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From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

September 11: Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Union, SC (28 members)

Prayer Request: No specific request made.

Don't Miss this Opportunity!

Preaching and Teaching Stewardship Webinar NEXT WEEK

Mark Your Calendars for the next Presbyterian Outlook Webinar for church professionals. The topic is "Preaching and Teaching Stewardship Generation to Generation." For more info about the presentation, see: <http://www.pres-outlook.com/component/content/article/51-special-offers/11706-up-coming-webinars.html>. The presbytery will host a showing of the webinar on

Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 2 – 4PM. Following the hour and a half webinar, we will have a time for discussion moderated by Tom Norwood, Stewardship Consultant from Davidson, NC. **This is a FREE event, underwritten by the presbytery.** Contact Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 800-922-1609, ext. 6 to reserve your spot by Friday, Sept 9.

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What's Happening with our Guatemala Mission Team?

See the daily updates from our Mission Team in Guatemala this week at <http://missionlive.wordpress.com/>.

ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE GROUP OF ROCK HILL MEETS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Join us at Faber Hall, The Oratory—434 Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 7:15PM to 9PM for refreshments, fellowship and news. We will also choose our book for the 2011-2012 discussions. There will be a short report on DVD resource first light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God, a DVD and web-based study filmed on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Anyone who is interested in learning and engaging in inter- and intra-traditional dialogue about matters of faith, doctrine, and spiritual practice would enjoy participating in this group. Looking forward to seeing you on the 11th!

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Magic of Christmas Date set for December 1

Tickets went on Sale September 1

For the past four years, the Presbyterian Foundation Group has sponsored a private performance of the *Magic of Christmas* by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. The event will take place on Thursday, December 1st at 7:30PM at the Belk Theater, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte. Over the last four years, over \$90,000 was donated to churches whose members purchased tickets. We are looking forward to the opportunity to increase the amount contributed to local churches for their mission and ministries. Ticket prices are \$25 for General Seating and \$50 for the Grand Tier, which includes a pre-concert reception and free parking. Tickets are available beginning September 1 through the Symphony Box Office 704-972-2000.

Church Historians...Here is the Announcement you've been Waiting For!

You may qualify to apply for a microfilming grant from the Presbyterian Historical Society. Did you know that microfilm, with a life-expectancy of 500 years, is still the best method available for the long-term preservation of records? Brittle paper, deteriorating bindings, fire, flood, and rapidly changing technology all pose substantial threats to records. To qualify for a \$300 grant, a PC(USA) congregation **must** have 250 or fewer members; be at least 50 years old; be interested in the preservation of its history; be looking for financial assistance to microfilm its records. Deadline to Apply is October 31, 2011. For more information and application instructions, go to <http://www.history.pcusa.org/preservation/pdfs/heritageMicro.pdf>

October 30 is the Next Many Voices-One Song Hymn Sing

Check out the Schedule for Many Voices-One Song Denominational Sing a Long from the Presbyterian Hymnal website at www.presbyterianhymnal.org/manyvoices/.

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

Star of Bethlehem Workshop available for your Advent Preparations--Frank Williams, member-at-large of Providence Presbytery, offers a workshop which is essentially a scientific study of the *Star of Bethlehem*. Using astronomy studies and biblical references, he explains how even the heavens pointed to the Savior's birth. If you are looking for a new and interesting way to celebrate Advent this year, Frank will be available beginning in October to present this workshop at your church. Contact him directly at gsmdhistoricsites@gmail.com.

Around the Presbytery

What is the Church's Role in Peacemaking between Israel & Palestine? All are invited to a seminar at **Grace Presbyterian Church--Fort Mill**, for two special events. ([Flyer Online](#))

1--Saturday, September 10, at 3:00 pm to hear the Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel, a Palestinian Christian, a Presbyterian minister, and a former moderator, PCUSA who now serves Christ in Atlanta, as director of Christmas International House talk about the history of the region, the history of the Israeli Palestine Conflict, and 4 options for resolving the conflict.

