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- [Sister Anne Montgomery, R.S.C.J.](#)

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

March 13: Cane Creek, Chester County, SC (58 members)

Prayer Request: "We thank God for outreach to local African American congregations. Please pray this fellowship will grow. Please pray that the congregation will mature in their understanding of the Lenten season. Please pray that Cane Creek continue their service to the poor and needy. Please pray for growth in attendance that we might better carry out the Great Commission. "

Did You Know...

Did you know that Second Harvest Partners served 2,559 people in its Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank sites in 2010? If you would like to get involved, contact [Dot Killian](#) for information.

Update from Our Partner in Lebanon

Mary Mikhael, President of Near East School of Theology offers a monthly update on the school's activities in their challenging political climate. [See the update online.](#)

REGISTRATION ENDS TOMORROW FOR FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOP

There is a different landscape ahead for Christian Education as we go forward building healthy congregations. At the Metrolina Educator Connection (not just for Educators), John Roberto will present the hope, the vision and a scenario "for planning and implementing a full-court press for the future!" Christian Educators, pastors, youth leaders, and lay leaders are finding ourselves in the fast changing landscape of church as we have known it. There is hope for churches that are resilient and adaptive in the face of the great challenges and opportunities. Dr. Roberto will help us imagine the new and leave behind many older and less effective ways of doing Christian Education and faith formation. Workshop to be held at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center Tuesday, March 15 from 11:00 - 3:00. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Register with Kathryn McGregor by Tuesday, March 8 at: http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Metrolina/Metrolina_3_11.pdf or by emailing her at kmcgregor@providencepres.org.

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Membership in the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network is open to anyone who is promoting, stimulating, developing and advocating for older adult ministry with congregations, presbyteries, synods or institutions and organizations related to older adult ministry. View their most recent newsletter at <http://www.poamn.org/uploads/11-Winter-PNN.pdf>

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— [Francis Chan](#) ([Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God](#))

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March 20: Carmel, Chester, SC (18 members)

Prayer Request: "Please pray for Mrs. Roberta Young who is Mrs. Mary Murdock's mother; and also pray for W.T. Holmes Jr., our pastor's son who is experiencing serious health problems and is at Johns Hopkins Medical Center."

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Toure' and Eustacia Marshall on the arrival of Jeremiah Toure' Maurshall, born March 13. Toure' is temporary supply pastor at the Hermon Church in Rock Hill.

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What will Your Congregation Sing during Lent?

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is a hymn writer and has been co-pastor with her husband, Bruce Gillette, of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware since August 2004. Carolyn's book *Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship* (Geneva Press, 2000) is a collection of forty-five of her hymns. Some of her hymns are included in the new supplements for the Episcopal and Presbyterian hymnals. You can review the lyrics on the *Presbyterian Outlook's* Web site. Then you can download them in PDF format so you can print and insert fully scored music (as would appear in hymnals) in your bulletins. You download a master and print as many copies as needed. Price \$9.95 per hymn or \$49.95 for all seven. We'll also throw in an additional hymn by David Gambrell written for last year's Ash Wednesday. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD ONE OR TWO OR THE WHOLE SET TODAY!](#)

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Thornwell Calls 9th President

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Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church hosts Cancer Support Group. The group meets Thursday, March 17@ 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 the rear from Park Ave, main/rear entrance, to room 2108. For men and women, open to the public.

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[Mother Teresa](#)

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March 27: Catholic, Blackstock, SC (35 members)

Prayer Request: “We gratefully ask that the Churches of Providence Presbytery **PRAY** for them: 1) One member is under the caring ministry of Hospice 2) Another is receiving Chemo Therapy 3) Still, another one is scheduled for Gall Bladder surgery and experiencing heart problems. 4) Last of all, a member’s father has suddenly developed Dementia, and recently had a fall that resulted in a head Hematoma and is now hospitalized. We have other beloved members, who are also in need of prayer for various reasons, but their conditions or circumstances are not as dire or grave as those previously mentioned. Pray for them, too. We have many **JOYS** to share: 1) A dedicated and faithful choir 2) Genuinely caring Deacons and Women-of-the-church 3) Elders who equip the SAINTS at Catholic 4) Enthusiastic and faithful teachers 5) And an awesome Presbytery Staff that supports its churches and strives to equip them.”

Worship 4 YOUTH at Bethelwoods – April 10, 2011 5p-7p

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

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Third Tuesday Together: Rev. Jeannie Bickett on April 12th

You've heard about The Greatest Generation, people who were born from 1901 – 1924 and grew up during the [Great Depression](#) and then went on to fight in [World War II](#). What was unique about them? What about the generations that have followed them? The Silent Generation, the Baby Boomers, Generation X and Generation Y? How is each generation alike and different? How can different generations get along in families, in the workplace, and in the church? We will explore these questions as we look at the various generations that have emerged in American society during the past 100 years. Join us as guest speaker Rev. Jeannie Bickett, Associate Pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church, leads our discussion. The speaker will begin at 10:30AM and will be followed by a great lunch at 11:30AM. The cost for the event is \$9.50 for the program and lunch, or \$5.00 for just the program. Third Tuesday Together is the older adult ministry of Bethelwoods and we welcome all older adults to attend. For questions or to register contact Bethelwoods at 803-366-3722 or info@bethelwoods.org.

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www.active.com/donate/virginia11carolinas/FeltmanHegar

Presbytery Youth to do Mission in Mexico this Summer

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From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

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Prayer Request: Please be in prayer for two people in the Cedar Shoals church family: one person had a heart attack and another person is under Hospice care.

