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Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to equip, support, and connect our congregations as they faithfully serve Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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“Mom, why does that church have a ‘No Trespassing’ sign? It doesn’t make sense.”

Ansley Stone, 9 years old, South Carolina

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

August 7: **Liberty Hill Presbyterian** (Liberty Hill, SC) 245 Members

Prayer Request: We have truly been blessed with a very loving and giving congregation. Our Lakeside Worship donates all the undesignated funds to help people in our tri-county area. We ask for prayers that our ministry continues to touch the lives of our community.

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Ordering Curriculum, PW studies or a new Book of Order from the PCUSA Church Store?

Help out the Resource Center when you place your order at no additional cost to you! Simply access the church store through Providence Presbytery’s website, and the Resource Center will get 10% of the cost of your order. Go to www.providencepres.org. Scroll down to the left side of the homepage to the “Quick Links” section. Click on the first box, a green box that says, “Support Providence Presbytery Resource Center.” This will take you directly to the PCUSA Church Store. Place your order. It’s that simple! Help your Presbytery dollars go further in providing resources. Please pass this on to church secretaries, PW leadership and others who order from the church store. Thanks!

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Download at <http://store.pcusa.org/Browse-Categories?id=6567>.

Save the Date for this National Conference to be held in Charlotte Next Year!

The 2012 [Stewardship Kaleidoscope](#) will be held in Charlotte March 12-14, 2012. Stewardship Teams and Finance Committees should make plans now to attend this informative conference.

Bucket Day is set for August 2nd

Plan to join us for Bucket Day, August 2nd, Tuesday, beginning at 8:30 AM. We will be loading the trailer with clean-up buckets collected throughout the summer. Buckets will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in response to the tornado disasters in Alabama and Mississippi earlier this year. We will continue collecting buckets throughout July, culminating in "Bucket Day", a day of celebration. The effort is sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team. If you have clean-up buckets for donation, please contact [Dot Killian](#) or the presbytery office at 803-328-6269.

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Campus Ministers Request New Student Information

We are seeking your help in connecting South Carolina college students to the PCUSA campus ministries at their schools. Unfortunately, at this time we can only process information for students attending universities and colleges in the state of South Carolina. Please send an e-mail to PSA@Clemson.edu and include the following for each of your current college students: Name; School s/he is attending; Mailing addresses; E-mail addresses if available, and; Her/His year in

school (freshman, sophomore, graduate student, etc.). We will then distribute this information to the appropriate PCUSA campus minister on your students' campuses. If you have any questions, please feel free to call at [\(864\) 654-9207](tel:8646549207) or contact me by e-mail at bill.gause@forthillchurch.org OR PSA@Clemson.edu.

Union Presbyterian Seminary Breaks Ground for New Charlotte Campus

With a shovel and prayers, Union Presbyterian Seminary broke ground July 21 on its first permanent home in Charlotte. When the 22,000-square-foot building opens on the campus of Sharon Presbyterian Church in the South Park community by summer 2012, the seminary will be able to increase enrollment, plus expand offerings to pastors, Christian educators and the general community. On a beautiful, if sultry, summer morning, more than 200 friends of the seminary united on the wooded campus of Sharon to celebrate the promise of such opportunities.

Educational Opportunities: EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available

New FOG Information Available including August 2nd Webinar

On July 10, the new Form of Government becomes a part of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church(USA). Copies of the new 2011/2013 *Book of Order* are now available from the General Assembly Mission Council Store. To order your Books of Order AND support the Presbytery Resource Center, please click here to get to the [Church Store](#). You may then type "2011 Book of Order" in the search box and type your desired quantity in the box and click "Buy". You are also encouraged to visit the Form of Government website at: <http://oga.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/> many helpful resources will be found here.

