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"The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words, and it is beyond speech, and it is beyond concept. Not that we discover a new unity. We discover an older unity. My dear Brothers [and Sisters], we are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are."

- [Thomas Merton](#)

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

June 12: Grace Presbyterian Church (Lancaster, SC) 420 Members

Prayer Request: We are celebrating that attendance is better than expected this time of year, spirits and attitudes are good within the congregation. We ask you to pray that our children's attendance will grow and that many will join us in our Vacation Bible School starting June 12th and going through the 14th.

Presbytery Meeting Next Sunday at Oakdale Presbyterian!

The Handbook is [Available online](#) for the Presbytery Meeting on June 12 at 2:30PM with registration beginning at 1:30PM at Oakdale Presbyterian Church, Clover. *****Please note: If you have a Kindle...**As an alternative to printing, you can bring the entire handbook to the meeting by downloading and sending it to your Kindle. To do this, save the "One File" to your computer and email the "One File" to your Whispernet account email address. (You can find your Whispernet address in your Kindle account settings on Amazon.com). Detailed instructions for sending personal documents to your Kindle are available by clicking here.

And How Are the Children?

Join us tomorrow, June 7th, from 10AM to 4PM at the South Carolina Bar Association Conference Center, 1502 Park Street, Columbia, for a **Working Summit for South Carolinians** to address concerns about the condition of South Carolina's young people. Poverty, high incarceration rates and, in some communities, low performing schools can place young people at risk of poor life outcomes. It is more critical now, than ever for government, business and faith groups to work together to shape our communities so that young people are more likely to develop to their full potential. **Please RSVP for this event as space is limited.** RSVP by June 1 to Lori Bailey at lbaile2@clemson.edu.

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“You made the seed that made the tree
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[Mystery of Mercy: Caedmon's Call](#)

words and music by Andrew Peterson and Randall Goodgame

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*June 19: **Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill, SC (420 members)***

Prayer Request: Vacation Bible School is coming up June 20-24. Our Mission Focus is Heifer International. We will be sending farm animals to communities in need. Please pray that our children will understand the impact their sharing can have on the lives of real people.

Congratulations!

...to Daniel Smoak, Pastor of the Bethesda(Y) Church, on receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree from Erskine Seminary.

Providence Presbytery Passes Amendments 10-A through 10-O

At the June 12th Presbytery Meeting, all fifteen amendments to the PC(USA) Book of Order passed. Amendments 10-B through 10-O passed in an omnibus motion. After respectful and God-honoring debate, Amendment 10-A passed vote of 48 to 44.

Free to a good church home!

An Ivers and Pond upright piano and bench, approximately 4 1/2 feet in length and about 4 feet high from the floor. In good shape, the piano has been owned by my grandparents for about 30 years! It would be perfect for a small sanctuary or Sunday School classroom. All your church would need to do is arrange to have it picked up from my grandmother's home in Rock Hill and delivered to your church. Contact Kelly Gainey at 803-366-8322 or kellygainey@hotmail.com.

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NFOG Passed Tuesday, June 7

On Tuesday, June 7th, with the affirmative vote of our sister presbytery, Trinity Presbytery, the proposed New Form of Government has received the necessary majority of affirmative votes of PC(USA)presbyteries to become part of our Constitution effective July 10, 2011. Please share the [Press Release](#) with your Session and congregation as you find it helpful to do so. In this time of transition to the new Form of Government, the staff of Providence Presbytery is committed to assisting Sessions in ways that you would find most helpful. As the church-wide letter from our denominational leaders states: "Making the transition from the current Form of Government to the new one will take time, patience, and grace. We will all be living gradually into these new dimensions of the church's governance." Please contact [Mark Verdery](#) if you have questions or concerns in this matter.

