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January 3, 2011

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“Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto man His Son hath given; While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth.”

[~Martin Luther](#)

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

This week's church is: Beersheba Presbyterian Church, Clover, SC (29 members). *Pray for the many ways our ministries will grow with faithful participation by the church's NEW members.*

Bethelwoods Warms

As a result of the drought a couple years ago, Bethelwoods has had to cut down and process into firewood a number of dead and dying trees. This has left us with a surplus of firewood. If you or your church knows of someone in need of firewood for heating this winter, please contact the camp. In most cases we will not be able to haul the wood. Also if your church has a group that is willing to cut up the firewood, please contact us at 803-366-3722.

Are You Bringing Your Youth to E3?

Remember we have programming at E3 this year for youth of all ages and children. Youth workshops are great for helping move your church's teens into a more active role in your ministries. Children will experience Bethelwoods Camp 4 the day. This fun afternoon of activities will feature Bethelwoods Counselors. Great for campers who have never experienced Bethelwoods and those who can't wait for summer! You **MUST** [register](#) for Camp 4 the Day in order to participate! **Register for Camp 4 the Day by Tuesday at Noon!** Youth Workshop registration deadline is at 5PM.

Are your Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Sunday School Teachers Coming to E3?

A great lineup of experienced workshop leaders will enhance your children's and youth ministries! The "Children in Worship" Experience; Stepping Stones for Faith (Creating learning outcomes for a CE Program); Planning a year in youth ministry; More out of Your Work Gloves (Mission Trip Planning)—These AWESOME workshops are tailor made for youth and children's ministry volunteers and staff. Don't miss this afternoon of FREE presbytery-wide training! E3 offers a variety of workshops for everyone in your congregation. **REGISTER BY TOMORROW AT 5PM!!!** Plan to attend on **January 9, 2011--1:45-5:30PM** at Rock Hill First. Adults will find a wide variety of learning opportunities, including classes for those interested in mission, stewardship, confirmation, worship, technology, children's ministry, parenting issues, General Assembly issues, youth ministry, and evangelism. As you can see, there is something for everyone at E3. We look forward to seeing you and your fellow church members there! Bring Every One--Every Generation to

E3 this year! [Register Online](#) or print the form online and mail it to the Presbytery Office. Your church office also has copies of the E3 Catalog for registration.

Confirmation Cluster Final Registration **this Friday!**

There is still room in the Confirmation Cluster. If you have students who are interested, please contact [Kathryn McGregor](#) at the Presbytery Office to register them by the end of this week.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Bethelwoods hosted over 10,000 guests in 184 user groups in 2010. Bethelwoods also sponsored 15 non-summer youth programs, 16 adult programs, about 1010 summer campers in 46 camp programs.

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[Anne Lamott](#)

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This week's church is: Beth Shiloh, York, SC (214 members). *Specific Prayer Request:* Pray that God will guide the Pastor Nominating Committee to find the person God has called to be their next pastor.

Thank You for Making E3 a Great Success!

Many thanks to all who attended workshops and presented workshops at the Sunday's 2011 E3 Event! We are pleased to report that over 200 people participated in this annual event sponsored by the Providence Presbytery Education and Equipping Ministry Team. It is our prayer that all who participated will bring new ideas and energy for ministry back to their church families.

SC Home at Montreat Renovates Apartments

Get the latest news from SC Home at Montreat from their most recent newsletter. [Read it online.](#)

Association of Retired Ministers invites Application

Membership is open to honorably-retired Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) clergy, spouses and their survivors. There is a \$20 annual membership fee to help defray the cost for administrative programs. Membership fees are to be mailed to: James Huffaker, Treasurer, 2613 Pine Manor Ln. Albany, GA 31707. Membership form can be [Downloaded](#) online.

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Lenten Devotion offered by Society of St. Andrew

In keeping with the traditions of Lent, the Society of St. Andrew invites your congregation to participate in a program of spiritual reflection, prayer, and giving. Our Lenten devotion program challenges readers to take seriously the scriptural injunction to care for the poor, while

it also provides an opportunity to feed our hungry brothers and sisters. Download the Devotions at <http://www.endhunger.org/lent.htm>. Lent in 2011 will start on Wednesday, March 9, and will continue for 46 days until Saturday, April 23.

Check out this collection of Great Congregational Resources!

