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“When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.”

[Helen Keller](#)

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

February 13: Bethune Presbyterian, Bethune, SC (33 members)

Prayer Request: Bethune Church is celebrating the continuing spirit of good fellowship in the Church. Our stewardship commitments continue to grow in faithfulness. In the recent past we gave thanks to God for the dedicated service of two of our longtime church members upon their passing into Glory. We are optimistic and expectant about what God is doing in our midst! Thanks to all our brothers and sisters in Providence Presbytery for the opportunity you give us to be a part of the larger communion of God's saints. Pray for us as we pray for you!

Form of Government Changes to be Discussed at February Meeting

Join the next FOG Discussion on February 13th from 3-5PM at Kershaw First. Elders, Ministers and others interested in the proposed Amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution and the Book of Order, are invited to participate the next Providence Presbytery FOG Conversation to be held February 13, 3-5PM at First Presbyterian in Kershaw. If you will be attending, please contact Inez Glasgow by email at iglasgow@providencepres.org or 803-328-6269 by Thursday, Feb. 10. We will use the information to insure we have the proper amount of seating and hand-outs available. More information is available [Online](#). We will be voting on the new Form of Government at the March 3rd Presbytery Meeting.

Has Your Youth Group Experienced Worship 4 YOUth?

Join Bethelwoods and youth from around Providence Presbytery for Worship 4 YOUth on Sunday, February 13th. Worship will be led by youth volunteers in conjunction with the Bethelwoods staff and will center on the Stations of the Cross. The program will be from 5-7PM and we invite all middle-school and high-school youth to attend. A delicious pizza dinner will also be served. Cost is \$3 per participant. Register by contacting the Bethelwoods office at 803-366-3722 or info@bethelwoods.org

Does your Church have White Cottas you could Donate?

Hermon Presbyterian Church is seeking white, washable Cottas, in sizes children sizes (8, 10, 12, and 14) for use by our Acolytes. We need about 2 in each size. Please telephone Shirley Hamilton at 803-230-2075 to arrange for pick up or e-mail her at shirleynefertiti@bellsouth.net. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Village Inns in Blowing Rock offers Palmetto Deal to SC Presbyterians

We have about 9 weeks of winter opportunities remaining for a winter mountain getaway. The Village Inns is offering the "Palmetto Deal" to SC Presbyterians for the last half of the winter season (25% off of 1 night, 50% off the second night and the third night is complimentary). To help save you money on the way, the Village Inns of Blowing Rock has partnered with several of the area's top businesses in offering special discounts to make your next winter outing cost even less! [Find out More Online.](#)

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New PC Program to Strengthen Church and School and Church Bonds

A new program at [Presbyterian College](#) in Clinton, S.C., aims to strengthen the school's bonds with the church while encouraging students to consider careers in ministry. The [Cornelson Center](#) augments the college's efforts to guide students toward ministry and prepare them for such a career. The center might also take on a third project this year: partnering with the five presbyteries in South Carolina to enhance the state's Lay School of Theology. The focus would be on providing enrichment opportunities for laity and preparation for those who want to serve as commissioned lay pastors.

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

Calling all pastors, chaplains and CLPs!

Coming Tuesday Feb. 15th at 2PM is a 60-minute live online Webinar: [Preaching through Lent](#) featuring Meda Stamper, Pastor of Anstey United Reformed Church, U.K. Stamper is a visiting lecturer at St. John's College, Nottingham. Meda will walk you through the key New Testament texts, offering insights into the originally intended meanings. She will suggest ways that the Holy Spirit might breathe a fresh word from those texts to your congregation. She will outline key themes for each week, and tie all the weeks together to enhance the movement through the season. The cost is \$29.95 for 1 to 6 viewers (call us to arrange a large group event!) [Register Online.](#) If this day or time doesn't fit your schedule, register anyway. You will receive via e-mail a link for you to view the Webinar a later time of your convenience. Questions? Contact George Whipple at 800-446-6008 x 756 or gwhipple@pres-outlook.org

SARW to Offer Fantastic Workshops at Annual Retreat

The theme for the 2011 Southern Annual Recreation Workshop is Divine Designs. With workshops in dance, art, table games, pop culture, outdoor games, Dutch oven cooking, and more, this weekend of creative workshops is designed for anyone interested in developing skills in recreation leadership (Ministers, DCE's, youth workers, children's ministry coordinators, youth grades 10-12 in leadership roles, and any other interested leaders). Join us for this year's event at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center, February 25-27. The cost is \$150. GROUP RATES AVAILABLE.....Bring 5 and your 6th Person is only \$75. Bring 10 and your 11th person is FREE! Groups must be paid for in one payment to qualify. [Find out more and register.](#) Follow the link and click on downloadable brochure.

