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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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“Here is a test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.”

[Richard Bach](#)

FROM THE PRESBYTERY PRAYER CALENDAR

February 19: Beaver Creek, Kershaw, SC (15 members)

Prayer Request: Please pray that God will continue to bless our people and our ministries as we enter our 241st year.

Congratulations!

St. Paul Presbyterian Church is celebrating 63 years in ministry on 2/12/2012! We celebrate with you, St. Paul, and joyously anticipate all that God will do through you in the next 63 years!

Summer Programming Help is Available: Curriculum Preview TOMORROW!

It's time to make plans for summer programming. Let Kathryn McGregor and the Providence Presbytery Resource Center help you. Drop in for a Summer Curriculum Preview at the offices of Providence Presbytery on Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm or 5:00-7:00 pm. [See flyer for more info.](#)

Worship 4 YOUth at Bethelwoods 2/12/2012

Come out to Bethelwoods' Horton Lodge this Sunday evening (2/12) from 5-7PM for a worship experience for YOUth! We will have a wonderful dinner, crazy group games, and a time to praise and worship together. With worship music and a great message delivered by some of Bethelwoods Summer Staff, it is sure to be fun for all! If you would like a fun evening at Camp to eat, praise God, hang out with friends, and end the weekend with a bang, Call or Email us to reserve to space for your Youth Group or Individuals at 803.366.3722 or info@bethelwoods.org. Cost is \$3 per person.

Annual Youth Mission Retreat Scheduled for March

Join us for the 2012 Youth Mission Retreat--March 16-17 at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. In a society focused on getting more, having more and doing more, we will focus on BEING MORE. With the theme, "Created to be MORE," this weekend we will claim our identity as children of faith and explore our call in ministry and mission. [Click here for Brochure and Registration Packet.](#)

Don't Miss Opportunities to Meet Iraq-born Peacemaker This Week!

Dr. Mazen Asaqa, international peacemaker and native of Mosul (Nineveh), Iraq, will speak at several locations in Providence and Charlotte Presbyteries in February. You are welcome to attend any of the following events featuring Asaqa: February 8th - 6:30PM at Unity Presbyterian, Fort Mill; February 12th - 9:45AM at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian, Rock Hill (Combined Adult Sunday School Event); February 13th - 7:30PM at Barnes Recital Hall, Winthrop University; February 14th -noon at Jackson's Cafeteria (Men's Group Lunch open to Ministers, Educators and Others); February 14-7PM

at Grace Presbyterian (Fort Mill); February 15th-6:30PM at First Presbyterian, Union, SC (Potluck Dinner and Presentation. Guests are invited to bring a covered dish to share). For more information about Asaqa's visit, please contact richards@comporium.net. To see his full schedule, visit http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Flyers/Mazin_schedule.pdf.

Is your church Dwelling in Luke 10? Let us know!

How is your church doing with the assignment of "Dwelling in the Word"? How many groups have participated in this exercise in your church family? Remember, all Providence Presbytery churches were asked to complete this exercise before the March Presbytery Meeting. We will begin calling churches soon to ask you to share your experiences. If you need more information, check the "BREAKING NEWS" box on the presbytery home page at www.providencepres.org. The exercise links are available here: [Mission Discernment Task Force Report](#) ; [Dwelling in the Word Process](#); [Luke 10:1-12](#).

Mark Your Calendar for March 4th!

For an exciting and engaging worship experience, come to *Great Falls Presbyterian in Great Falls (Chester County) at 11AM on March 4th* to experience worship designed and offered by the nine youth from across Providence Presbytery who joined together in the E3 "Worship Matters" Workshop. This worship service is the culmination of their workshop experience. All Providence Presbyterians and friends are invited.

