small community in the western part of Honduras. We will be helping our friends in Cerro Azul with the construction of concrete-block homes. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Joyce Sullivan at jsullivan@comporium.net.

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- 4/10 Confirmation Cluster—3-5PM (Bethelwoods)
- 4/10 Worship 4 Youth—5-7PM (Bethelwoods)

Next Week

- 4/11 Glocal Committee—6PM(Presbytery Office)
- 4/13 [Administrative Professional's Luncheon—Noon \(Oakland Avenue Church\)](#)
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“When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way; when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ’s feet but even trample upon it ourselves.”

[Augustus Toplady](#)

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

April 17: Community Presbyterian Church (22 members)

Prayer Request: We are a small, but active, family oriented church and we love God. Our prayer is that God will sustain us and guide us as we seek His will for us in our community. We encourage visitors to worship and share fellowship with us, and if anyone is visiting in Fort Mill on a Sunday Morning—come worship with us.

SHP Next Hunger Relief Site to be held April 19

The Second Harvest Partners sponsored by Providence Presbytery and St. Mary’s Catholic Church will have a Hunger Relief site on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in McConnells . It is sponsored by Mt. Do-Well Baptist Church, Great Joy Baptist Church, Bethlehem First Presbyterian Church, Bethesda Presbyterian Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Volunteers will be on site to help distribute food to eligible participants. All food recipients must meet USDA Eligibility Income Guidelines. For additional information, contact Dot Killian at dot@providencepres.org or (803)517-7870. [See the 2011 Schedule for Mobile Food Pantries.](#)

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PC(USA) Moderator to Visit Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond

Cynthia Bolbach, moderator of PC(USA) will discuss "The Future Church" at Union Presbyterian Seminary on April 19 from 5-6PM in the Early Center on the Richmond Campus. To view her presentation live on the web, visit www.unionlive.org.

2011 Chaplain Grand Rounds to be held at CMC April 21

"Cause of Death for Jesus" will be presented at the April Chaplain Grand Rounds at CMC's Auditorium on April 21 at noon. The talk will be presented by Alan Jones, MD and Jeff Kline, MD.

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Faith Presbyterian Church of Fort Mill to host Southern Gospel Concert on the Saturday before Easter, April 23. The event will feature The Riverside Boys, a group of some renown from Union County. We will hear songs that will remind us of the death of Jesus, and some of the songs will certainly prepare us for the resurrection the next day. The event will be on the grounds of the office of Faith church, 7520 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land. It will begin at 4:30 pm. Please come and celebrate with us.

Faith Presbyterian Church will offer a classical music concert featuring Carol Edmond (piano), Ken Edmonds (trumpet) and Jing Wenghofer (voice) on Sunday, May 1st at 3PM. Our sister congregation, Unity Presbyterian in Fort Mill, will graciously host the event in their new sanctuary. Come enjoy this beautiful music. We will collect a love offering for our building fund.

Positions Available

Grace Presbyterian Church, Ft. Mill has a half-time position available for Director of Education Ministries, responsible for adult and children's education and fellowship activities (not youth). The position is home-based, with flexible hours. Please send cover letter and resume to Jackie Johnson, jackie@gracewired.org, Grace Presbyterian Church, Box 3454, Ft Mill, SC 29708.

First Presbyterian Church of York, SC is seeking to fill two positions, one in youth leadership and one in children's ministries. We are open to the possibility of combining these two positions if the appropriate person can be found. [See the Job Descriptions Online.](#)

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Carolyn Weese and J. Russell Crabtree

[The Elephant in the Boardroom: Speaking the Unspoken about Pastoral Transitions](#) .

Congratulations!

... to Elder Ann Barnwell of the Beth Shiloh Church. Ann has been elected to serve at Moderator of the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of South Atlantic 2012-2014.

...to the Rev. Jennifer Fouse, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Fouse. Jennifer is the recipient of Columbia Seminary's 2011 "Pioneer in Ministry" Award. This award recognizes outstanding service to the church rendered by recent Columbia Seminary graduates. Jennifer grew up in the Great Falls Church and was a candidate for the ministry under care of Providence Presbytery, and now serves as Campus Minister at Vanderbilt University.

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*April 24: **Cornwell, Blackstock, SC** (38 members)*

Prayer Request: : That we will continue to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us so that we will be obedient to the will of God and be better witnesses in spreading His word and love.

