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“The moment when you understand, compassion is born in your heart. And now it is possible for you to forgive...not before that.”

[Thich Nhat Hanh](#)

Please keep in your prayers...

...Please be in prayer for the family of Rev. W.T. Holmes, Pastor of Carmel Presbyterian in Chester. His son, W.T. Holmes, Jr. passed away this week. A service celebrating his life will be held at Black Rock Baptist, 1006 Old Richburg Road, Chester tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2PM.

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

May 8: *Doby's Bridge, Fort Mill, SC (197 members)*

Prayer Request: We ask for continued prayers for the Erica, the single mother who is the future owner of the 2011 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Home. We also ask for prayers for our exciting youth program and give thanks for the many adult volunteers who are willing to help with this important ministry.

Question of the Week:

How Can Congregations Respond with Help for Disaster Areas in Mississippi and Alabama?

You are already helping in the storm-stricken south, Haiti and Japan! One Great Hour of Sharing funds have already been sent to these areas and 18 members of the PDA National Response Team is working with Presbyterian Leadership. The main thing you can do to help those affected by disaster is support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) with funds and with kits. First response teams such as the Red Cross are working in these areas. PDA is also encouraging individuals and congregations to put together [“Gift of the Heart” hygiene kits](#) to replace the depleted stock and to insure they are available as the needs arise.

Reminder: Mother's Day Offering Coming May 8th

This Sunday, May 8th, is the traditional Mother's Day Offering for South Carolina. The offering is used by Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina for charitable care for South Carolina Presbyterian (USA) Church members who need assistance. Please give as generously as you can, these folks are counting on us. Thank you, Penny Arnold, Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations.

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Thoughtful Christian offers Discounted Pricing in Honor of Teacher Appreciation Week

What better way to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week than to offer Christian educators discounts on books and on twelve-month, unlimited access subscription and renewals to our downloadable studies and retreats? Through May 8th, subscriptions are \$150 (that's a \$45 savings) and Renewals are \$125 (that's a savings of \$25). Go to www.thethoughtfulchristian.com and click on "Subscribe Now" to take advantage of the discount pricing.

Thornwell offers April 2011 Presbytery Update

It has been a joy to witness the renewal of Thornwell's campus as trees and flowers burst forth in response to the longer, warmer days and the gentle, abundant rains of spring. What a beautiful place this is! And all this natural beauty is enriched by the beauty of the children and staff getting outside more often, laughing and playing and visiting. Walkers, bikers, and joggers from the community pass through the campus in early morning and late afternoon, stopping by the farm to see the assortment of animals there. <<[Read More](#)>>

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Mission: Reconciliation Efforts in Sudan

[Watch Linda Valentine](#), executive director of the General Assembly Mission Council, tell a story of reconciliation among warring ethnic groups in Sudan. Debbie Braaksma, Presbyterian World Mission's area coordinator for Africa, helped facilitate the reconciliation while serving as a mission co-worker in South Sudan. Linda heard the story during a recent visit to a South Sudanese Village with Debbie.

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

What is Human Trafficking and How can WE Make a Difference?

Find out how you can make a difference at the Human Trafficking Workshop on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at C.N. Jenkins Presbyterian Church, 1421 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte. Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Creative Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte, this important event will

explore the issues of human trafficking, smuggling, international sex and labor trafficking, child exploitation in the U.S., assisting victims of human trafficking, working with child victims, domestic violence and sexual assault. We will also look at resources and practical ways the church can help with this worldwide problem. Lunch will be provided (with donations accepted). To register, [email Debbie Wilkinson](mailto:Debbie.Wilkinson@presbyteryofcharlotte.org), Presbytery of Charlotte, or call her at 980-207-5217. She will need your name, phone number and email. **Deadline to Register is Thursday, May 5th.**

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Ron Bradley, regarding his recent trip to Afghanistan

[See the WHTL news story written about Ron's trip](#)

Congratulations!

We celebrate with Paul and Ngoclien Minh Nguyen the birth of their son on April 12th. His name is Hy Nguyen (pronounced He Win).