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Consider Joining the Academy for Missional Preaching

This is a unique opportunity for continuing education in preaching. The Academy is a two-year program for a small group of pastors who will work with a preaching coach and theologians to reflect upon the purpose and practice of preaching in the various contexts in which the church finds itself today. The goal is to improve preaching so that the church is excited about reaching out to others with the gospel in all sorts of ways and inviting others to come learn more with the church. Check it out for yourself: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionalpreaching/> . Contact Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Ph.D., Director, Academies for Missional Preaching Associate for Worship at Teresa.Stricklen@pcusa.org or 1-800-728-7228 ext. 5022 if you have any questions.

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.

Conference on Reformed Theology and Ethics to be Held at Davidson College

The Davidson College Conference on Reformed Theology and Ethics is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in Reformed theology, but it is especially appropriate for pastors. This conference is really aimed at supporting pastors in their ministry and providing opportunities to engage more deeply in questions of theology and ethics in an inexpensive way in an enjoyable location. This year, the conference will take place March 14-16 and the topic will be *Citizens of heaven and Earth: Faith and Civil Society*. The speakers will include Jerry Lytle Cannon, Pastor of C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, John Carroll, Prof. of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Rebecca Todd Peters, Prof. of Religion at Elon University, and Doug Ottati, Craig Family Distinguished Chair of Reformed Theology and Justice Ministry at Davidson College. Access the brochure and registration form electronically at <http://www3.davidson.edu/cms/x3733.xml> .

Around the Presbytery

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Feb. 7-23, Mon-Thurs. 9AM-noon, or Sun. and Wed. nights at 6:30PM. For questions or to schedule a drop-off, contact Katie O'Brien at 802-3822.

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church hosts Cancer Support Group. The group's next meeting is Thursday, Feb.17th @ 7pm and is for cancer survivors, from diagnosis and thereafter. The group meets monthly "third Thursdays" at 7PM at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, 421 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill. Parking is in rear from Park Ave, main/rear entrance, to room 2108. For men and women, open to the public.

Lancaster First Presbyterian will have 3 programs on February 27, March 6, and March 13, 2011 called "Sweet Slice of Scottish History". We have changed the Sweet Slice of Scottish History scheduled for February 27. We are now planning to have a dance group from Charlotte to perform Scottish dances. The program will start at 6 PM, Scottish desserts will be served. Child care will be provided. The programs scheduled for March 6 and 13, and our Kirkin of the Tartans will go on as planned. On March 6, Peter Wilson from the Scottish Weaver in Charlotte will talk about Scottish attire for men and women. On March 13, Sam Thomas, Jr. will present a program on The Scotch-Irish of the Waxhaws. Sam is the curator of the T.R.R. Cobb House Museum in Athens, Ga. and is the son of Rev and Mrs. Sam Thomas, Sr. of Lancaster. The programs will begin at 6 PM in the fellowship hall, Desserts will be served. Child care will be provided. There is no charge for these programs but donations will be accepted and appreciated. Come and join us.

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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.

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- 2/13 Worship 4 YOUTH—5-7PM (Bethelwoods)

Next Week

- 2/14 GLOCAL Committee Meeting—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 2/17 Second Harvest Partners Planning Meeting—6:30PM (Hermon)
- 2/18 Kids Night Out—5:30-10:30PM (Bethelwoods)

Coming Soon!

- 3/3 Presbytery Meeting—10AM (Unity, Fort Mill)
- 3/13 Confirmation Cluster—3-5PM (Bethelwoods)
- 3/15 Metrolina Educator Connection—11AM (Bethelwoods)
- 3/28-29 Leader of Leaders Event
- 4/1-2 Youth Mission Retreat (Bethelwoods)
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“I believe that the Web is rebooting both politics and religion. Just as the printing press did much to usher in the Protestant Reformation in 16th century Europe (by making the words of reformers accessible to folks who were not sufficiently nearby to heed their actual voices), this imagineering of global politics is being brought to us by even more advanced technologies of the disembodied voice — namely, Twitter and Facebook. “

[Stephen Prothero](#)—

Religion professor at Boston University and the author of the book God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World — and Why Their Differences Matter.