NFOG Webinar to be held Tomorrow

Webinar Information: On Tuesday, August 2 at 2 p.m. the *Presbyterian Outlook* is sponsoring a 90 minute webinar entitled "New FOG: What Next?" for pastors and other church leaders. We will be offering the webinar at no charge at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. *** **NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION.** The address for Oakland Avenue Church is 421 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill. The reason for the change in location is the group has become too large for the presbytery office conference room. The webinar will be tomorrow, August 2, at 2:00 p.m. [Please see the attached flyer for more details and how to register.](#) If you have any questions or concerns about the New Form of Government, please do not hesitate to contact [Mark Verdery](#) at the Presbytery Office.

Lunch and Learn about Sudan

On August 7, at 11:45 am, Grace Presbyterian Church, Ft. Mill, will have a lunch and learn about what's happening in Sudan. Bill Andress, of the Sudan Advocacy Action Forum (<http://www.sudanadvocacy.com>) and the Presbyterian Sudan Mission Network, will educate us about the tragic situation in Sudan, and PCUSA responses. For a lunch reservation, call (803)548-0800, but you are welcome to come and listen without a reservation.

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BOP Offers Skill Soft E-Learning for Stewardship Help

If you are looking for a convenient way to reach your Stewardship of Self goals, Board University has a solution. Back by popular demand, Skill Soft E-learning is being offered again by the Board's education program. Available to active Benefits Plan members, these **ten online, self-paced multimedia courses** offer realistic ways to manage stress and conflict. The topics for these business skills courses include: handling conflict; time management and balance; generations in the workplace; emotional intelligence; effective meeting leadership; connecting and communicating with others. Skill Soft is a leading provider of skill-based e-learning solutions, so don't miss the opportunity to build your skills from the convenience of your home or office. \$25 enrollment fee. Must enroll by August 1, 2011. [More information available online](#). *Please note: *These are the same SkillSoft courses previously offered by the Board. If you have already participated, you may not wish to register unless you are interested in repeating them.*

Around the Presbytery

The congregations of **Allison Creek Presbyterian, Liberty Hill AMEZ, and New Home AMEZ** invite you to a combined worship service on Sunday, August 7th at 10:30 am at New Home AMEZ (located at corner of Hwy 49 and Paraham Road near Lake Wylie and Clover). These three congregations are connected through a historic cemetery on the grounds of Allison Creek that the congregations have worked together to restore and maintain. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Jeffrey Tribble, a presiding bishop in the AMEZ Church and professor at Columbia Theological Seminary (a Presbyterian Seminary) in Decatur, GA.

Positions Available

As part of **Beaver Creek Presbyterian's** 240th anniversary celebration, The Rev. Dr. Fran Bragan will be guest preacher August 7. Dr. Bragan served as Beaver Creek's interim pastor some years ago. Fran is currently Chaplain/Director of Pastoral Services for Presbyterian Communities of S.C. in Lexington

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- 8/2 Bucket Day--8:30AM (Oakland Avenue Presbyterian and Presbytery Office)
- 8/2 Pre-Webinar Luncheon for Pastors and Elders--Noon (Presbytery Office)
- 8/2 NFOG Webinar (Registration Required: Call Presbytery Office)--2-4PM (Presbytery Office)

Next Week

- 8/9 Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry--10AM (Freedom Temple Ministries, Rock Hill)
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Gradye Parsons, Blog August 2011

[Read the Column](#)

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Prayers requested as Kelsey White begins month-long Mission Trip to Colombia

Many, many sincere thanks to all who have supported Kelsey White in her mission project to Colombia, and continue to do so--through your interest in their work, your financial contributions, and your prayers. Kelsey and her Mission Partner, Becca, ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers throughout the month, along with the leaders and parishioners of the Colombian church and all those who have been affected by the violence in Colombia over the past four decades. Please pray for safe travels, transformative experiences, peace for those who are suffering, and nonviolent solutions to the challenges they face. Be sure to check in with them on the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship website (<http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/colombia/accompaniment>). They will be sending regular email updates during the month. You can subscribe to receive those (click the blue "Sign Up" button on the right-hand side of the page) or just check the PPF blog.