Visit the [new Congregational Resource Guide \(CRG\)](#). This project of the Alban Institute is funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., as a free gift to America's Congregations. They serve pastors as well as lay congregational leaders by identifying and pointing them toward the very best resources in the areas of pastoral care, education, worship, leadership, management, outreach, evangelism, among others. Below are examples of what you will find in the new CRG site: [In-depth](#) resourcing pieces that deliver a range of materials to aide you in your work. Each piece provides a wide range of perspectives and types, allowing you to decide what materials are best suited to your congregation and needs. From brief articles and podcasts, to online materials and video clips, and the high-quality books the CRG has long been known for locating, we aim to make it as easy as possible to find the right resource fit for you; [A robust search feature](#) that will quickly identify the resource materials you desire by name, type, title, or keyword; [Classic CRG features](#) produced in easy-to-use PDF format; [Resource pages](#) that provide not only the useful descriptions of the materials you've come to expect, but a range of related materials that make it easier for you to expand your search for the resources you need; [An advisory board](#) of six individuals—all working ministers or former ministers—who work regularly with CRG to identify the best new materials available and topics that are of pressing interest to ministers and lay leaders; [A blog, Creative Resourcing](#), has been added to our site, allowing you to engage CRG staff and our advisory board about the most important issues facing congregations; [Real-time Twitter feeds](#) allow you to keep track of the stray resource gems that we post on Twitter ahead of producing fuller treatment on the CRG site.

Our Church Videos Offers Support for Your Church's Multi-media Resource Center

OCV has recently rolled out a new version of our popular Video Library. Our New Version 3 Media Centers support audio, pictures, blogs and HD video. In addition to storing videos or your sermons and events, our user-generated content-based system allows your congregation to upload their content as well. Internet video sharing wasn't designed with churches in mind. Our system is. There are no ads, no conflicting messages, and all content must be approved before it appears in the library. Maintaining constantly updated video is not easy - but with user generated content, your Media Center will be constantly changing. Annual contracts for Version 3 Media Centers start as low as \$45 a month. www.ourchurchvideos.com. Coupon Promo Code J2K11 gives the **first 25** churches or organizations who sign up for **Live Streaming** at standard pricing using the Promo Code below will receive a Version 3 Media Library absolutely **FREE** for the first year!

Seminary Announces Lilly Endowment Funds for Pre-Matriculation Initiatives

Union Presbyterian Seminary has received \$601,150 from Lilly Endowment, Inc. in support of the Communities of Learning Pre-matriculation Initiative: a new educational model that gathers students within small cohort communities from the moment of their admission to the time of their matriculation and beyond. "This grant will enable us to begin the vocational formation for ministry as soon as our students are formally accepted into a degree program," says seminary president Brian Blount. With this initiative, Union Presbyterian Seminary orients accepted applicants from the first day so they will begin the in-residence portion of their education ready to engage the seminary's curriculum and processes of spiritual and vocational transformation at the highest level.

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Discounted Rate for Institute for Faith and Public Life Expires on January 10

If you want to explore transformational opportunities that support faith in the public sphere, please register for the Institute for Faith and Public Life soon! Our early bird discount expires after Monday, January 10. Cost is \$150 for three-day conference, with leaders in ministries that address poverty and

hunger, social and racial justice, and Christian ethics for the public sphere. "Turning the World Upside Down...Modeling Jesus' Example" will be held March 10-12, 2011 at School of Christian Vocation & Mission: Princeton Theological Seminary. [Read more online.](#)

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Please keep in your prayers...

The family of Pat Burdette--Mrs. Burdette passed away January 8th. She was the wife of Rev. Oscar Burdette, a Methodist minister who has served three of our churches, Blackstock, Cornwell, and Union Second.

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This week's church is: Bethesda, Camden, SC (509 members)

DEADLINE APPROACHING for Middle School Conference Trip this Summer

Do you have one or two (or maybe more) sixth, seventh or eighth grade youth who would be interested in getting a Montreat Youth Conference experience before they go to high school? "On The Move", Montreat's Middle School Conference will be held at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC July 20-24, 2011. The cost of the conference, which includes the conference fee as well as room and board, is \$380.00. Applications and a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit per person must be to the presbytery by **Thursday, January 20**. The balance of \$280.00 is due by May 9, 2011. The presbytery does not have scholarship money available to assist students; however, Montreat does award some scholarships for this event. You may download an application at <http://montreat.org/scholarships/general-scholarship>. We encourage your church to consider financially assisting your youth who attend this conference. In order to register, simply mail the attached application form to Kathryn McGregor at the above address with the \$100 deposit made to Providence Presbytery. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Many Voices Gives Debut Drama Performance-- *The Strength in Me*