Presbyterian Women Announce Spring Gathering 2012

The Presbyterian Women are pleased to invite all women in Providence Presbytery to our annual Spring Gathering entitled, "SHARING GOD'S LOVE – MAKING A DIFFERENCE." To be held on April 14 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, this event is sure to be inspirational. Registration begins at 9AM and the cost of lunch is \$7. See our flyer at www.providencepres.org/Communications/Flyers/SpringGathering2012.pdf

Special Speakers scheduled for Second Harvest Partners Annual Meeting

Second Harvest Partners welcomes all to our Annual Meeting to be held on February 23 at 6:30PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church. In addition to honoring our participating churches for the 2011 year, we are pleased to welcome speakers Steve Hardy of York County Habitat for Humanity and Abong Ngranui-Fankam, recipient of the 2012 Pride Global Outreach Award. [See the Flyer.](#)

Lilly Endowment Offers as many as 150 Grants for Clergy Renewal

Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to strengthen Christian congregations by providing an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. In the 2012 National Clergy Renewal Program, the Endowment anticipates awarding as many as 150 grants of up to \$50,000 each directly to Christian congregations for the support of a renewal program for their pastor. Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used for congregational expenses associated with the renewal program. **Deadline for submission of proposals is May 11, 2012.** Notification of grant awards will be made in September 2012. [Find out more on the Lilly Endowment Website.](#)

Are you Considering a Mission Trip in 2012?

Providence Presbytery is offering a couple of Mission Opportunities to enable you to journey beyond the borders of our everyday lives; to develop and use new skills and understanding; and to explore what God intends for each of us. These life changing opportunities are: **Youth Mission Retreat 2012** at Bethelwoods-March 16-17, 2012. Participants will join with other Middle and High Schoolers of our presbytery to serve others and learn ways to alleviate hunger in our area ([Register Here](#)).

Dental and Optical Mission to Honduras 2012-May 25 - June 2, 2012. Health workers and non-technical volunteers will be spending a week working in the mountains near La Esperanza operating dental and medical clinics for the poverty stricken people of that area. Find out more or Register at www.providencepres.org/missiontrips. Contact phledd@truvista.net.

Does your Church or Organization Need a good, used Copier?

Allison Creek Presbyterian has Two copiers for sale: Ricoh Aficio 3235C (Color) with Multi-tray Finisher - \$500; and a Ricoh Aficio 2232C (Color)-broken but will sale for parts to best offer. These are approximately 7-8 years old and sold as-is with no guarantees. These are commercial machines, and hopefully will go to an organization with a service contractor to maintain for years of service life. They are located at Allison Creek Presbyterian Church. If interested, contact Mark Sleeper at 704-609-3135 or mjsleeper@earthlink.net

Charlotte is Host City for 2012 Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Join us for The 2012 National Stewardship Kaleidoscope in Charlotte March 12-14. Gratitude and Generosity: Living the Faith is focus of 2012 Stewardship Kaleidoscope. More than ever before, leaders need resources that will help them teach, preach and practice successful stewardship. Join us as we learn how to make stewardship ministries come alive in our congregations and presbyteries. [Register by February 20 and save!](#)

Call Fair Scheduled for February 2012 at CTS

Columbia Theological Seminary will host its seventh annual Call Fair for Pastor Nominating Committees on Friday, **February 17, 2012**, from **1:00 to 4:00** p.m. The event is designed to help connect graduating seniors with congregations and organizations that have openings for leadership positions. The registration form is [available online](#). For more information about the Call Fair and student placement, contact Judy Graves in the Office of Student Services at gravesj@ctsnet.edu or 404-687-4523.

Space still Available for Montreat Middle School Conference

There is still room for more youth to join the Presbytery's group going to the Montreat Middle School Conference at PC July 18-22. So, spread the word! The total cost for participants registering now will be \$395.00. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit and the attached application are due by Feb. 23 in order to secure registration. The remainder of the registration fee (\$285.00) is due on May 9. [More information and a registration form are available online.](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: [EEMT Leadership Scholarships Available](#)

Presbyterian Outlook Webinars Available at Providence Presbytery Office

Providence Presbytery offers a group showing of a variety of webinars for churches provided by the Presbyterian Outlook. All webinars are FREE to participants and are held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday afternoons at the presbytery office. The group will share in conversation following each hour and half long webinar. Upcoming webinars include:

NEXT WEEK! Feb. 14: Turnaround Strategies for your Church: Rethinking affiliation

March 13: Turnaround Strategies for your Church: Rethinking stewardship

April 10: Turnaround Strategies for your Church: 21st century communicating

May 8: Turnaround Strategies for your Church: Ending power struggles

More information on particular webinars can be found at the Presbyterian Outlook's homepage under "Special Offers": <http://www.pres-outlook.com/>. You may register to join the group showing for any or all of the upcoming webinars by contacting Kathryn McGregor at kmcgregor@providencepres.org or 800-922-1609, ext. 6.

