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Networking, and a World of Relationships. Presbyterians connect in countless ways, especially when it comes to doing mission and ministry—in real, face-to-face life, and in the ever-growing world of digital and online media. This issue of Presbyterians Today takes a fascinating look at many of the approaches that individuals, congregations, presbyteries and synods, and other organizations and communities take to work together and help transform the world in the name of Christ. [Read digital edition](#)

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PW/Horizons Bible Study Preview Scheduled for August 27. A PW/Horizons Bible study preview will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 9:00 am-noon, at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, 218 Concord Rd., Davidson, NC. Professor George W. Ramsey will lead the preview of Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes, the 2016-17 study that examines various perspectives on Jesus found in the Bible and elsewhere. The cost of the preview is \$10/person. To register online, go to [Davidson Presbyterian Church website](#) or send a check to DCPC, PO Box 337, Davidson, NC 28036.

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Center for Lifelong Learning offers a variety of great classes this fall. [Check out the entire lineup.](#) Below are two examples: Oct. 20 – 23 [Practicing Sabbath \(Certificate in Spiritual Formation\)](#)

Sabbath keeping is a central and persistent theme in biblical theology, and as a spiritual practice it has the potential to reorient our lives towards God's re-creative and rejuvenating love. The goal of this course is to re-discover the purpose, place, and practice of Sabbath in our Christian lives and spiritual formation.

Oct. 21 [Talking Politics During Polarized Times](#)

The church is one of the few places left in society where persons of diverse political perspectives still gather together and talk--and its place as a community of moral discourse in this regard is receding. This one-day program is for clergy and others who want to think about how to deal with public political issues as a church during the run-up to the 2016 national elections.

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Churches Partner to offer Support for Law Enforcement Officers. Beth Shiloh Presbyterian and New Home AME Zion churches hosted an appreciation lunch last Wednesday from 11AM-1PM for the Sheriff's Department of York County. The churches are planning to expand this program to other law enforcement in their area. Sheriff Bruce Bryant said the weekday program was much appreciated as it gave officers a chance to dine with folks in the community during the regular work-week. Churches interested in hosting the sheriff's office or other outreach to officers may contact Major Robbie Hudgins to coordinate at 803-628-3062.

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Presbyterians in Providence Presbytery have been offering our dimes for 38 years. So far we have collected 15,931,192 dimes! Those dimes translate into a lot of HOPE for our many neighbors here in Chester, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union, and York Counties who are hungry. They also bring HOPE to our more distant neighbors in Guatemala, Honduras, and Malawi. [Read the entire "Minute for Dimes 2016".](#) Join us for our annual kickoff dinner **Sunday, September 11 at 5:30PM at Bethelwoods Lake Lodge.** Several agencies will share how they use the DFH funds that they receive. Several churches share what they do to have a successful DFH season. Reserve your \$7 meal by September 6 by calling 803-328-6269. [Find out more.](#)



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Seniors, Caregivers and Healthcare Professionals-Don't Miss the ICE Senior Expo 2016. Join us for the 11th Annual FREE 2016 ICE Senior Expo on October 17th 11:30AM-2PM. Free Health Screenings and Lunch. Flu Shots offered by Rite Aid. The event will be held at Winthrop University Student Activity Center at the Corner of Charlotte Ave. & Eden Terrace. For more participant and vendor information, call 803-329-9670. [See the flyer.](#)

Covenant Presbyterian Invites you to their Yard Sale .SATURDAY, September 17, 2016 (RAIN or SHINE). YARD SALE. 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1830 Mt Gallant Road (corner of Celanese Road & Mt Gallant), Covenant Presbyterian Women Yard Sale. Rent a space for \$25 by contacting Pam East at peast@rmail.org or call Lisa at the church office 803 366-8223.

Save the date: The PW Fall Gathering is Saturday, October 1, 2016, in Horton Lodge at Bethelwoods. Come to hear “Conversations on the Porch” with women of the Bible. Registration with continental breakfast begins at 9:30; lunch is \$10. For more information, please contact Shirnetha Belk-Wilform at belk3@comporium.net or 803-287-0111.

Affirmation of York County Changes Meeting Location. We offer a huge thank you to Grace Presbyterian Church for welcoming our group. We have met there for 2 years and 8 months and are so appreciative of their hosting us. In order to try to increase our presence in York County, we have made the decision to move to a church more centrally located. Beginning in September, Affirmation of York County will be meeting at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2370 W Main St, Rock Hill, SC 29732. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Dates for the next 4 months are as follows: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13. Please join us as we celebrate the LGBTQ community and offer support to them as well as their family and friends.

Oakland Avenue Van for Sale: 1998 Chevrolet white 15-passenger van with air, cruise control and only 67,164 miles. \$5,000, reasonable offers considered. Contact Frank Price, 803-417-4866 for more information.

Faith Seeks Pulpit and Communion Table for Sanctuary. Faith Presbyterian Church hopes to find one or more church congregation who might allow them to borrow a sanctuary pulpit, a sanctuary communion table (preferably that look good together) and mobile staging. We would certainly take good care of these beloved items, and we will return them to you. If you know of churches with surplus, please let David Bender know: DMBender33@aol.com.

Parents! Mark your Calendar for Bethelwoods FALL Kids Nights Out. Open to all children currently in K5—6th Grade. Includes Dinner and Craft. Cost is \$15 for 1st child, \$10 for 2nd, and \$5 for every child after that. The Next KNO is the *September 9th LEGO Night!* [Find out more.](#)



First Presbyterian Beaufort, SC seeks Church Office Administrator. We are looking for a candidate to fill our new position, Church Office Administrator. Please review the [job description](#) and submit cover letter and resume to my email address - buzinesslady@hotmail.com.

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8/30	Hunger Action Team	Presbytery Office	6:30PM
9/1	Committee on Ministry	Presbytery Office	5:30PM
9/5	Labor Day--Office Closed		
9/6	1001 Worshipping Communities	Presbytery Office	5:30PM
9/7	Historical Society Board Meeting	Presbytery Office	2PM
9/8	Mission and Outreach Ministry Team	Presbytery Office	6:30PM
9/10	CRRR	Presbytery Office	10:30AM
9/11	Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Dinner	Bethelwoods	5:30PM
9/13	Administrative Ministry Team	Presbytery Office	5:30PM
9/15	Educators Meeting	Presbytery Office	noon-2PM
9/15	Coordinating Team	Presbytery Office	5:30PM
10/1	PW Fall Gathering	Bethelwoods	9:30AM
10/16	Presbytery Meeting	Covenant Presbyterian, Rock Hill	

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.