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February 27: Bowling Green, Bowling Green, SC (102 members)

Prayer Request: “Our church family thanks you for joining us in prayer for our little Sister in Christ, Clara Love. Clara will soon be one year old, and for most of her first year of life, she has battled a hepatic condition, which may soon require Clara to undergo a liver transplant. As Clara and her family await the call from the transplant team, we ask you to please pray for Clara, her parents Wes and Allison, her brother Johnathan, all of her family, and her medical team. We also know that, when that call comes, it will mean that another family will have lost their child. Please pray for the family of that child, whose name is known only to GOD.”

Presbytery Handbook is Online!

Plan to attend the Providence Presbytery Meeting Thursday, March 3, 10AM at Unity Presbyterian in Fort Mill. Don't miss this important meeting where Moderator, Cynthia Bolbach will lead worship and the Morning Plenary on the New Form of Government. [Presbytery Handbook is online.](#)

Envision the Future of Faith Formation at Metrolina Educator Connection

What could congregational faith formation look like in 2020? How can faith formation flourish in Christian churches over the next ten years? How can congregations prepare for the future of faith formation and address the diverse spiritual and religious needs of people? What are the hopeful signs and promising innovations that can guide faith formation for all ages and generations? Join John Roberto, president of LifelongFaith Associates and editor of the journal Lifelong Faith in discussing some answers to these questions at the Metrolina Educator Connection at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center on March 15 from 11:00 - 3:00. For more information and to register:

http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Metrolina/Metrolina_3_11.pdf

Board of Pensions Tax Guide to be available last week of February

Because of the changes in tax laws the last week of December 2010, our Tax Guide for Ministers and Churches by Richard Hammer will not be available until (hopefully) the last week of February.

Society of St. Andrew VBS Mission Program Available Now

Vacation Bible School Mission Program is ready to "Order Up!" This Program is designed to use along with your regular VBS program this summer! New this year - we include song suggestions, craft ideas,

and yummy snack choices for each day of your VBS program that go along with the “Fruits of the Spirit” theme. This year, make the Society of St. Andrew Potato Project *your* VBS mission. Our complete VBS program is free of charge and there’s no obligation. You can order your packet by emailing The Rev. Jennifer Vestal Moore at church@endhunger.org or call (800-333-4597). To order online, type in <http://www.endhunger.org/vbs.htm>.

Youth Mission Retreat – April 1 & 2

All youth in grades 6-12 and their adult leaders are invited to the fourth annual [Youth Mission Retreat](#), April 1 & 2 at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center. Retreat leader, Jen Evans, from First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, will inspire us to “Pause on the Path” as we listen to God, discerning our call to serve others in the world. This overnight retreat is only \$30. Youth and adults will be participating in hands-on-mission opportunities on Saturday morning and reflecting on those activities Saturday afternoon. [Registration information is online.](#)

Have you Registered for Charlotte Youth Day?

Be sure to take advantage of discounted UNC Charlotte 49er men’s basketball tickets and youth day experience March 5th! Register today because when seats are full ... no more tickets will be available. Register at www.charlotteyouthday.org. Doors open at 11AM. Worship is at Noon and the game starts at 2PM. \$10 per person.

Clean Water U Registration Deadline Coming Soon

Our first 2011 session of Clean Water U will be held Wednesday, March 23 - Sunday, March 27 at [Hopewell Conference Center](#). The registration deadline is March 2nd. The session is filling quickly, so please register soon. If you are unable to attend our March session, our second CWU session will take place April 27-May 1, 2011. Please note that you can register and reserve your workshop slots without having yet identified all of your attendees, so long as you let us know their names by the registration deadline. To register, visit the [Living Waters Application Site](#). To learn more about Clean Water U, [visit the Clean Water U Home Page](#).

