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**Dr. Martin Luther King shared in his writings 6 principles that lead to "Beloved Community."** On Saturday, February 11th at 6:00 pm you are invited to the Oratory Retreat Center in Rock Hill (434 Charlotte Ave) to a "[Beloved Community](#)" event sponsored by [The Children of Abraham](#), a group of local leaders who seek to find ways for Christians, Muslims, and Jews to build community with one another. Rev. Sonya Burns, AMEZ pastor, will provide an overview and then small groups will discuss how to apply these principles in how we relate to immigrants, refugees, and people of different faiths in our community. Contact Rev. Sam McGregor at [pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com](mailto:pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com) for more information.



**Wofford College will host a conference on South Carolina's last lynching, the subsequent trial, a courageous sermon and the continuing challenge of preaching to confront racism.**

The Feb. 17 event will feature the launch of the book "Who Lynched Willie Earle: Preaching to Confront Racism," written by Dr. Will Willimon, a 1968 Wofford graduate and retired United Methodist bishop. The conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Leonard Auditorium in Main Building. It is free and open to the public; lunch will be offered for \$10.



**Suicide Awareness Workshop to be offered in Columbia Area Feb. 9th.** Soul Shop is a one day training for adults who counsel or lead other adults in a nonprofit or for-profit setting. This workshop is aimed at helping people find their best minds in times of personal crisis by addressing suicidal thinking as a regular aspect of ministry or counseling. Soul Shop will be held Thursday, February 9, 2017, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, 5503 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29072. The cost of the workshop is \$50.00. (Lunch and 0.55 CEUs from Palmetto Health Counseling; 5.5 Contact Hours from Palmetto Health Counseling included with \$50 registration fee.) [Register here.](#)

**Celebrating the Life and Ministry of Frank Williams.** All are invited to a service to celebrate the life and ministry of Frank Williams on Saturday, February 18th at 1PM at Doby's Bridge. Frank was a beloved member of our presbytery who selflessly offered the Star of Bethlehem workshop series throughout our presbytery over the years. He entered the Church Triumphant in December while wintering in Washington state. Please celebrate his life with us if you can, and continue to keep Barbara and the rest of the family in your prayers in the coming months.

**Massed Ecumenical Concert to Benefit The Haven's Men's Shelter February 11.** On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 4:30PM at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 144 Caldwell St. in Rock Hill, there will be a massed ecumenical choir concert and sung service to benefit The Haven men's shelter, Rock Hill. The choir will be under the direction of Tim Moe, Music Director, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, with organist/accompanist: Greg Reynolds, Music Director, Neely's Creek ARP. This is open to any interested choir members from around the area. Contact Tim Moe at [tmoe@oapc.us](mailto:tmoe@oapc.us) for information. (Music to be sung by the massed choir includes: Brahms: "How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place"; Mendelssohn: "There Shall a Star"; Mozart: "Ave Verum Corpus"; André Thomas: "Keep Your Lamps"; Vaughan Williams: "Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C"; and K. Lee Scot: "Have You Not Known?". The service music and psalm will be sung by the Adult Choir of the The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Virginia S. Moe, Music Director.) [POSTER AVAILABLE ONLINE.](#)

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**Dimes for Hunger 2016 UPDATE.** The numbers are in. In 2016 YOU gave \$52,461.78 to feed hungry people locally and around the world. Since 1977, together, we have given \$1,645,580.95 to feed hungry people. Thank you for again joining with fellow Providence Presbyterians to answer Jesus call to "give them something to eat." [Find out more.](#)





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**Looking for a way to help Syrian Refugees? “Putting a Face on Syria: Hope Through Education” is continuing to raise money for scholarships** for Syrian refugee children through the sale of note cards available for purchase at the Presbytery office. A set of 15 assorted note cards is \$25. It costs approximately \$1500 to educate one child for a year, an amount that covers tuition, school supplies, transportation and food. Thank you for partnering with Providence Presbytery to provide an education for Syrian refugee children. 100% of the money for the cards goes to scholarships and your purchase amount is tax deductible. Contact Ann White at [ann@providencepres.org](mailto:ann@providencepres.org) to order your note cards today.