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Barbara Blodgett in [The Company You Keep: Alban Weekly](#)

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*June 26: **Great Falls Presbyterian Church**, Great Falls, SC (71 members)*

Prayer Request: We give God the glory that we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2012. Details will be announced as plans as developed. Also we ask for prayers for several members who are dealing with health problems and for their families and care givers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jesse Hegler, who serves Kershaw First Presbyterian and Beaver Creek Presbyterian, earned his Doctor of Ministry from Erskine Seminary in May!

No In the Know the Week of July 4th

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CA Lawsuit Challenging Pastors’ Housing Allowance Dismissed

Be advised that the California federal court case challenging the pastoral housing allowance have been dismissed voluntarily. This event is the outcome of a decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year on the issue of standing. Standing is a legal concept under which only parties that are directly harmed can bring an action challenging the constitutionality of a statute. The Freedom from Religion Foundation is not directly impacted by Section 107 (the housing allowance exclusion provision in the Code), so it does not have “standing” to challenge it. See the [Stipulation of Dismissal](#).

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From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

July 3: Hebron Presbyterian Church, Blackstock, SC (32 Members)

Prayer Request: We rejoice in our life together in Christ. We pray for our sisters and brothers in the congregation, the community, and the presbytery. At this time of the year, we pray for healing and wholeness and for safe travels for all who are on vacation.

July 10: Hermon Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC (44 Members)

Prayer Request: We give thanks and praise to God for guiding the Hermon Presbyterian Church through 140 years of faithful service to Jesus Christ.

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Read the latest issue of Presbyterian Times Online

Read how one Providence Presbytery congregation was inspired to change the world for a community across the globe. Check out the latest issue of Presbyterian Times Online at

<http://presbyteriantimesonline.wordpress.com>. Bulletin Insert is available at this site.

Clean-Up Buckets Due by July 9th

We have a trailer at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian for clean up buckets to be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in response to the tornado disasters in Alabama and Mississippi earlier this year. Our deadline has been extended to July 9th. 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.

IRS Raises Standard Mileage Rate for Second Half of 2011

In response to rising gasoline prices, the IRS has raised the standard mileage rate for business use of an automobile from 51 cents per mile to 55½ per mile, effective July 1 (Announcement 2011-40). The medical and moving standard mileage rate is increasing to 23½ per mile, also on July 1. The new optional standard mileage rates will apply until superseded by future guidance and can be used by taxpayers to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile. Alternatively, taxpayers can instead use their actual costs, but must maintain adequate records and be able to substantiate their expenses. The standard mileage rate for services to charitable organizations is set by statute at 14 cents per mile and remains unchanged by Thursday's announcement. The former rates announced in Notice 2010-88 (51 cents per mile for business use, 19 cents per mile for medical and moving expenses) continue to apply to expenses incurred before July 1, 2011.

News from Thornwell

Summer is in full swing this month at Thornwell Home for Children with our kids enjoying the kinds of summer activities that all kids enjoy such as swimming, church camp, mission trips and cottage family vacations. However, the learning does not stop during the summer as our children attend the Thornwell Learning Center for instruction and support in building their math and reading skills. This important summer program insures that when school begins in a few short months our students will be well prepared to succeed academically. [Read More of the June Presbytery Update.](#)

Has Your Stewardship Workshop or Finance Committee Registered Yet?

National speaker and teacher, Tom Norwood will lead a **Stewardship Workshop** for Providence Presbytery churches on **August 14th from 2:30-7 PM at Rock Hill First Presbyterian**. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Dinner will be served. This interactive workshop will allow your group to fashion a program tailored to your church community, addressing details for laying the foundation for your fall stewardship focus, including: *1. Planning; 2. Timelines; 3. Program structure; 4. Case for support; 5. Narrative budgets*. No matter what size your church, your Stewardship or Finance Committee should not miss this workshop! Contact [Kathryn McGregor](#) for more information. [Download the Flyer.](#)