2011 Youth Mission Trip to Mexico Scheduled for Early August

Youth, plan to join us the week of July 31-August 7 for an incredible Mission Experience. Living and working for a week with Frontera de Cristo will change the way that you see others and yourself. Time spent walking the desert trails replenishing water supplies and looking for walkers in trouble, working side by side with coffee roasters in the “Just Coffee” fair-trade workshop, sharing the gospel in song and drama with people who don’t speak your language, are just a few of the experiences that you will be able to share Jesus’ perspective. [Find Out More!](#)

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Burke to Visit PC in March

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PC(USA) Challenges 1000 Congregations to “Let’s Move”

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is excited to work with First Lady Michelle Obama’s [Let’s Move Initiative](#) because of our commitment to ending childhood poverty, hunger, and obesity,” said Moderator of the 219th General Assembly, Elder Cynthia Bolbach. PC(USA) is issuing a challenge for 1,000 congregations to participate this year in activities that will reduce the root causes of hunger and obesity in our communities. Participation may involve, but is not limited to, hosting a farmers’ market or starting a community garden; helping families in the congregation and the community connect to services for which they are eligible, such as WIC and SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program); becoming a Summer Food Service Program site; talking to convenience and retail stores about stocking healthier and local food options; and much more. Visit the [PC\(USA\) Let’s Move site](#) to sign up a congregation for this important challenge.

New Curriculum offers Free Download Sunday

[Download free samples](#) of Feasting on the Word Sunday, March 20, is Feasting on the Word Sample Sunday. Congregations of all denominations can sign up for free materials to teach and provide feedback for the new Feasting on the Word ecumenical curriculum, based on the award winning commentary series of the same name, from Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and Congregational Ministries Publishing. Register by March 7 and guarantee that your congregation can download samples, receive color pages for the children's sessions and enter to win free curriculum for one year.

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Explore worship with Kim Long of Columbia Seminary

Educators, musicians, pastors and lay leaders interested in worship leadership are invited to imagine together how God meets us, nurtures us, and changes us through worship. We will worship together and consider what happens when God transforms us through Word, font, and table, shaping us for our life and work in the world. Informed by an understanding of worship as an embodied event, we will discuss the keys to planning worship that evoke the participation and prayer of the people. Leader of Leaders will be held at Grace (Y) Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29. Registration is closed for those needing hotel accommodations, but is open to commuters for a limited number of participants. Complete information and registration for can be found here: (Jill - I have attached it). Cost for commuters is \$75. [Please complete and send registration to Kathryn McGregor by March 1.](#)

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CTS Announces Colloquium 2011!

Entitled, "This Odd and Wondrous Calling (what it's really like to be in ministry)," Colloquium 2011 will be held April 25-26 on the seminary campus. The event features Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver, authors of *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers*. Registration is due by April 15. Those who register by March 15 will receive a complimentary copy of the book in time to read it before the event. [Find out more.](#)

For people of faith who are yearning for a deeper spiritual life.

"Being Spiritual in a CrazyBusy World": You are called out of the chaos of your crazybusy, constantly moving, overextended lives to a place grounded in the imagination of God. You are invited to a thin place where you can sense God's presence and find yourself spiritually connected, even quieted, in your inner being. You are invited to join with others on this spiritual journey that gives you fresh energy and creative vision for God's future. Keynote speaker, **Donald Miller** of Portland OR is the author of *Blue Like Jazz*, *Searching for God Knows What*, and new, *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*. The event will be held at Montreat Conference Center May 29-June 1, 2011. [Register online today.](#)

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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. This will be a home construction trip—no homebuilding experience necessary! An informational meeting will be on Feb 27 at 5pm in Room 312 of Unity's ministries building. More information about the trip and cost will be available. If you have any questions, please email Joyce Sullivan at jsullivan@comporium.net.

Update on Just 4 U Clothing Drive

Doby's Bridge Youth Group has received numerous donations in response to the Clothing Drive for the Rock Hill Children's Attention Home. THANK YOU!! We are currently still asking for specific items for teenagers in addition the new or gently used clothing of all sizes (infant to adult 3XL—for teens) now through Wednesday, February 23rd. **Drop Off:** Doby's Bridge Presbyterian Church – 2500 Doby's Bridge Road, through February 23rd. **Drop Off Times are:** Monday through Wednesday from 9-12 Noon (Please call 803-547-5240 before dropping off), Sunday 4-7pm & Wednesday night at 6:30pm. **The last day for drop off is Wednesday, February 23rd.** If you have any questions or would like to schedule a drop off, please contact Katie O'Brien, Youth Minister at 802-3822 or ktobrien4@yahoo.com. **What is still URGENTLY needed:** New cosmetics and makeup, New hair brushes and combs, New hair accessories for children & teenagers—ponytail holders, headbands, hair clips, etc., Women's Shirts size 3XL (please remember for a teen), Women's pants size 18 and 20 (again, for teens), Men's pants sizes 30W x 32L, 32W x 32L, and 38W x 32L, ANY SIZE Undergarments, Youth & Adult—again must be new!