2--On Sunday, September 11, 11:30 all are invited to a Lunch and Learn to hear Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel talk about the Presbyterian Church's missions and ministry in the Middle East. For reservations for either Saturday or Sunday's events, please call the church office at 803-548-0800. Reservations are not necessary in order to attend, but will be helpful to us. Reservations ARE required for childcare for either event, and for lunch Sunday, if you want us to provide it.

Come and join us at the Music Fest to be held at **Allison Creek Presbyterian** on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 11 am – 8 pm. The event will include bluegrass bands on two stages, a 3rd stage with other musicians, car show, lots of food, crafts and artisans, silent auction, inflatables, and more. Admission is free. [See the Flyer online.](#) Come on out and enjoy a fun day of music and celebrate 10 years of Bluegrass music at Allison Creek. Vendor applications are available by contacting Steve Dobbins at dobbins@allisoncreekbluegrass.com or 803-366-1302.

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“When you want to change, you have two choices: think your way into acting or act your way into thinking.”

Bob Sitze in Choices for Change—Alban Weekly

[Read the entire Article](#)

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FREE Stewardship Webinar Tomorrow!

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Faith and Sexuality Issues Workshop Open to All

Having a healthy relationship with a partner and raising a child are perhaps the two most profound and significant tasks we face as adults, yet more education and training are required to get a driver's license than for either task. Led by National Speaker and Author, Paul M. Thomas, Our September 20th workshop will look at dating, relating, mating and creating and their powers to fill or break hearts and how to effectively communicate with youth, children and adults about intimacy as well as resources that can be used. Bring your hopes and heartaches and join us in learning. [Find out more and Register Online.](#)

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Noted Author and Speaker to Visit PC

Presbyterian College is proud to present Dr. Charles Kimball, author of *When Religion Becomes Lethal: Finding hope for the Journey Ahead* on September 13 at 7PM in Edmunds Hall. Find out more online at <http://www.presby.edu/newsroom/expert-to-discuss-when-religion-becomes-lethal/>.

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Workshop focused on African American Congregations Approaching

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!! The “Calling for the Order of the Day” event is fast approaching! October 15 from 8:30AM-2PM Churches from all over the area will get together to discuss the current social and economic environment and how it relates to our churches. Take a moment to complete the registration form on the website <http://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/CALLINGFORTHEORDEROFTHEDAY/tabid/48699/Default.aspx>. Please complete the form and send in the \$100 per church registration fee. We need as close to an accurate number as possible for the caterer and material preparation. DEADLINE to register is September 30.

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"If you're going to care about the fall of the sparrow you can't pick and choose who's going to be the sparrow. It's everybody."

- [Madeleine L'Engle](#)

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September 25: Oakdale Presbyterian Church (Clover, SC) 214 Members

Prayer Request: That she will continue to be attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in 2011, 2012, and beyond. That she will continue to be blessed by God and so be a blessing others to others in thought, word, and deed. That she will continue to be faithful and fruitful in mission and ministry.

It's not too late to register for the Youth Rally!

Contact Kathryn McGregor by Tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 20 to bring your youth to this AWESOME event! The Youth Rally is open to youth in grades 6-12 with their adult advisors. Join us THIS SUNDAY, Sept. 25 from 4-7 at Bethelwoods for a food, fun, fellowship and the first Worship 4 YOUTH service. More info here:

http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Flyers/2011_youth_rally_flyer.pdf

Attention Women!

Don't Miss out on an opportunity for spiritual growth, October 1, at the Providence Presbytery Women's Spiritual Retreat. Guest speaker will be Sarah Hegar from Purity Presbyterian Church and music will be provided by choir members from Purity. Registration info is here:

http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Flyers/PW_2011_Spiritual.pdf. Registration deadline is Sept. 23.

Metrolina Educator Connection has a new name!

We are now Metrolina Leadership Connection, expanding our name and our focus to provide quality continuing education for today's church leaders. Join us for our first workshop under our new name on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center from 11-3. Paul Thompson, a clinical psychotherapist and Presbyterian Minister, will lead a workshop on Faith and Sexuality entitled "Relating and Dating, Mating and Creating: Being Good Stewards of the Gifts of God."