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May 15: Douglas, Lancaster, SC (116 members)

In light of Osama bin Laden's death on May 1, Presbyterian ministries here have had reason to reflect anew on denominational statements and studies on terrorism, war and the continuing call for peace. The Rev. Gradye Parsons, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), encouraged the offices of Theology and Worship and Compassion, Peace and Justice and the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy to share the following resources for prayer and reflection: [READ More ONLINE](#)

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Wondering About our Presbyterian Brothers and Sisters in AL and MS?

Here is an update from the [Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley](#). As we know more about how we can help, we'll keep you posted.

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Presbyterian College's basketball coach Gregg Nibert invites you to the 23rd Annual CAMP OF CHAMPIONS. Residential and Full Day Basketball Camp for Boys ages 7-17 will be held July 31 - August 4. Morning Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls ages 5-10 will be held August 1 - 5. Get the Registration Form: [Individual Camp Brochure 2011.pdf](#)

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Fun for All Ages

There is a camp for everyone at Bethelwoods. Day camps, resident camps, adventure camps, leadership camps, and even Family Camp for the whole family! Day campers who sign up for 5 weeks of day camp will receive the 6th week free! Ready for your first over night experience at camp, try Explorer Camp or Tenderfoot Camp. Love camp and everything about it? Junior Camp or Junior High Cabin Camp is the camp for you. If you like to stay up late and wake up mid morning Night Owl Camp is the camp you are looking for. Junior Adventure, Woodwise, Riverwalkers, Hike Bike and raft, Wet 'N' Wild Camp are sure to provide you with an adventurous time while enjoying camp! Campers that may want to be a counselor at camp in the future learn leadership skills at Leader in Training Camp or Counselor in Training Camp. [Read more for a full descriptions of camps and the camp schedule.](#)

Improve Your Church Website's Search Engine Results

(This article was re-printed from Neil McQueen, www.sundaysoftware.com) To improve your church webpage search results, be sure to check the following and update if needed. 1) Does the main page have hidden "meta-tags" which tell the search engines how to catalog your website. Meta-tags are texts in your webpage's source code which identify the page to the search engines. Without them, people searching for "your church, your town" may never find you. Here's how you can tell if your church's site has meta-tags: RIGHT click your website's main page and select "view source". In the top of the text page which appears, you should see the words *Meta=keywords* and *Meta=description* -- each followed by relevant information about your site. *The meta=keywords* are there to match the words searchers are using to search for you. The *meta=description tag* is the description the search engine will put in the 'search results' page. For information about the syntax of meta tags, read this [article](#). **BIG TIP #1:** To get a higher ranking in search results, the search engines also compare your keywords and description to the actual words on your webpage. More matches = higher ranking. **BIG TIP #2:** Remember to put the full church name & address in the keywords and description tags, AND *include the pastor's name*. People often search by the pastor's name. And make sure the Church name & address appear as actual text in the body of the main page, and not merely as part of a graphic. If your address is only in a graphic, the search engines can't catalog or cross-reference it. 2) Does the main page have RECENT and UPCOMING EVENTS? This seems so obvious, but a

surprising number of church sites look dead, nevertheless. Update your site regularly, or make it easy for volunteers to do so. 3) Does the webpage have a way for people sign-up to receive alerts about new content? A website that can't collect follower's emails and alert them to new content -is a website that will quickly be forgotten. Read my articles linked below for a free no-brainer way for people to 'follow' your website. 4) Are the FILE SIZES of the GRAPHICS and PHOTOS too large? Using uncompressed graphics and photos make the site take too long to load. To test graphics at your site: RIGHT CLICK the graphics on your church's webpages and select "properties" to inspect the size of the graphic. Almost NONE of them should be over 70 kb in size. The author of this article, Neil MacQueen, Sunday Software, has written two extensive articles about building a better church website. Go to www.sundaysoftware.com/webpage.htm and www.sundaysoftware.com/wordpress.htm to read the articles.