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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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“We are in a rough economic period. Much abounds that frightens us, causing us to be defensive and anxious. People and religions from other countries push us when we are the most fearful of being pushed. But the gospel calls us to be good stewards of our hearts where the love of God dwells. It’s a love that should be dispensed for the benefit of our new neighbors.”

[Cynthia Bolbach](#), Moderator of the 219th General Assembly, PC(USA)

WELCOME!

Debbie Dixon, Clover Presbyterian’s new Part-time DCE and **Joy Murphy**, Part-time Youth Director at Grace Presbyterian (York). We extend the right hand of fellowship to you both and eagerly anticipate the ways your ministries will express God’s goodness in the coming years.

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

March 6: Camden Second, Lancaster, SC (23 members)

Prayer Request: “We would just like to share our joy as a church family as we celebrated successfully our 120th anniversary. We also are praying for direction on how to bring in the harvest.”

Bolbach to lead Worship and Plenary at Thursday’s Presbytery Meeting

Plan to attend the Providence Presbytery Meeting Thursday, March 3, 10AM at Unity Presbyterian in Fort Mill. Don’t miss this important meeting where Moderator, Cynthia Bolbach will lead worship and the Morning Plenary on the New Form of Government. [Presbytery Handbook is online.](#)

Envision the Future of Faith Formation at Metrolina Educator Connection

What could congregational faith formation look like in 2020? How can faith formation flourish in Christian churches over the next ten years? How can congregations prepare for the future of faith formation and address the diverse spiritual and religious needs of people? What are the hopeful signs and promising innovations that can guide faith formation for all ages and generations? Join John Roberto, president of LifelongFaith Associates and editor of the journal Lifelong Faith in discussing some answers to these questions at the Metrolina Educator Connection at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center on March 15 from 11:00 - 3:00. For more information and to register:

http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Metrolina/Metrolina_3_11.pdf

Youth Mission Retreat – April 1 & 2

All youth in grades 6-12 and their adult leaders are invited to the fourth annual [Youth Mission Retreat](#), April 1 & 2 at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center. Retreat leader, Jen Evans, from First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, will inspire us to “Pause on the Path” as we listen to God, discerning our call to serve others in the world. This overnight retreat is only \$30. Youth and adults will be participating in hands-on-mission opportunities on Saturday morning and reflecting on those activities Saturday afternoon. [Registration information is online.](#) **In preparation for the Youth**

Mission Retreat, Youth are asked to collect toiletry items to be assembled into Toiletry Kits and donated to "Great Falls GRASP," a non-profit located in Great Falls, Chester County dedicated to serving the underprivileged in Great Falls and surrounding areas. Help your youth prepare for Youth Mission Retreat by donating soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, and other toiletry items. All sizes of items are welcome, hotel-size or full-size.

FREE Sanctuary Lights Available

Tirzah Presbyterian (York) is offering to donate eight (8) very attractive brass hexagon hanging sanctuary lights to a church that has need of them. They are FREE for the Taking. Interested? Call 803-366-3942.

Presbytery Youth to do Mission in Mexico this Summer

Youth, plan to join us the week of July 31-August 7 for an incredible Mission Experience. Living and working for a week with Frontera de Cristo will change the way that you see others and yourself. Time spent walking the desert trails replenishing water supplies and looking for walkers in trouble, working side by side with coffee roasters in the "Just Coffee" fair-trade workshop, sharing the gospel in song and drama with people who don't speak your language, are just a few of the experiences that you will be able to share Jesus' perspective. [Find Out More!](#)

Presbytery Mission Workers Head to Guatemala this Fall

Sign up by March 31 for this exciting mission opportunity. The [flyers and applications](#) for the Providence Presbytery 2011 Mission Trip to Guatemala are online. We will be traveling to Guatemala over Labor Day Week (Sept 2-10, 2011) and working not only with in-service training for local primary school teachers but also agricultural and building projects and small medical clinics along the Caribbean Coast (Department of Izabal) and in central Guatemala (Palencia). Flyers are available from the Presbytery Office or by calling Fred Powell at 803 209.5807 or email phledd@truvista.net. [Find out more ONLINE.](#)

Slots Available for Montreat Middle School Trip

A few slots are still available for Montreat Middle school trip. Cost is \$390 if registered by 5PM TODAY. [Application online.](#) Application & \$100 nonrefundable deposit due to Kathryn McGregor by THIS AFTERNOON (Feb. 21).