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Presbytery Bucket Day a huge success...Volunteers from the presbytery office, Hermon, Unity, and Eagle Scouts and leaders from Flint Hill Baptist Church loaded clean up buckets onto a trailer for shipment to PDA for distribution to hurricane victims in Joplin, Missouri, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The group also loaded items for shipment to Haiti. Bucket Day was sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team with assistance from the Presbytery of Charlotte who provided the trailer for transporting the contributions.

Positions Available

Cook Needed

Part time year round cook needed at Bethelwoods Camp. Some group cooking experience preferred. This is a part time position that is mostly on weekends throughout the non-summer months and can be full time in the summer. Cook must be a committed Christian who is able to serve meals in a timely fashion, maintain a clean kitchen, and have positive interaction with a wide variety of guest groups. Call the camp at 803-366-3722 for more information and to set up an interview.

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Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly

[Read the entire article](#)

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Prayer Request: No specific prayer request offered.

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

The family of Sue Horton who entered the Church Triumphant this morning. Please be in prayer for Rev. Tom Horton and their family. There will be a Memorial Service at Oakland Avenue where Sue was a long-time member on Wednesday, August 17, at 2:00 p.m. The Choir will plan to sing, if you would be available to sing please contact Tim Moe at tmoe@oapc.net.

Come and Meet Your Neighbors!

The Ecumenical Dialogue Group invites you to meet members of the Bahai Community of Rock Hill at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening, August 21, at the Clubhouse of The Village on India Hook, 1717 India Hook Road, Rock Hill. The Bahais will present their history and beliefs, followed by discussion with the Group. For more information please contact Larry Richards, 328-9392, or RSVP to lrichards@comporium.net

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News from Kelsey White in Colombia

At the Presbyterian church in El Tres, Colombia, there really is no such thing as one's own business. This fact became apparent as we were led by the pastor into the swept-dirt yard of the church. Behind the sanctuary, he gestured toward a series of rooms with concrete floors and cinderblock walls. "The pastoral residence!" he announced. A few more steps, another broad gesture with his arms. "And our project for children, sponsored by Compassion International." Two open-air classrooms bustled with dark-headed children as young staff members taught lessons and pored over paperwork. For the past several days, we have been staying with the pastor and his family in this small town north of the city of Apartadó. They have been amazingly hospitable--especially considering that they themselves are displaced persons and do not own their own home. Despite the lack of material resources, we have been welcomed with open arms, invited like sisters into their home and made a part of their family. The church members here are mostly (at least 80%) people who have been displaced from their homes and land, most for a decade or more, due to violence perpetrated by guerrilla forces, paramilitaries, and/or the national army. They work together here in true community, caring for one another and especially for the children of El Tres and surrounding areas. Here in rural Colombia, as the pastor told us today, "Your life is not your own," in any number of ways. Read Kelsey's entire post:

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Prayer Request: No specific Prayer Request

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September 4: Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Chester, SC (49 Members)

Prayer Request: While our congregation is strong, loving and supportive, we would covet the prayers of our Presbytery brothers and sisters for our members who are ill or have other physical problems and needs.

WELCOME!

Welcome Molly Wickersham and Cameron Pruette! Molly is the new Program Director at Bethelwoods and Cameron is the Camp Intern. We welcome you into full-time service at Bethelwoods and look forward to all of the ways God will use your gifts and service in the coming months and years.

Together our Dimes Share the Light with the World

Approximately 30 churches from Providence Presbytery were represented at last night's Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Dinner where folks learned of the many ways our dimes help the less fortunate in our own communities and abroad. Supporting local food pantries, meals on wheels and children's food programs, Dimes for Hunger provides an opportunity to feed the hungry right here in South Carolina. However, the Dimes for Hunger program also supports food ministries throughout the world, including the teaching and feeding the hungry in Honduras, providing nutritious food for hunger centers for children in Africa, and for orphans in Guatemala. Following with tradition, those participating in the annual Kickoff event donated their dimes during dinner and \$209 was collected to minister to the hungry. In October, churches across Providence Presbytery will join together to collect dimes each time we eat. Won't you join the cause and feed the hungry right next door AND throughout the world? Your Dimes for Hunger Promotion Kit was given to your church's representative at the Kickoff Meeting. If you did not get one, pick yours up at the Presbytery Office between now and October 1.