Concert to Benefit Capital Campaign coming in August

Mark your calendar for a special night of music featuring musicians Shirley Fishburne (organ), Iris Rose (soprano), and David Riddle (piano) at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill on Sunday, August 21st at 3PM. If you have not heard these artists before, you simply must come and see what you have been missing. If you have had the pleasure of hearing one of their concerts before, we know you are thrilled to have another opportunity to enjoy! An offering will be collected for the capital campaign for Bethelwoods and Faith Presbyterian Church. Faith Presbyterian Church members will provide refreshments following the concert. [Download the Flyer.](#)

Educational Opportunities: **EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available**

KNOWING Our Neighbors: A Purposeful Interfaith Encounter (Summer Scholars: Lifelong Learning Course at CTS)

Don't miss this Interfaith Encounter at Columbia Theological Seminary July 18-21. "When we have been in each other's place of worship . . . When we have served those in need together . . . When we have discussed together our deeply held beliefs. . . Then - when there is conflict or a crisis - we are more likely to use wisdom." In this event, we will have presentations, site visits, experiences, and conversations around the tenets and practices of four faith traditions (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist). This purposeful interfaith encounter is designed to foster understanding and shared involvement in such aspects of a faith community as worship; justice and reconciliation, and works of service and mercy. Participants will develop concrete plans to begin to foster purposeful interfaith encounters in their own places of ministry. Instructors: Ben Johnson and David Fraccar are invited panelists. Program fee of \$275 includes 2 suppers, 2 lunches, and transportation to site visits. Lodging is additional cost. **Deadline to register: July 1.** [Online Registration is available.](#)

The Young Clergy Women Project Conference 2011 will be held August 8-11, 2011 at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. The theme for the conference is "Rest and renewal, refreshment and re-connecting with God: our souls are made for times like these." The 2011 Young Clergy Women Project Conference, presented in conjunction with Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School, is an opportunity for summer Sabbath. Join with other young clergy women (under 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.**

SYNOD Engage Conference Helps Churches with Practical Personal Evangelism with an intensive, congregational resource that is designed to help congregations learn practical ways to engaging in personal evangelism, as well as cultivating a culture of disciple making in their churches.

The **Engage 2011 Conference** will walk participants through this new resource and train them how to use it in a congregational setting. As participants engage their own stories of personal transformation as well as God's story of redemption in scripture, churches will learn how to re-connect with their communities. The Engage Evangelism Conference will be held August 8-11 at Tradewinds Resort in St. Pete Beach, FL. The hotel location and cost has changed from \$129/night to \$89/night - making it even more affordable to attend. There are a couple of spots left that can apply for a \$350 scholarship (limited to one per church). Attached is a registration form. Contact the Synod Office regarding scholarship process. Click on the following link for more details:

<http://synodofsouthatlantic.org/events/2011/04/engage-conference/>

Around the Presbytery

Allison Creek Church is hosting a weekend VBS July 23 and 24. During Allison Creek Presbyterian's Weekend Vacation Bible Study, children ages 3-14 will use their imagination to learn the importance of clean water and how we can conserve water throughout our daily lives. Partners are Catawba Riverkeepers and Museum of York! Please email AllisoncreekVBS@Gmail.com for more information.

Rock Hill First Presbyterian celebrates Mission in Korea and invites all of you to join us in worship when we welcome a delegation from Presbyterian Medical Center of JeonJu on July 3 at 10 a.m. and at a presentation at 9:00 a.m., prior to worship in the Ministry Center. A covered dish luncheon will follow worship. Mark your calendars for July 3 and join us to gain a greater appreciation of our congregation's spiritual journey. [Find out why we are so excited about this event!](#)

Positions Available

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, is seeking qualified applicants in its search for a new Youth Director. This position will be responsible primarily for the evangelism, discipleship and Christian education of youth grades 6-12 and for ministry to the families of youth within FLPC. A qualified applicant will be a committed Christian dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ; will possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; and will possess demonstrated involvement in a Christian congregation. Youth/Family ministry experience is preferred. Serious candidates should forward resumes to Bill Wannamaker at wannamaker@att.net.

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.

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

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