Registration deadline is Thursday, Sept 22. Registration info is here:

http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Metrolina/metrolina.pub_9_11_with_reg.pdf

Lay Leadership Training for Iraqis at NEST a Success

Thanks to Pastors, Educators and others who contributed to the Calvin Birthday Fund to support lay-leadership training for Iraqis at the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon. The report of the July Seminars is on the Presbytery web site at

http://www.providencepres.org/International_Missions.html. For updates on the Iraqi Churches, and the NEST please contact lrichards @comporium.net.

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Society of St. Andrews Offers FREE Advent Devotions

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PPC announces new hymnal title, colors, prices

The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song announced that "*Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*" will be the PC(USA)'s first new hymnal since 1990. A final list of hymns will be submitted to the 220th General Assembly in 2012, and the hymnal will be published in the fall of 2013. There will be two editions – one for Presbyterian congregations and one for ecumenical use. One edition will have a red cover and one will have purple (not sure yet which will be which). Pre-orders for the new hymnal will begin July 1, 2012. Prices will be \$15 for orders and pre-payment by June 30, 2013, \$17.50 for orders by June 30, 2013 with payment due upon publication, and \$20 for post-publication orders and payment.

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Seeking Church Musician Position

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The Leadership Coaching Project: "Charting My Course as a Leader" November 2011-April 2012: Although attending retreats and conferences are inspirational and restful, few of those experiences result in transformation. The Leadership Coaching Project is a coaching experience clergy and church staff designed to facilitate growth and change over a six-month period. Our goal is to help clergy and church staff raise their leadership effectiveness around specific leadership competencies. For more information about this program, visit the Pinnacle Leadership website at <http://www.pinnaclelead.com/pdf/LCP.pdf>.

Let Us Run with Perseverance...

October 23-27: Getting Unstuck Workshop: Congregational teams of leaders are encouraged to register as a group, and in support of this, Montreat Conference Center is offering an incentive of **\$25 off the program fee when more than one person from your church registers to attend (first registration fee is at full price)**. There is no cap on the number of individuals who can benefit from this incentive, and many churches have already taken advantage of this special offer. For more information, email [Susan Akduman](mailto:Susan.Akduman@montreat.org) or contact her by phone at 800.572.2257, ext. 339. **Lead your people in new and faithful kinds of ways. Imagine God's call for this time and place. Get unstuck. [Register now. Learn more and register online for Montreat's Institute for Church Leadership.](#)**

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Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

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Come One-Come All

Grace Presbyterian in Fort Mill is kicking-off the season with our first family activity to be offered the first Sunday of the month. On Sunday, October 2, Grace Presbyterian Church will have its Grace Family First Kick-off Picnic at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Bruce T. Rush Pavilion. The picnic starts at 12:30pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We'll provide burgers and hot dogs. There'll be

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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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"The church doesn't own Communion. It's God's meal. That made it possible for me to even take Communion in the first place. It also made it possible for me to look at the church not as a way to divide people from each other, but as a way of joining people together."

- [Sara Miles](#)

From the Presbytery Prayer Calendar

October 2: Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC (908 members)

Prayer Request: In the month of September our worship focus was on God's call to Wholeness and Healing and we joined together in a very meaningful Service of Wholeness and Healing on September 18 – we ask you to join in offering to God our thanks for all God's promises. During this month we started our midweek program, Together on Wednesdays (TOW), an opportunity for all ages to be the Church Together – on each of the first three weeks we have welcomed one hundred plus people – we ask for prayers for the vitality and growth of this program. In partnership with Presbytery, Campus Ministry is underway with students, staff and faculty at Winthrop University – pray for the best use of every opportunity to welcome, include and serve with all on the WU campus.

Need a Dynamic Speaker?