Presbytery Survey...**Please Respond to One Quick Question...**

If you could ask for anything from Providence Presbytery, and be assured of receiving it, what would it be? Please email your answer to jill@providencepres.org with **Survey** in the subject line.

Presbytery In Brief for March 3, 2011 is Online

Want to know what happened at the last Presbytery Meeting? Check Online for Providence Presbytery's Presbytery in Brief at <http://providencepresby.files.wordpress.com/2010/10/presbytery-in-brief-march-3-2011.pdf>.

PDA Japan earthquake and tsunami response

Join PDA for a Webinar on March 29: The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will provide a webinar on Tuesday, March 29 at 11 a.m. to discuss our response the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Randy Ackley, Coordinator for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, will provide firsthand information on what the church is doing to assist with the devastating catastrophe in Japan. In addition to Ackley's remarks you will be made aware of the resources available to help you communicate with your congregants and local communities exactly how the church is helping and how they can help during this time of need. **Space is limited.** Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/674466803>

Have you Read a Great Book Lately?

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Worship 4 YOUTH at Bethelwoods

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

Get Great Prices While Supporting the Capital Campaign

The BELK CHARITY DAY SALE will be Saturday, April 16, 6AM -10AM.

The Charity Day Sale is a private, 4-hour sale dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations. Participating charities [including Providence Presbytery] have the opportunity to raise money their organizations while private sale customers receive 20-70% off Belk purchase storewide – in EVERY Belk store! Tickets are \$5. When you present your ticket in a Belk Store on April 16, you will get \$5 off your purchase during the hours of 6-10 AM. Customers are welcome to reserve desired merchandise for the event beginning on Sunday, April 10. Show your Charity Sale ticket to the Belk associate and ask them for details on reserving merchandise. Providence Presbytery will get to keep the full amount for every ticket we sell! TICKETS ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN AWAY, DISCOUNTED OR REPRODUCED. Checks should be made out to: “Providence Presbytery” with a notation: “Charity Day Sale.”

If you would be willing to help Sell the Charity Day Sale Tickets, please contact Barbara Kurz at 803-329-7362, or Inez at 803-328-6269 OR 800-922-1609. YOU CAN PICK UP A PACKET OF 10 TICKETS AND SELL THEM TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Please return the money and unsold tickets to the Presbytery office when you are done selling. EVERY \$5 WILL HELP.

Bethelwoods Open House Coming Next Saturday

We invite you to come out to Bethelwoods Camp for an afternoon full of your favorite camp activities while learning about what Bethelwoods offers **April 3, 2011 from 2-5PM**. We will have your favorite camp activities such as archery, canoeing, hay rides, arts and crafts, roasting s'mores, and more for you to enjoy at your leisure. Take this opportunity to see what's new at Bethelwoods or invite your friends who do not know what Bethelwoods is to come out and see the camp. There is no cost for the event and all activities will be offered throughout the duration of the open house. For questions, please contact the Bethelwoods office at 803-366-3722 or info@bethelwoods.org.

Society of St. Andrew announces FREE VBS Curriculum focused on Feeding the Hungry

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. [Download the Full Packet Now](#)

Church Administrative Personnel Luncheon Coming April 13th!

Administrative Personnel, Ministers, Church Educators and Musicians, and Presbytery Volunteers: You are invited to Providence Presbytery's annual luncheon honoring Church Administrative Personnel on Wednesday, April 13, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, 421 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC. Please RSVP by April 6, 2011; 1-800-922-1609, ext. 5; 803-328-6269, ext. 5; iglasgow@providencepres.org.

Looking for a Tangible Way to help People in Japan?

Join the Toynami Campaign- (A Wave of Toys) campaign that is being organized by an American tour guide in Kyoto. Steve Beimel, along with his travel company Espirit Travel & Tours, is organizing a toy drive for the children of Japan that have been affected by this disaster. This is an easy way for

people to help out and also for children to get involved. The toys can be shipped to Espirit's address in Las Vegas and they will take care of the shipping to Japan. Follow the link below for more information and details. <http://www.japanlivingarts.com/?p=3184#more-3184> (The information for this ministry was provided by Sam McGregor's cousin, who is a teacher in Kyoto, Japan.) *"he (Steve) wanted to somehow involve those abroad who are very interested in Japan and also looking for some concrete way to help out. He also believes that children in the disaster areas would be overjoyed to receive a gift from overseas. I agree. The message is powerful. One thing to keep in mind when choosing your toy - simple is best. No electric toys or those that require batteries, please."*

Third Tuesday Together: Rev. Jeannie Bickett on April 12th

You've heard about The Greatest Generation, people who were born from 1901 – 1924 and grew up during the [Great Depression](#) and then went on to fight in [World War II](#). What was unique about them? What about the generations that have followed them? The Silent Generation, the Baby Boomers, Generation X and Generation Y? How is each generation alike and different? How can different generations get along in families, in the workplace, and in the church? We will explore these questions as we look at the various generations that have emerged in American society during the past 100 years. Join us as guest speaker Rev. Jeannie Bickett, Associate Pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church, leads our discussion. The speaker will begin at 10:30AM and will be followed by a great lunch at 11:30AM. The cost for the event is \$9.50 for the program and lunch, or \$5.00 for just the program. Third Tuesday Together is the older adult ministry of Bethelwoods and we welcome all older adults to attend. For questions or to register contact Bethelwoods at 803-366-3722 or info@bethelwoods.org.

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