*May 1: **Covenant Presbyterian Church** (22 members)*

Prayer Request: We celebrate the addition of Laura Idol as our program director. Please pray for the many exciting things happening in and around Covenant: Our 7-day a week food distribution ministry distributes food to the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, Children's Attention Home, and various other places; Our ESL program is will break for summer and resume in September; Our Prayer Shawl ministry has made over 500 prayer shawls; Mt. Sinai Church continues to meet on our campus; The Goodwill trailer accepts donations in our parking lot. A Goodwill store will be built behind the church in the shopping center.

SHP Next Hunger Relief Site to be held Tomorrow--April 26

Join us at the next Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry at St. Luke # 1 (Sharon). This pantry is sponsored by St Luke # 1 (Sharon), St. John Baptist, Woodlawn Presbyterian, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion (Hickory Grove), Mt. Vernon United Methodist. For information on how you can get involved in this exciting ecumenical ministry, contact [Dot Killian](#). [See the 2011 Schedule for Mobile Food Pantries](#).

Discuss Congregational Impacts of Passage of Amendment 10-A --This THURSDAY

On *Thursday, April 28, from 11am to 1pm*, we will hold a Minister/Educator Forum at the Presbytery Office. The topic will be a conversation about the impact the passage of Amendment 10-A (the ordination amendment) will have in your congregation and the ways the presbytery staff and/or the

Committee on Ministry can be of assistance and support to you and your session. We will order box lunches from McAlister's Deli or you can bring your own. If you wish us to order you a box lunch, please let [Inez](#) know no later than 9:30 am on Thursday morning (803)328-6269.

Blue Hymnals Available

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay has been given a rather large quantity of excellent condition Blue Hymnals. They will ship to anyone who wants them for the cost of shipping only. If you know of churches or individuals wanting one or many, have them contact Leslee Kirkconnell, Resource Center Director & Educator, The Presbytery of Tampa Bay at (813) 868-4800. Thanks!

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Tiaras and Toolboxes

Join us for an evening of empowerment and inspiration featuring motivational speaker Perry Tuttle, Star of the 1981 National Champion Clemson Tigers. The Tiaras and Toolboxes event will be held May 19th 6-9PM at City Club of Rock Hill, 140 E. Main Street. Tickets are \$40 per person and include Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, an auction, the program and music. The event is organized to benefit Habitat for Humanity of York County's Women Build Project. To reserve tickets call 803-328-0728 or email habitat@yorkcountyhabitat.org

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Don't Miss the Gathering to Discuss Amendments to Book of Order

Don't miss the gathering at [Purity Church in Chester](#) next Sunday, May 1st 3-5PM sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Constitutional Amendments to discuss the proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*, which we will be voting on at the June presbytery meeting.

Beatitudes Bible Study Training Coming in July

Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA is excited about their upcoming Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study training course on the Beatitudes. This summer they are offering two course options: one weekday course taught by Margaret Aymer & Rita Boyer and one weekend course taught by Sharol Hayner. The details of these events, including registration information, are outlined in the [online flyer](#). You can also visit our website by clicking on this link - [Lifelong Learning Events](#). Scroll down to the July dates.

NEST Easter Greetings

(April 14, 2011) Dear Friends and Partners, May Easter bring every Blessing to your lives! May the Great Victory of the Resurrection be part of your experience! May the Risen Lord, with hope, joy and light, fill your hearts! Friends, as our region is going through drastic changes, please pray for an

effective Christian presence in the Middle East, and for N.E.S.T to help bring about an authentic Christian Witness. Glory be to God Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In His Name, Mary Mikhael, President, Near East School of Theology.

Recent News from our PCUSA Liason in the Middle East (April 19, 2011)

All is well with our church partners in Syria. Please pray for peace and end of the violence and for wisdom, love and knowledge for all in authority to take the right steps for the well being of the people. My plan is to go to North Iraq the 21st of this month and be there for Easter. Christ is Risen! Nuhad Tomeh

Discover the Many Ways to Use the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*

Mission Yearbook Tips, our e-newsletter about ways in which the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* can enrich your ministry. Find tips and suggestions on how you and your congregation can stay connected to mission with the *Mission Yearbook*. We'd love to add your name to our free subscription list to receive one e-newsletter a month. [Sign up today](#) — you can opt out at any time. As a supporter of Presbyterian mission, you know that great work is being done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ both at home and all around the world. How would you like your congregation to make a connection with that mission every day of the year? You can, through the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, the denomination's daily mission devotional. Experience the **2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study** for yourself. Pricing: \$8.00 each for 97 or more copies; \$9.50 for 10–96 copies; \$10.50 for 1–9 copies. Order ISBN 978-1-57153-092-9. To order, visit the [Church Store](#) or call (800) 524-2612.