Asheville Youth Mission brings a debut performance by their new Youth Drama Company to Charlotte. Many Voices is a drama team made up entirely of youth from the greater Asheville area and directed by Aimee and Bill Buchanan. Every Many Voices production is an original work, with subject matter determined and developed by the cast members. The debut production of Many Voices is named *The Strength in Me* and is focused on the life, challenges, and triumphs of today's teenage girls. Using a main cast of girls ages 13-18, and a supporting cast of boys ages 13-16, Many Voices will amaze and inspire audiences with a mixture of drama, music, and rhythm. The event will be held Sunday, February 13 at 6PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church (1000 East Morehead ST Charlotte, NC 28204) Donations will be accepted at the event. Checks can be made payable to AYM. Contact Neeley at 704/334-7491. www.ashevilleyouthmission.org/many-voices. See the flyer [Online](#).

Prayer Request from NEST

Dear Friends, Yesterday while our Prime Minister was meeting with President Obama, eleven Lebanese Ministers resigned and as a result we are now without a government. The last six months all

business in the country have been either delayed or frozen due to issues related to the International tribunal for Lebanon. Once again anxiety and fear are knocking our doors as Lebanon seems to be caught in a vicious circle. For how long, and what days ahead will bring us, are questions on our minds. Please pray for us and with us for wisdom and God's guidance for our President and all the decision-makers in Lebanon – Pray for peace and stability in Lebanon and the entire Middle East. Please pray for our Church and Seminary, for our youth and children. Pray that we be able to carry on our plans to serve God through Theological Education and Leadership Training. We praise God for all of you our praying and supporting friends .May God's peace brought about by the Lord of Christmas overwhelm the whole world, Mary Mikhael

Uriel Presbyterian Church wants to be your friend

Uriel Church in Chester is moving into the 21st century with both a website and a Facebook page and we invite our brothers and sisters to link to us and invite us to be connected to you. Our website is www.urielchurch.org. Also, you can find us and 'friend' us on [FACEBOOK](#)--search for Uriel Presbyterian Church Pcusa.

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Tax Changes Affect Pension Withholding, Social Security Taxes, and Federal Income Taxes

Among other provisions, the Tax Relief Act of 2010 creates a reduction of 2% on the employee's Social Security portion of SECA and FICA taxes on wages up to \$106,800 in 2011. This reduction does not affect future Social Security benefits. The Tax Relief Act of 2010 also restores the 2011 and 2012 tax rates to the 2010 levels. These levels were scheduled to increase in 2011. The Tax Relief Act of 2010 did **not** extend the "Making Work Pay" tax credit. Because the tax tables used for withholding purposes included this tax credit in 2010, your Federal tax withholding may increase in 2011. See more information [online](#).

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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>.

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Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church hosts Cancer Support Group. The group meets Thursday, Jan. 20th @ 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.

Allison Creek Presbyterian Church is selling chicken wings for Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. The prices are: \$10 for 25; \$20 for 50; \$30 for 100. They come in BBQ, Teriyaki, and Buffalo. The church will deliver for orders of at least 100 within 10 miles of the church. If you are interested then contact the church at 803-366-1302. Payment must accompany your order.

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“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

Congratulations to Christi Flansburg, Church Educator at Grace (Y) and her husband, Ricardo Campos on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Molly Campos, born on Dec. 16.

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

This week's church is: [Bethesda \(York\)](#)

Prayer Request: We appreciate and welcome the prayers of our brothers and sisters in the Presbytery. Specifically, we ask for prayer following the example of Paul's prayer for the Ephesian Christians: [14] “ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. [20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:14-21

Last week's church was: [Bethesda \(Kershaw\)](#) *Prayer Request:* Please pray for the search committee who will be seeking an associate pastor.

Capital Campaign Update

Please review the Life for Today...Faith for Tomorrow [December 2010 Update](#) online.

Montreat Middle School Conference Registration DEADLINE THIS WEDNESDAY at NOON (no exceptions)

Do you have one or two (or maybe more) sixth, seventh or eighth grade youth who would be interested in getting a Montreat Youth Conference experience before they go to high school? “On The Move”, Montreat's Middle School Conference will be held at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC July 20-24, 2011. The cost of the conference, which includes the conference fee as well as room and board, is \$380.00. [Applications](#) and a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit per person must be to the presbytery by **WEDNESDAY, January 26th at NOON (absolute DEADLINE)**. The balance of \$280.00 is due by May 9, 2011. The presbytery does not have scholarship money available to assist students; however, Montreat does award some scholarships for this event. We encourage your church to consider financially assisting your youth who attend this conference. In order to register, simply mail the attached application form to Kathryn McGregor at the above address with the \$100 deposit made

to Providence Presbytery. Please feel free to contact Kathryn for more information (kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 803-328-6269).

