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**Mediation Skills Training offers discount for registration prior to February 9.** Time to follow through on those New Year's Resolutions! Resolve now to address the conflict in your congregation that damages relationships and derails your ministries. Sign up for a training event that a previous participant called "the best model for mediation that I have experienced in more than three decades of ordained ministry"! Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI) March 12-16, 2018 Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Columbia, SC. [Find out more](#).

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**Get Ready for Lent.** Lent is a season of reflection and action. During these 40 days we follow Jesus to Jerusalem, taking stock of where we willingly go and where we hesitate and turn back. May these devotions be a helpful guide along the journey to the cross, grave and finally to the empty tomb. Download devotions in PDF form from Presbyterian Outlook. Five weeks of Lenten Devotions plus a bonus prayer for Holy Week are available for immediate download on Presbyterian Outlook site for \$19.99. A preview is available for free from [here](#).

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**Voltz to Play February 11 Concert in Rock Hill.** On Sunday February 11 at 7:00 p.m. [Frank Voltz](#), renowned harpist, pianist and composer will be giving a concert at Mt. Holly United Methodist Church on 901 in Rock Hill, SC. The concert is free to all. Come hear hymns played on the harp in a refreshing Voltz style like a harp should sound! Frank is an accomplished composer and arranger; and a highly respected clinician and teacher.

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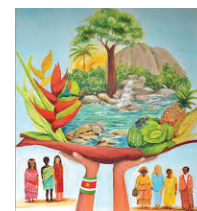
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**Confirmation Curriculum Samples Available Now.** [Download samples](#) today of the new PC(USA) Confirmation Curriculum Available June 2018. Big Questions: Big God, the brand-new confirmation curriculum for PC(USA) congregations helps youth tell their own story as Christian believers and focuses on preparing students to authentically answer the traditional membership questions. You can download PDFs of sample sessions for each curriculum component [here](#), or you can order a free physical copy of the confirmation curriculum sampler, by [clicking here](#). Also, you can check out a sample video by [clicking on this video link](#).

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**Montreat Women's Connection Retreat set for August 10-12.** Women's Connection 2018 will seek to be a time for women to find encouragement, empowerment, connection, comfort, and challenge. We will do this through powerful and authentic worship led by women, providing space for honest and faithful conversation, and allowing time for discernment and renewing rest. The event's keynote speaker will be divinity professor, young mother, historian, and author Kate Bowler! At thirty-five, after writing her first book about the American prosperity Gospel, Bowler was a professor at the school of divinity at Duke and a new mother when she received the earth-shattering diagnosis of Stage IV colon cancer. Reckoning with the news, Bowler discovered, to her chagrin, that she would have to learn how to give up her own "prosperity gospel." As she struggled to find the balance between optimism and delusion, she wondered how to accept her own finitude without feeling like she was giving up. As she learns to live with cancer as a chronic condition, Bowler speaks powerfully about the ways in which her brush with mortality transformed her. She also frankly addresses the uniquely American concept that tragedy is a test of character, and looks at the different ways that people try to rationalize suffering and catastrophe, for better or worse. [Register online.](#)

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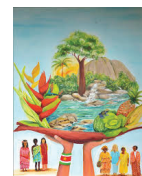
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The Rev Dr Heahwan Rim entered the Church Triumphant on February 24th. Services were held today in Tampa. Please keep Heahwan's family in your prayers during these days.

**Syrian Working Group to host a Lunch and Learn TOMORROW, February 27.** The Syrian Working Group invites all interested to Oakland Avenue's Fellowship Hall for lunch next Tuesday 2/27 from 11:30AM-1PM for a discussion entitled "Putting a Face on the Syrian Crisis: The Syrian-Lebanese Border Today." This talk will feature Tina Manley and Helen Guinness discussing their first-hand experiences during the Syria/Lebanon Partnership Network Tour to Lebanon and Syria in May 2017. Cost for lunch is \$6. Please contact OAPC at 803-327-2006 to reserve your lunch.

**Mark your Calendar** for the next Syrian Working Group Event on **March 5th** at Winthrop University, Owens Hall Room G-2 will feature the topic, "Putting a Face on Syria: The Education of Syrian Refugee Children in Lebanon" and will be facilitated by Tina Manley and Helen Guinness.

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**Spring Lay School Session Coming in March.** Have you been thinking about becoming a Lay Pastor? or thinking about ways to grow your faith and understanding of Scripture? If so, you should consider Lay School, a joint program among the five presbyteries of South Carolina. Our next session meets at Presbyterian College March 16-18, 2018. [Find out more.](#)

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**OAPC Invites You to Display your Quilt at April Quilt Show.** As a part of 2018 Come-See Me, we at OAPC would like to open our doors to the community to share the beauty and heritage of the many quilts cherished by families of OAPC and all the churches in Providence Presbytery. To Include your family's quilt, [please fill out this form](#) and return it by March 23rd. Questions? Contact Martee Patton 803-517-1669 or [mcpatton@comporium.net](mailto:mcpatton@comporium.net).

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