Dimes for Hunger month is about to kick off, and this year we have exceptionally enthusiastic facilitators--both adults and youth from our Presbytery--who are available to speak about their recent mission partnership work in Guatemala and Mexico. We encourage you to take advantage of these talented and interesting mission workers! They are available to speak during worship, Wednesday night Fellowship Suppers, Sunday School, Youth events and other times and places as well! Please sign up with Fred Powell, Mission Advocate for Presbytery by calling 803 209-5807 or email phledd@truvista.net

Thornwell President's Report for September

Your Thornwell children have begun another school year and are now settling into a more scheduled routine. We are very appreciative to those of you who have provided funding and gifts in-kind for school supplies, backpacks, calculators, clothing and other necessary items that made back-to-school an easier transition for our cottage families. [Read More.](#)

Fall 2011 Church Treasurer and Business Administrator News Available Now

Are you interested in Board of Pensions information related to Church Treasurers and Business Administrators? Then don't miss the Fall issue of Church Treasurer and Business Administrator News. [Available Online.](#)

Magic of Christmas Symphony

In the past four years, over \$90,000 has been donated by the Foundation to churches whose members purchased tickets. Proceeds from ticket sales will be distributed to congregations based on the number of seats purchased by their members. (The Charlotte Symphony box office will ask individuals to provide the name of their church when tickets are purchased.) **Ticket Sales:** Tickets may be purchased through the Charlotte Symphony box office by calling 704-972-2000 or by mail from September 1st through November 25. Ticket prices: \$25; General Seating \$50; Grand Tier – includes parking pass and invitation to a pre-concert reception. **Your Local Development Office:** Charles Austin – 704-379-7909, cea@fdn.pcusa.org. [More information is available online.](#)

Habitat Faith Build Organizing for 2012

Every year the faith community of York County joins together to share the cost and labor to build a Habitat home for a partner family. A home costs approximately \$70,000 and takes about 13 weeks to complete working mainly on Saturdays. The Faith Build is scheduled to occur February 11 – May 12, 2012. Habitat for Humanity of York County is looking for faith groups to join this build. “Lead” groups are asked to contribute \$5000 or more and supply labor and food for one or more Saturday workdays. “Partner” groups are asked to contribute \$2500 and “Supporting” groups are asked to give whatever they can afford. “Partner” and “Supporting” groups will be paired with other similar groups to share labor and food for a Saturday workday. [See the Flyer online.](#)

Looking for a way to teach confirmation to one, two or a few youth?

Join our second annual Confirmation Cluster! This class will offer the opportunity for 8th grade (or older) youth at your church to experience the connectional nature of the PC(USA) by meeting monthly with youth from several Providence Presbytery churches for group building, fellowship, and lessons on Presbyterian Polity and Theology using the PCUSA confirmation curriculum, "Professing Our Faith." The youth will delve into their faith at a deeper level by also meeting one-on-one with a confirmation covenant partner from your church between group meetings. This experience will begin with a retreat Jan 20-22, 2012 continue with monthly groups from 3:00 - 5:00 pm Sundays, Feb 12, March 18, and April 15 and culminate with a closing retreat May 4 - 6. All group meetings will be held at Bethelwoods. Confirmands will have written their statement of faith and be ready to meet with your session to discuss what they have learned following the May retreat. There will be an informational meeting for an adult from each participating church at the presbytery office on Thursday, Nov. 10. A registration packet is available [online](#). For more information and/or to register 8th graders from your church, please contact Kathryn McGregor, Associate for Education & Resourcing for Providence Presbytery at kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 800-922-1609.

Are you familiar with the website created by Union Seminary in Charlotte?

It is an outgrowth of a class on Using Children's and Adolescent Literature in the Church. Books are listed by age, topic, Scripture, and lectionary readings. For each book, a summary is given, along with comments on literary elements present, perspective on gender/race/ability/culture/economic standing, theological elements, suggested Scripture ties, and possible faith questions to be used. I have contributed a number of reviews for this site. You can find it at <http://storypath.wordpress.com/>. If you have trouble with this, I believe you can access it through the Union Presbyterian Seminary website. This website is also a valuable resource when parents ask for suggesting for talking to their children about some topic such as illness, death, bullying, family crisis, etc. Hope you find this helpful.