Older Adult of the Year Nominations due THIS WEEK

It's time again to select a deserving member of your congregation to honor at the Presbytery's Annual Older Adult of the Year Luncheon. Please send your [nomination form](#) to [Inez](#) before August 31. The luncheon will be held on September 20th - 10:30AM-Noon at Bethelwoods. Watch In the Know for more information about the event.

Youth Rally Coming Soon!

On September 25th at 4PM--Join us for Games, Supper, and Worship 4 YOUth Kickoff at Bethelwoods. Hang out with youth from across our presbytery – meet new friends, experience God through original worship! Presented by Karen Katibah and the youth and adult creative team from

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Presbyterian Women Spiritual Retreat Scheduled for October 1

Join us for our Annual Presbyterian Women's Spiritual Retreat, a chance to get together with fellow women from all over Providence Presbytery and grow spiritually as we learn about several Spiritual Practices...some may already be a part of your daily life, and some may be new to you. This exciting event will feature speaker, Sarah Hegar of Purity Presbyterian Church, Chester, South Carolina. [See the flyer online!](#)

2012 Presbytery Meeting Locations to be Established Soon

If your church is interested in hosting a presbytery meeting, but concerned that you do not have adequate meeting space, consider other buildings in your community that might work. Maybe you have a great community center, school or YMCA that has meeting rooms. Maybe you have a "neighbor" church whose fellowship hall we could use. Hosting a Presbytery Meeting is a wonderful way for your congregation to connect to the larger church and we would love to consider your congregation for one of our 2012 meetings. If you have interest, contact Mark Verdery this week at markverdery@providencepres.org.

SC Home has Fall Availability

We have openings on the following Fall Weekends: September 9-11 Apts., 16-18 Apts., 23-25 Rooms and Suite; October 7-9 Rooms and Suite, 21-23 Rooms; November 18-20 Whole facility is available. Thanksgiving and most winter dates are available. Check out the [Availability page](#) on our website for other available dates. We look forward to seeing you in Montreat this year...So get your reservations in. Call me at 828-669-7460 or email to: chuck@schomemontreat.org.

Guatemala Travelers Seek New or Used Spanish Children's Books

If you have new or used children's books printed in the Spanish Language, we would like to give them to children in the rural schools in the mountains of Guatemala during our mission trip in early September. If you can donate books or money for books, please bring them by the presbytery office by Tuesday, August 30th.

Could You Donate Old Hymnals?

OAPC's Traveling Vacation Bible School which goes to local nursing homes has received a request from residents at Morningside in Rock Hill for 20 hymn Books not presently in use. If you can help, please contact [Gloria Lee Moe](#) at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Magic of Christmas Date set for December 1

Tickets go on Sale September 1

For the past four years, the Presbyterian Foundation Group has sponsored a private performance of the *Magic of Christmas* by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. The event will take place on Thursday, December 1st at 7:30PM at the Belk Theater, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte. Over the last four years, over \$90,000 was donated to churches whose members purchased tickets. We are looking forward to the opportunity to increase the amount contributed to 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.

Church Historians...Here is the Announcement You've been Waiting For!

You may qualify to apply for a microfilming grant from the Presbyterian Historical Society. Did you know that microfilm, with a life-expectancy of 500 years, is still the best method available for the long-term preservation of records? Brittle paper, deteriorating bindings, fire, flood, and rapidly

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Providence Presbyterians to Complete Capital Campaign On Schedule

Wow! Even with all of the economic turmoil of the last three years, Providence Presbyterians have stood by their commitments. The active phase of our Capital Campaign to benefit Bethelwoods and our new Faith Presbyterian Church began in early 2008. We are now in our third and final year of the campaign. When outstanding commitments are completed by the end of 2011, we will have completed our campaign IN FULL and ON TIME! [See the details.](#)

Reminder from Presbyterian Communities of SC

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