Spring Metrolina Leadership Connection Features Von Clemans

Please join us for the Spring Metrolina Leadership Connection event to be held on Thursday, March 8 from 11-3 at Bethelwoods. Von Clemans from Meyers Park Pres. Church in Charlotte will be presenting a workshop entitled "Tech Tools & Rules for Teaching." Von has a great deal of knowledge in internet resources and will give us time to explore some of these in the workshop. You can find out more here:

http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Metrolina/Metrolina.pub_3_12.pdf.

Registration is available online, or you may print the registration form and mail it to my attention at the address below.

Musicians Invited to February PAM Regional Gathering

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Regional Gathering will take place February 25 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. Two sessions are dedicated to "Glory to God", the new resource. Gathering begins at 9AM on 2/25. More information will be sent to registrants.

Contact peterh@fpcandersonsc.com with questions. For more information and Registration:

<http://presbysmusic.org/conferences.html#regionalsoutheast>

Mark your calendars now for VOICE: May 25-28, 2012

People throughout history have heard God's Voice calling them to be people sent out into a world that is desperate for new imagination and leadership. Using their own voices, they have brought radical transformation to societies across the globe. How might we, too, be among those who hear and follow that Voice today? Make plans now to take part. And share the news with friends and colleagues. Ask about our incentives for group registrations. Learn more and register online.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Grace Presbyterian Hosts Peacemaker

Grace Presbyterian Church, 2955 W. Hwy 160, Fort Mill will host Dr. Mazen Asaqa on February 14 at 7:00pm as he presents "The Journey, One Faith, Multiple Stops." Dr. Asaqa was born in Iraq and served in the Presbyterian Church there. His visit is sponsored by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Give the Gift of Life

Beth Shiloh will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, Feb 23rd from 3:30 to 7:30. Schedule Appointment at 800 733 2767. Up to 3 individuals can receive life-sustaining treatment from your single donation of whole blood.

Positions Available

Due to the retirement of Penny Arnold, Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is looking for a Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations. Please send resumes to Katherine R. Ligon, President, 2817 Ashland Road, Columbia, SC 29210. For additional information about the position contact Penny Arnold, same address or toll free 1-888-842-4855.

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

2012 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

3/15	First Presbyterian Church, York
6/24	Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center
10/14	Bethesda Presbyterian Church, McConnells

Coming This Week

2/6	Honduras Mission Partnership Training—6PM (Presbytery Office)
2/7	Curriculum Preview –10AM-Noon and 5PM-7PM (Presbytery Office)
2/8-2/15	International Peacemaker Visit: Mazan Asaqa-- See the Schedule

- 2/9 Coordinating Team (formerly Council of Presbytery)—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
2/12 Confirmation Cluster—3-5PM (Bethelwoods)
2/12 Worship 4 YOUTH—5-7PM (Bethelwoods)

Next Week

- 2/13 Hunger Action Team—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)
2/14 Presbyterian Outlook Webinar—2-4PM (Presbytery Office)
2/15 Interfaith Group—10:30AM-Noon (Presbytery Office)

Coming Soon!

- 3 /4 Habitat for Humanity-Faith Build—3PM (Crawford Road)
3/8 Metrolina Leadership Connection—11AM (Bethelwoods)
3/12-13 Leader of Leaders Event
3/16-17 Youth Mission Retreat (Bethelwoods)
3/20 SHP Mobile Food Pantry—11AM (Woodlawn Presbyterian)
4/14 Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering
4/26-29 National Multicultural Conference (Charlotte)
5/25-6/2 Medical Mission Trip to Honduras
7/18-22 Montreat Middle School Conference at PC

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.

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