FREE Presbyterian Outlook Webinar Tomorrow

Come to the Presbytery office for the next Presbyterian Outlook Webinar beginning at 2PM Tuesday, September 27 for “Overcoming Invisibility”, the first of an 8-part series of Turnaround Strategies for Your Church Featuring Tom Ehrich, church consultant, founder of the Church Wellness Project and author of the “Multichannel Church” column in the *Outlook*. In this Webinar Tom will address the challenge of overcoming invisibility. So how CAN you get the attention of the community you’re seeking to serve ... via ... social media, lead generation, a pastor’s blog, “push marketing” ...Mark your

calendar for the rest of the Webinars in this series (all on Tuesdays at the same time). Providence Presbytery is planning to make all of them available and provide time and a facilitator for discussion after each webinar. [Find out more online.](#)

Common Ground Youth Program Re-organizing

There has been some interest in beginning again the "Common Ground" Youth Group cluster with once a month meetings for those churches with one or a few youth. If your church would be interested in joining, please come to an informational planning meeting at Michael's Rock Hill Grill on Tuesday, Oct 4 at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP with Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org by Friday, Sept 30 so she can make a reservation for lunch.

Christmas at Presbyterian College - "Child of the Stable"

Christmas at Presbyterian College is the singular most engaging Christmas performance in South Carolina involving choirs, orchestras, handbells, dance, audience-participation, sets, lighting, and story! Every Fall term, the faculty and students of the Department of Music prepare for outstanding performances that occur on the first weekend of December. Audiences thrill to the music, motion, and message presented. The 2011 performances are December 2, 3, and 4. More information can be found on the [PC website.](#)

Seeking Church Musician Position

We have been contacted by a local musician seeking a position as Organist or Music Director in an area church. This person has a Masters of Music Degree and over twenty years' experience. If you are interested, contact her directly at (704) 507-3673

PC Youth Day Coming November 9

Mark your calendars now for [Presbyterian College's annual Youth Day](#) on November 19, 2011! The Celtic Cross Leadership Team is planning a new and exciting program this year designed for Middle and High School students. Enjoy a day of fellowship, food, football game, and recognition of the Outstanding Church Youth Leader nominees and overall winner. Scholarships for all nominees are \$1,000 per year, first and second runners up is \$2,500 per year, and winner is \$5,000 per year if nominees and winner choose to attend PC. Come to PC for Youth Day! You won't be disappointed! [Registration and Nomination Forms available online.](#)

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

The Leadership Coaching Project: "Charting My Course as a Leader" November 2011-April 2012: Although attending retreats and conferences are inspirational and restful, few of those experiences result in transformation. The Leadership Coaching Project is a coaching experience clergy and church staff designed to facilitate growth and change over a six-month period. Our goal is to help clergy and church staff raise their leadership effectiveness around specific leadership competencies. For more information about this program, visit the Pinnacle Leadership website at <http://www.pinnaclelead.com/pdf/LCP.pdf>.

Let Us Run with Perseverance...

October 23-27: Getting Unstuck Workshop: Congregational teams of leaders are encouraged to register as a group, and in support of this, Montreat Conference Center is offering an incentive of **\$25 off the program fee when more than one person from your church registers to attend (first registration fee is at full price)**. There is no cap on the number of individuals who can benefit from this incentive, and many churches have already taken advantage of this special offer. For more information, email [Susan Akduman](mailto:Susan.Akduman@montreat.org) or contact her by phone at 800.572.2257, ext. 339. ***Lead your people in new and faithful kinds of ways. Imagine God's call for this time and place. Get unstuck. [Register now. \[Learn more and register online for Montreat's\]\(#\)](#)***

Institute for Church Leadership.

Around the Presbytery

First Presbyterian of Rock Hill at the Corner of E. Main and Saluda Streets welcomes everyone to our All Church Bazaar and Yard Sale on Friday, September 30th, 4– 7PM. and Saturday, October 1st, 8AM – 1PM. Join us for a home cooked breakfast and Pete's Bar-B-Q lunch. Shop for homemade baked and canned goods, gently used furniture, household items, clothing, jewelry, books, electronics, special holiday and children's sections. We have something for everyone! Plus BAG-O-CLOTHES for \$5. Proceeds support the church's projects and missions.