Burke to Visit PC in March

The Cornelson Center for Christian Education and Practice at Presbyterian College is pleased to host Ms. Cheryl Burke of the Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan, from March 6 - 8, 2011. Cheryl will be on the PC campus visiting classes, delivering our Cultural Enrichment Program lecture, and having meals with students of various organizations on Campus. We welcome all South Carolina Presbyteries and congregational mission committees to join us while she is here. Please call Jill Mechling at 864-833-8263 or jmechling@presby.edu to see what times she is available.

New Curriculum offers Free Download Sunday

[Download free samples](#) of Feasting on the Word Sunday, March 20, is Feasting on the Word Sample Sunday. Congregations of all denominations can sign up for free materials to teach and provide feedback for the new Feasting on the Word ecumenical curriculum, based on the award winning commentary series of the same name, from Presbyterian Publishing Corporations and Congregational Ministries Publishing. Register by March 7 and guarantee that your congregation can download samples, receive color pages for the children's sessions and enter to win free curriculum for one year.

Society of St. Andrew VBS Program Available Online

This year's VBS Mission Program, "Order Up!" is based on Galatians 5:22-23, 25 - on the fruits of the spirit. Each day, in addition to being introduced to a Bible character who, by using his or her

“Fruit of the Spirit”, found favor with God, your students will also meet a “Today’s SoSA Superhero” who will encourage them to discover ways they can use their hands to help the hungry. Student sheets containing a short scripture story, facts about hunger, the SoSA ministry, Go Green, potato trivia, and a pencil activity, are included for each day - for both younger and older children. **New this year** - we include song suggestions, craft ideas, and yummy snack choices for each day of your VBS program that go along with the “Fruits of the Spirit” theme. Order at <http://www.EndHunger.org/vbs.htm> or download the packet [here](#).

UPS to Celebrate Bicentennial beginning in September

Union Presbyterian Seminary will celebrate 200 years of Forming Leaders and Transforming the Church in 2012. The yearlong bicentennial celebration will begin in September 2011 with convocation ceremonies for both Richmond and Charlotte campuses at Hampden Sydney College, where the seminary originated in 1812. Immediately following, alums and friends of the seminary will bike 75 miles to commemorate the school’s original journey from Hampden Sydney, its current location in Richmond. The move was driven by the seminary’s long - standing mission to train modern leaders for the Church and served as a catalyst for the creation of the Ginter Park community. [A calendar of Events is available online.](#)

Presbyterian Communicators Network Offers Scholarships

We have a limited number of scholarships available for the Presbyterian Communicators Network conference at the Big Tent (www.pcusa.org/bigtent) this summer in Indianapolis. Each scholarship covers the amount of the registration fee. Housing, travel and miscellaneous expenses are not included. Download the form [here](#). Deadline to apply is March 30, 2011. Visit Presbyterian Communicators Network at: http://presbycom.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network.

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

Explore worship with Kim Long of Columbia Seminary

Pre-conference for Leader of Leaders will be 9:30AM-12:30PM on Monday, March 28th. The Cost is \$25. Leading worship is about more than the words we say. Worship is a fully embodied event, and effective worship leaders bring their whole bodies to the task of leading worship. Fueled by passionate hearts, we use eyes and ears, hands and feet to proclaim the good news in the midst of the worshipping body. Register with Kathryn McGregor kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 800-922-1609 ext 6 by March 15.

CTS Announces Colloquium 2011!