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**Director of Christian Education Needed.** Johns Island Presbyterian Church, a 300 member church near Charleston, SC, is seeking a Director of Christian Education. This position recognizes the need for a coordinated effort in JICP's faith formation for all ages and ministry groups, nursery through adult. We expect that the educator will become involved and support our current ministries. In addition, he/she will develop a comprehensive education plan and engage in leadership development. Full time: \$40,000 plus excellent benefits. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to [info@jipc.org](mailto:info@jipc.org) or by mail to Johns Island Presbyterian Church, 2550 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, South Carolina 29455.

## COMING SOON

2/7	Hunger Action Team	Presbytery Office	6PM
2/9	Committee on Ministry	Presbytery Office	5:30PM
2/13	Advisory Com on Constitutional Amendments	Presbytery Office	7PM
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Hebron, Blackstock, SC  
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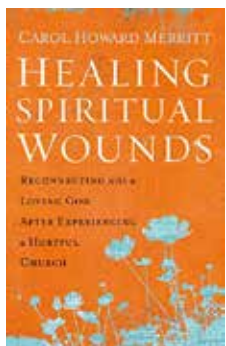
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**Merritt Offers Healing from Spiritual Wounds Study.** Author Carol Howard Merritt offers an effective plan to help those suffering from wounds inflicted by the church find spiritual healing and a renewed sense of faith. Though participation and affiliation in traditional religious institutions is waning, many people still believe in God. Merritt contends that many leave the church because they have lost trust in the institution, not in God. *Healing Spiritual Wounds* addresses the church's dichotomous image—as a safe space and as a dangerous place—and provides a way to restore personal faith and connection to God for those who have been hurt or betrayed by established institutions of faith. Merritt lays out a multistage plan for moving from pain to spiritual rebirth, from recovering theological and emotional shards to recovering communal wholeness. [Find it on Amazon.](#)



**The Thoughtful Christian offers Discounted Lenten Studies.** Lent is the perfect time for reflection, both individually and collectively. On our site you'll find 10+ devotionals and group studies that are designed to guide you through the Lenten season. Click below to browse resources by best-selling authors like Walter Bruggemann, Marjorie J. Thompson, N.T. Wright, and Rowan Williams. Hurry—sale prices end 2/15! [Check out our Lenten Studies.](#)

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**South Carolina Inn has a New EMail Address.** We have updated our website and it can still be found at [scinnmontreat.org](http://scinnmontreat.org) as well as [schomemontreat.org](http://schomemontreat.org). The new email address to contact the inn is [scinnmontreat@gmail.com](mailto:scinnmontreat@gmail.com).



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**New in the Resource Center:** The following Lenten Studies are New in the Resource Center this year. Lenten Reflections on The Confession of Belhar by Allen & McKim; Meeting God in Paul: Reflections for the Season of Lent by Williams; 40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words: Lenten Reflections for Everyday Life by Bruce Reyes-Chow; Make Room: A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter by Alary; Encounters with Luther: New Directions for Critical Studies By Stjerna & Schramm, editors; Moments with Martin Luther: 95 Daily Devotions by McKim; A Letter to My Anxious Christian Friends: From Fear to Faith in Unsettled Times by Gushee; and Prosecuting Jesus: Finding Christ by Putting Him on Trial by Osler. Stop by the Resource Center Mon-Fri, 9-5, to take a look at these new books!

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**Take your children on an adventure this Spring!** Explore the stories of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel and discover Jesus' call to forgive, to lead by serving, and to celebrate with gratitude the gift of new life. [Find out more.](#)

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**Free Lenten Resources from Bread for the World.** Bread for the World believes ongoing prayer is essential for creating and sustaining the political will needed to achieve the end of extreme hunger by 2030. To encourage this outpouring of prayers, each year we produce [Lenten Prayers for Hungry People](#). This six-panel “table tent” includes the Scripture lessons appointed for the five Sundays in Lent as well as the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday). Ash Wednesday opens Lent on March 1 this year. You are welcome to [download](#) or order print copies of Lenten Prayers for Hungry People to share with family, friends, and members of your church or parish. Order print copies of Lenten Prayers for Hungry People at [this link](#).

**Grace Presbyterian in Fort Mill Invites all to our Ash Wednesday Service.** We will have Ash Wednesday worship, March 1 at 7pm. The service will include the optional imposition of ashes as we reclaim an historic service marking the beginning of Lent. Our address is Grace Presbyterian Church, 2955 W. Hwy 160, Fort Mill, SC

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