Grace Presbyterian in Fort Mill is kicking-off the season with our first family activity to be offered the first Sunday of the month. On Sunday, October 2, Grace Presbyterian Church will have its Grace Family First Kick-off Picnic at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Bruce T. Rush Pavilion. The picnic starts at 12:30pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We'll provide burgers and hot dogs. There'll be games for all ages, music, and more. For more information contact the church office or see our website www.gracewired.org.

Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church celebrates 240 years of service to our Lord in the community Saturday, October 8, beginning at 10 a.m. There will be history, music and food representative of the time the church was established in 1771. All are invited to join us and bring your favorite food to share at the noon meal. If you like shaped-note singing, bring your Sacred Harp book (1991 Edition) and join in. Special guest will be Kitty Wilson Evans.

The **Grace Presbyterian Church** Book Club will be hosting Dr. Robert Leslie of Rock Hill for a discussion of his book, *Angels in the ER* at 7pm Tuesday, October 11 at the church building, 2955 W. Hwy 160, Fort Mill, SC. Please join us for this great opportunity to chat about writing and creating books with a local author. For more information see our website: www.gracewired.org, or call the church office, (803) 548-0800.

Once again **Grace Presbyterian Church** in Fort Mill will be selling pumpkins for Fall décor. The patch will be open 9am-7pm Monday-Saturday and noon-7pm on Sundays beginning October 16 and ending October 31. We have some special additions this year. Forever Smiles Photography will be onsite on Monday and Wednesday mornings as well as Saturdays. \$10 gets you a professional photo! Large groups are invited to join us by appointment only Mon-Fri from 9-12. \$5/child covers an individual pumpkin, story time/activities and a class pumpkin. Email joy@gracewired.org to schedule your group ASAP! Spots are filling up fast! Proceeds go to fund church youth activities and mission trips. Visit our website at www.gracewired.org.

Positions Available

Cook Needed

Part time year round cook needed at Bethelwoods Camp. Some group cooking experience preferred. This is a part time position that is mostly on weekends throughout the non-summer months and can be full time in the summer. Cook must be a committed Christian who is able to serve meals in a timely fashion, maintain a clean kitchen, and have positive interaction with a wide variety of guest groups. Call the camp at 803-366-3722 for more information and to set up an interview.

First Presbyterian Church of York, SC is seeking to fill a children's ministry position. We are open to the possibility of combining these two positions if the appropriate person can be found. [See the Job Descriptions Online.](#)

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

2011 Presbytery Meeting Schedule
Sunday, October 16--Grace Presbyterian Church (York)

Coming This Week

- 9/26 Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team—6PM (Grace Lancaster)
9/27 Second Harvest Partners—10AM (Flint Hill Baptist)
9/29 Second Harvest Partners—10AM (**Mount Zion Baptist-York County**)
***Note Location Change!**
9/29 [Metrolina Leadership Connection](#)—11AM-3PM (Bethelwoods)
10/1 [Presbyterian Women Spiritual Retreat](#)—9AM-Noon (Bethelwoods)

Next Week

- 10/4 Mission Discernment Task Force Advisory Committee --5PM (Presbytery Office)
10/4 Common Ground Organizational Meeting—12:30PM
10/6 Second Harvest Partners—10AM (Union Baptist Family Life Center)

Coming Soon!

- 10/16 Presbytery Meeting 2:30PM (Grace York, Fort Mill)
10/18 Second Harvest Partners—10AM (Jerusalem Baptist)
11/5 Belk Charity Day Sale (Contact [Barbara Kurz](#) for your tickets)
11/11-13 Fall Lay School of Theology (White Oak Conference Center)
11/19 Presbyterian College Youth Day
12/1 [Presbyterian Foundation--Magic of Christmas at Charlotte Symphony](#)

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.