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Looking for a continuing education experience focused on worship, community, creativity and the arts? Look no further than ARW: Annual Recreation Workshop at Montreat Conference Center May 2-7, 2011. Get more info and registration info here:

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40-yrs old) from various denominations for worship and play, prayer and reflection as we explore our spiritual health. Our time will be led by the Reverend Winnie Varghese, a leader in the Episcopal Church's clergy wellness program. Please visit <http://youngclergywomen.typepad.com/conference/> for more information and to register. The registration deadline is June 30.

Around the Presbytery

Faith Presbyterian Church will offer a classical music concert featuring Carol Edmond (piano), Ken Edmonds (trumpet) and Jing Wenghofer (voice) on Sunday, May 1st at 3PM. Our sister congregation, Unity Presbyterian in Fort Mill, will graciously host the event in their new sanctuary. Come enjoy this beautiful music. We will collect a love offering for our building fund.

Unity Presbyterian Church will host a free concert by concert organist, Kevin Neel on May 15th at 4PM. During this concert we will celebrate the completion of Unity Presbyterian's new sanctuary and organ. The concert will include composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Henri Mulet, Dan Locklair, Marcel Dupré and others played on our three-manual, 28-rank pipe organ. Built originally as Æolian-Skinner Opus 944, a modest two-manual instrument for St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Salisbury, NC in 1936, it has been enlarged by John Dower & Company of Lincolnton, NC. The current console has been in use since the mid-90s in the historic sanctuary. The Æolian-Skinner organ was also purchased in the 1990s and was stored for many years in John Dower's shop until being revived for the new sanctuary. This is Unity's first public organ concert in the church's history and is Kevin Neel's first Fort Mill-area recital. The recital will last no more than an hour. More information on the organ can be found at <http://database.organsociety.org/SingleOrganDetails.php?OrganID=47785>

Positions Available

Grace Presbyterian Church, Ft. Mill has a half-time position available for Director of Education Ministries, responsible for adult and children's education and fellowship activities (not youth). The position is home-based, with flexible hours. Please send cover letter and resume to Jackie Johnson, jackie@gracewired.org, Grace Presbyterian Church, Box 3454, Ft Mill, SC 29708.

First Presbyterian Church of York, SC is seeking to fill two positions, one in youth leadership and one in children's ministries. We are open to the possibility of combining these two positions if the appropriate person can be found. [See the Job Descriptions Online.](#)

Bethesda Presbyterian Church in York is seeking an infant-2yr old nursery caregiver for Sunday mornings. Hours needed are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm every Sunday. Applicants can download a job description and application at www.bethesdapres.org or by calling the church office. 803-328-1360.

Oakdale Presbyterian Church (Clover, SC) is looking for a qualified and competent Secretary/Treasurer. The right candidate for the position will have a working knowledge of, and proficiency in, Microsoft Office (including, but not limited to, Word, Outlook, and Publisher). The right candidate will also have experience with best accounting practices and accounting software. The candidate must either have experience with our church database (ACS Technologies) or a willingness to learn ACS Technologies products. A working understanding of website maintenance is a plus. A preferred candidate will be someone with the knowledge of church culture and the culture of the Clover/York community. Persons with these skills and the gifts of a pleasant and personable disposition contact Steve Black at 803-684-3990.

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

2011 Presbytery Meeting Schedule
Sunday, June 12—Oakdale Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 16--Grace Presbyterian Church (York)

Coming This Week

- 4/25 PW Coordinating Team—6PM (Grace-Lancaster)
4/26 Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry—10AM (St. Luke)
4/28 [Minister/Educator Forum on Amendment 10-A](#) –11AM-1PM (Presbytery Office)

Next Week

- 5/1 Discussion of proposed amendments to the Book of Order at Purity Church—3-5PM
(Purity Church, Chester)
5/2 Mission and Outreach Ministry Team—6:30PM (Presbytery office)

Coming Soon!

- 5/10 Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry—10AM (Foundation A.M.E. Zion Church,
Lesslie)
5/13-15 Confirmation Cluster Retreat (Bethelwoods)
6/4 Bethelwoods Night at Knight's Stadium
8/28 Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Dinner

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.