Educational Opportunities: EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available

Who is Coming from Your Church? There are eight openings left for the May 23-25 workshop entitled "Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity," presented at Montreat Conference Center by the [Lake Institute on Faith and Giving](http://www.lakeinstitute.org), is bringing together pastors, associate pastors, treasurers, finance committee members, and stewardship committee members who share your desire to take a visionary leap from the usual stewardship campaign to the creation of lasting, joyful, **generous** change within your congregation. Please don't miss this opportunity. [Register today.](#)

Being Spiritual in a CrazyBusy World Coming May 29th. Join us for this ecumenical conference for adults yearning for a deeper spiritual life. Featuring Donald Miller, author of Blue like Jazz and Searching for God Knows What and an outstanding lineup of relevant workshops, daily worship and Bible Study, this event is sure to help you carve out some stillness and peace in your CrazyBusy Life. For more information or to register, visit www.montreat.org/456. College and seminary students can register for the full conference for only \$89 (conference fee only) or for \$35/day. This is a 50% discount available for college and seminary students. Also, any conference attendee can bring a friend to the conference and receive a \$25 discount (up to 4 guests are allowed per person). To take advantage of either of these offers, contact Susan Akduman at Susana@montreat.org or 800-572-2257.

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Interim Executive Training Offered at Montreat in September

This week-long retreat scheduled for September 16-20 is designed for those who are already in an interim executive/general/associate presbyter or synod position, or who are scheduled to begin service in one of these positions, or who have been recommended by their governing body as having particular gifts in these areas. A recommendation from their COM and their immediate executive general presbyter or synod exec/associate is required for registration. Learning goals include the study of multiple layers of organizational system complexity, multiple cultures within an organizational system, governing body infrastructure, and application of the interim process and developmental tasks to governing bodies. For more information and to register online, visit www.montreat.org/484.

Begin to Envision God's Call for us in the 21st Century

Join us for *Getting Unstuck: the Montreat Institute for Church Leadership*, October 23-27. Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Christian Educators, Church Musicians and Lay Leaders are encouraged to come and explore the question, “What would it mean to ‘get unstuck’ from yesterday’s worn out programs and begin to envision God’s call for us in the 21st century?” Reserve your place at this exciting event by going to www.montreat.org/457.

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Anthony B. Robinson

From Alban Weekly's Changing the Conversation: Nurturing a Third Way for Congregations

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May 22: Faith Presbyterian Church

Prayer Request: Please pray for us as we host Second Harvest ministry on Tuesday, May 17, and remember in prayer those folks who are struggling a little who can use some help. Pray for the people of Indian Land and that God continue to lead good folks into our doors. Pray for the folks of Alabama and other areas who are struggling with death and destruction resulting from recent storms.

Clean Water U Training Program offered in June

Living Waters for the World is pleased to announce their next session of [Clean Water U](#) will be held Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 at [Hopewell Conference Center](#) in Oxford, Mississippi. Clean Water U is a **simulation experience** designed to equip mission teams with the skills necessary to form partnerships with communities in need of clean water, equip local leaders to lead ongoing health, hygiene and spiritual education and install the Living Waters for the World [clean water system](#). The deadline to register for this session is **May 23, 2011 - one week from today**. This will be the only Clean Water U session taking place this summer. This session is ideal for teachers, pastors and others who have been unable to attend training in the spring or fall due to work constraints. Please pass the word, and encourage those interested to not miss out by registering this week. To register for Clean Water U, [click here](#). To learn more about our Clean Water U training program, [click here](#). Thank you for your ongoing support of Living Waters for the World!

Only Two Weeks Left for Discounted Curriculum

We know that many of your education committees are sifting through piles of information as you try to make decisions about your curriculum this fall. So that you don't miss out on the BEST deal for the new [Feasting on the Word Curriculum](#), we wanted to let you know why you should use this excellent downloadable, lectionary-based curriculum. We know you have a tough decision ahead of you, and we hope this information can help. [And don't forget, to receive the LOWEST PRICE, you need to purchase by Monday, May 30th.](#)