Entitled, “This Odd and Wondrous Calling (what it’s really like to be in ministry),” Colloquium 2011 will be held April 25-26 on the seminary campus. The event features Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver, authors of *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers*. Registration is due by April 15. Those who register by March 15 will receive a complimentary copy of the book in time to read it before the event. [Find out more.](#)

“Being Spiritual in a CrazyBusy World”: You are called out of the chaos of your crazybusy, constantly moving, overextended lives to a place grounded in the imagination of God. You are invited to a thin place where you can sense God’s presence and find yourself spiritually connected, even quieted, in your inner being. You are invited to join with others on this spiritual journey that gives you fresh energy and creative vision for God’s future. Keynote speaker, Donald Miller of Portland OR is the author of *Blue Like Jazz*, *Searching for God Knows What*, and new, *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*. The event will be held at Montreat Conference Center May 29-June 1, 2011. [Register online today.](#)

“Getting Unstuck”: *For church professionals, lay people in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and beyond:* Feeling stuck? Many people feel stuck in ministry while others are stuck in a rut. This event will help participants to think about ‘getting unstuck’ in relationship to church, God and spirituality.” Join retreat leaders, Craig Barnes, Amy Miracle, Cynthia Rigby, Debra Mumford and more on this beautiful fall mountain weekend. [Register today.](#)

Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity Conference Scheduled for May

Most of the contemporary resources that deal with congregational finances focus on fundraising techniques. But the mechanisms, such as capital campaigns, are like icing on a cake and do not offer a long-term plan for sustainability. ["Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity"](#) to be held at [Montreat Conference Center](#) May 23-27 demonstrates how to "bake the cake" by exploring the significant and necessary steps to creating lasting change within a congregation. Through presentations, small group and individual exercises, and a high degree of interaction, participants imagine and design their own plan for creating cultures of generosity in their own congregations.

Should a group from your congregation plan to attend? The list of co-sponsors for this timely seminar, presented by the [Lake Institute on Faith and Giving](#) and Montreat Conference Center, is growing. Join teams of congregational leaders such as pastors, associate pastors, treasurers, finance committee members, and stewardship committee members.

Around the Presbytery

Lancaster First Presbyterian has three spaces for boys and three spaces for girls for their Montreat Youth Conference trip during Week 3 (July 10-16). Contact Rev. Shane Owens at shane.owens@fpc-lancaster.org or 803-283-3329 if you have high school youth who are interested.

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.

Join us at Lancaster First Presbyterian on March 6 when Peter Wilson from the Scottish Weaver in Charlotte will talk about Scottish attire for men and women. On March 13, Sam Thomas, Jr. will present a program on The Scotch-Irish of the Waxhaws. Sam is the curator of the [T.R.R. Cobb House Museum in Athens, Ga.](#) and is the son of Rev and Mrs. Sam Thomas, Sr. of Lancaster. The programs will begin at 6 PM in the fellowship hall, Desserts will be served. Child care will be provided. There is no charge for these programs but donations will be accepted and appreciated. Come and join us.

Also, join us at **Lancaster First Presbyterian Church** for our annual Kirkin O’ Th’ Tartan service on March 20, 2011, at 11 AM. The service will be followed by a covered dish meal. Put on your Scottish plaids bring some food, and come join us at 700 North Main St, Lancaster, SC. Child care will be provided.

Come join **Kershaw Counseling** in raising child abuse awareness in the Kershaw area April 16th 9AM-Noon at the Kershaw Town Hall. Every year, April is designated as Child Abuse Awareness

Month, Kershaw Counseling will be holding an event at the Town Hall in Kershaw to help increase awareness, and provide education about area resources to help with this issue.

Jobs Available

Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill is seeking a part time Communications Coordinator. Primary responsibilities include developing the weekly church newsletter, overseeing the church website, developing brochures and flyers for special events/programs, and creating other communications for internal and external audiences. Send resumes to Robin Morris, Chair of Communications Coordinator Search Team, at morrisre@comporium.net.

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

2/28 PW Coordinating Team —6PM (Grace, Lancaster)
2/28 Mission and Outreach Ministry Team—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)
3/3 Presbytery Meeting—10AM (Unity, Fort Mill)

Next Week

3/11 Kids' Night Out—5:30-10:30PM (Bethelwoods)
3/13 Confirmation Cluster—3-5PM (Bethelwoods)

Coming Soon!

3/15 Metrolina Educator Connection—11AM (Bethelwoods)
3/28-29 Leader of Leaders Event
4/1-2 Youth Mission Retreat (Bethelwoods)
4/2 PW Spring Gathering (Unity)
4/8-10 Lay School of Theology (White Oak)
4/10 Confirmation Cluster—3-5PM (Bethelwoods)
4/10 Worship 4 Youth—5-7PM (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.