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Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry at the Rock Hill Armory served over 400 clients on January 20th. Over the course of 2010, Second Harvest Partners volunteers have served thousands of people in need. "Thank You" to all SHP Volunteers for the ministry you are doing among the "least of these."

Winter Storm Causes Blood Donation Shortfall

More than 8,000 people were unable to attend scheduled blood drives in January due to the Winter Storms across the US. This shortfall in donations has impacted the Red Cross blood banks throughout the country. If you are able to organize a blood drive in your church, now would be a good time. For more information visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/hosting-blood-drive>.

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- [Joan Chittister](#)

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February 6: *Bethlehem First Presbyterian*, McConnells, SC (33 members)

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Consider Partnering with Middle Eastern Churches

Churches in Providence Presbytery have been partners with churches in Sidon and Minyara, Lebanon for over five years. A new partner relationship is now being explored with the church in Zahleh. There is now an opportunity for your congregation to relate to the Presbyterian Church in Alma Shaab, near Lebanon's southern border. We ask that you prayerfully consider this opportunity for mission. There is a great need for American Christians to show solidarity with Middle East Christians in these uncertain times. For more information, please contact Larry Richards <lrichards@comporium.net> or 803-328-9392.

Looking for Evangelism Resources?

In the most recent *Presbyterians Today*, David M. Loleng offers some interesting ideas about the changing culture and how the church needs to respond in "A Prescription for Evangelism." If your church is interested in evangelism and how to be the Body of Christ in your community, check out these web resources available from the PCUSA: www.pcusa.org/goodnews; www.pcusa.org/evangelism; www.pcusa.org/churchgrowth; www.pcusa.org/deepandwide; and www.presbygrow.net.

FREE Lenten Devotion from Society of St. Andrews

The Society of St. Andrew is known for providing nutritious fresh produce to feeding agencies across the United States. As part of our mission, we also offer spiritually nourishing devotions each Lent and Advent season. This Lenten season, we offer a daily devotional booklet called *We've a Story to Tell*. The devotions are inspired by the Christian journey and its impact on our personal lives. These daily devotions were contributed by a variety of writers from different denominations who share how their personal walk with Jesus impacts their lives. Find out more at <http://www.endhunger.org/lent.htm>

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South Carolinian Joins National Response Team Supporting Arizona Shooting Victims

Three members of the National Response Team (NRT) of [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) arrived in Tucson, Ariz., within 48 hours of the Jan. 8 shootings there that killed six and injured 13, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. PDA's NRT trio was the only national religious community responder to serve in Tucson in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy. "We can be grateful to a denomination with the vision to equip, train and deploy faith leaders into arenas of human-caused violence," said the Rev. Laurie Kraus, pastor of Riviera Presbyterian Church in Miami, FL. Kraus has served on PDA's NRT since its inception in 1996. She was joined in Tucson by fellow NRT members Rick Turner, a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C., and the Rev. David Holyan, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, Mo. — who at the invitation of [Presbytery de Cristo](#) began immediately to offer support and encouragement to pastors, congregations and the presbytery as they responded to the crisis.

New Deep and Wide Video Available Online

“Raising Up Leaders,” the seventh and latest entry in a popular video series showing how congregations are responding to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s call to “Grow Christ’s Church Deep and Wide” is now available for [download](#) through the General Assembly Mission Council’s [website](#).

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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.

Tax Tips Webinar MP3 Available Online

If you missed the Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches when it was conducted live on January 5, or if you simply wish to review what you learned the first time around, you can now visit the [Tax Resource Center](#) on Pensions.org for access to the recorded Webinar. The replay is available in two formats: an audiovisual presentation and an audio-only MP3 file. In this Webinar, clergy and church tax expert Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA and Board of Pensions education specialist Steven Fleming provide tax-related insights specific to ministers and churches. Their informative discussions include topics such as: recent tax law changes that affect ministers and churches; the expenses that are deductible and those that are not; and common clergy housing allowance issues. When you visit the online [Tax Resource Center](#), refer to the Tax Tips Webinar section on the right-hand side for access to the replay. And check back in mid-February for the ***Tax Guide for Ministers & Churches*** for the 2010 tax year, which will include end-of-2010 tax code changes.

Sign up Now for “THE ART OF LEADING WORSHIP”

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.

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