Big Tent Event to be held in Indianapolis June 30-July 2

June 30 through July 2nd, thousands of Presbyterians will gather from across the country to celebrate the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). There are nine different partner conferences involved in the Big Tent. Choose just one or design your own Big Tent experience by registering for workshops that interest you. --[Clergywomen's Leadership Institute/Young Women's Leadership Development](#); [Evangelism and Church Growth Conference](#) ; [Healthy Ministry Conference](#) ; [National Elders Conference](#) ; [National Multicultural Church Conference](#) ; [Peacemaking Conference](#) ; [Presbyterian Communicators Network National Conference](#) ; [Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation](#) ; [World Mission Matters](#). Children and youth are vital participants of Big Tent too! There will be children and youth programs, and older youth will have the option to participate in a Pathways event that will run in tandem with the Big Tent. [Find out More and Register Here.](#)

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Tiaras and Toolboxes THIS WEEK

Join us for an evening of empowerment and inspiration featuring motivational speaker Perry Tuttle, Star of the 1981 National Champion Clemson Tigers. The Tiaras and Toolboxes event will be held May 19th 6-9PM at City Club of Rock Hill, 140 E. Main Street. Tickets are \$40 per person and include Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, an auction, the program and music. The event is organized to benefit Habitat for Humanity of York County's Women Build Project. To reserve tickets call 803-328-0728 or email habitat@yorkcountyhabitat.org

Your Home in the Mountains

South Carolina Home at Montreat has completed a complete renovation of Kirk Apartments and had a rededication service last weekend. [See pictures of the renovated apartments and the service online!](#) Come early and often to Your Home in the Mountains...SC Home at Montreat. [Make reservations today.](#)

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With less than three weeks until Montreat's very first Signature Conference, [Being Spiritual in a CrazyBusy World](#), conference leaders and Montreat staff are making final preparations for this much anticipated event. If you've been considering registering, there's no better time to do so. Reserve your place now for the conference you don't want to miss. [Learn more and register online.](#) ALREADY REGISTERED? Check out these special offers: Bring a friend or family member (not including a spouse, whose rate is already discounted) to the conference and you will receive a \$25 discount on your program fee. This is a per person discount that will be applied for up to four guests. Simply tell each guest you invite to include your name when they register. OR...Seminarists and college students can register at a steep discount. Sign up for the full event for only \$89 (Conference fee only) or by day for only \$35/day. These reductions represent a 50% discount. For more

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Elder Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly in the [Moderator's Blog 5/17/2011](#)

Please Keep in your Prayers...

James and Sharon Gable and their family in the death last week of their son-in-law, Scott Dills, of Hickory Grove, SC.

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

May 29: Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church (38 Members)

Prayer Request: We at Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church lift up our prayers for all of the families that are coping with the power outage York, Lancaster, and Chester counties experienced in the last month. Families are still facing clean up and food issues because of the storms. We will have an exciting and healing Reconciliation Service on Pentecost Sunday. We also ask that you lift up prayers for our Presbytery and the entire PCUSA as we go forward with our call and mission in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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Presbyterian Heritage Sunday Set for May 29th

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Only Two Weeks Left for Discounted Curriculum

We know that many of your education committees are sifting through piles of information as you try to make decisions about your curriculum this fall. So that you don't miss out on the BEST deal for the new ***Feasting on the Word Curriculum***, we wanted to let you know why you should use this excellent downloadable, lectionary-based curriculum. We know you have a tough decision ahead of you, and we hope this information can help. [And don't forget, to receive the LOWEST PRICE, you need to purchase by Monday, May 30th.](#)

Big Tent Event to be held in Indianapolis June 30-July 2

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Older Adult Ministries Network Announces October Convention

The joint ARMS/POAMN Convention & Conference in San Antonio, Texas this October will be amazing. For a peek at what wonders await you there, see the article entitled *2011 Joint ARMS/POAMN Convention & Conference* by Michele Shultz Hendrix. The theme of this issue is Pastoral Care of Older Persons. You will find a lengthy article with that title. Cascades Presbytery held a workshop on this topic in May 2009. Our workshop was based on Rev. T. Ronald Vaughn's "Pastoral Care of Older Persons", which appeared in the book, **Dimensions of Older Adult Ministry: A Handbook** published by Witherspoon Press. Rev. Vaughn is an ordained United Church of Christ minister. This article will help you work through the difficulties that folks experience in visiting members in retirement facilities. [Check Online for More News from POAMN.](#)

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