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**No Matter Who You Are, E3 has a Class for You** on Sunday, January 8, 2017 Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC. Check-in, Bookstore and Networking is from 1:45-2:30 p.m. Opening in Sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. Session A workshops: 2:45-3:55 p.m. and Session B workshops: 4:20-5:30 p.m. [See full workshop descriptions in the online catalog.](#)

Register online at [provprese3.org](http://provprese3.org) **by Thursday, January 5.**

**Camp-4-the-Day and Childcare participants must preregister--no walk-ins will be accepted** to ensure adequate adult supervision.

Walk-in registration for other workshops are welcome as space permits.

Questions?  
Contact Ann White  
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See you on January 8!

**NEWS from Aleppo and NESSL.** Please read [here](#) the most recent letter from Mary Mikhael regarding Aleppo and NESSL work in the area.

**The 2017 Askings and Commitment forms** have been mailed to all church Treasurers. A copy of the 2017 Askings for your church can be found on our website by [clicking here](#). (\*NEW LINK) Please prayerfully consider your church's commitment to the larger church during your Stewardship process and return your Commitment Form to the presbytery. QUESTIONS?? CALL ROSE AT 1-800-922-1609 or 803-328-6269, EXT. 4

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**Men's Retreat Coming to Montreat in April.** Mantreat at Montreat--Whether it is our job, our faith, mental health struggles, family issues, or insecurities, we all have something that lies hidden in the depths of our lives. Men especially like to keep those issues hidden and out of the way. The trouble is that they are still there....This event was designed to be a gathering of men of all 'types and stripes' – a place where we could come to relax, wrestle with issues we might be facing, do a little introspection, and just be in community together. <http://www.montreat.org/mantreat/>

**Need a Supply Organist?** Anne Milne is an organist that can fill in at churches. Her phone number is 954-288-8755. She was recommended by the minister Ken Gillikin at Oakdale Presbyterian Church.

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**Sign up for Confirmation Cluster.** Bethelwoods and EEMT are hosting the annual Confirmation Cluster for churches with just a few youth. The class will begin THIS MONTH with a retreat at Bethelwoods and is designed for youth in 8th grade. If you have youth in your church you would like to be a part of this class or would like more information, contact Stephen McDonald at [stephen@bethelwoods.org](mailto:stephen@bethelwoods.org) or 803-366-3722.

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| 1/8  | <a href="#">E3--FREE Training Event REGISTER TO-DAY!</a> | Oakland Avenue Presbyterian | 1:45-5:30PM |
| 3/16 | Mission and Outreach                                     | Presbytery Office           | 6PM         |
| 3/23 | Presbytery Meeting                                       |                             |             |



**The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program is seeking applications for this year's rewards.** The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary provide funds to congregations to support renewal leaves for their pastors. Congregations may apply for grants of to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family, with up to \$15,000 of those funds available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away. There is no cost to the congregations or the pastors to apply; the grants represent the Endowment's continued investment in renewing the health and vitality of American Christian congregations. Interested parties can find more information at <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal>.

**Lenten Reflections on The Confession of Belhar** is a collection of devotional readings that lead us to answer God's call to unity, reconciliation, and justice. The devotions were written by a variety of Presbyterians, reflecting on a portion of the confession in relation to scripture texts that are associated with the confession. The forty-seven devotions cover the days of Lent, plus Sundays. Allan Boesak—The Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice, and Reconciliation Studies at Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, and a principal author of the Confession of Belhar—offers a helpful introduction that “clearly and passionately identifies Belhar's significance for the church and the world as we seek to walk with God” (from the editors' “A Note on This Book”). [Click here to order.](#)

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**Tour Dates Available for your Church.** Elisabeth Von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired The Sound of Music, will be in the Carolinas in the first quarter of 2017 offering free concerts at churches throughout the area. She receives a love offering at each concert and tithes to the host church from the donations received and from the sales of her CD's. If you would like to schedule a concert, contact Von Trapp Music by telephone: 802-496-3171; or email [vtm@madriver.com](mailto:vtm@madriver.com). Want more information? <http://www.elisabethvontrapp.com>

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**YAV Application Deadline February 1.** The application date for Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) candidates interested in international placement is February 1st. Candidates are able to apply to both national and international sites. Applying before February 1st does not guarantee an international placement, however, applications must be completed by that date to be considered.

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**Boundary Training NEW DATES!** If you have not taken the Boundary Training course yet, two new dates are available for 2017. The first one is February 2nd at Grace Y in Fort Mill. (Register by 1/26.) The course will be offered again on May 2nd at Rock Hill First. (Register by 4/25.) Both workshops will be held from 8:30AM-4PM. You only need to attend ONE of the two offered workshops. If you have already completed your Boundary Training, thank you. You will NOT need to attend a workshop in 2017. [Find out more.](#) Call or email Inez to reserve your place--803-328-6269 or [iglasgow@providencepres.org](mailto:iglasgow@providencepres.org).



**Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up February 5.** "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." Have you registered your church for Souper Bowl of Caring? Online registration and promotional materials available at [souperbowl.org](http://souperbowl.org). Sign up on the Souper Bowl of Caring website to let them know you are participating. Your church will receive materials to promote your event. Hold your collection around the time of the Big Game. Donate 100% of what you collect to the charity of your choice. Report your total to the Souper Bowl of Caring via their website or by calling (800) 358-SOUP. .

**Regarding Ruling Elders: the ministry of the Lord's Supper**--People who are unable to attend worship always enjoy visits from church leaders, especially those visits when the ongoing life of the congregation is shared. "Extending the Table," celebrating the Lord's Supper with those unable to come to church can be one of highest ministries to which ruling elders are called. The Directory for Worship, in the section describing the Lord's Supper, says this: "The serving of the elements may be extended by two or more persons in the ordered ministry of the church, to those isolated from the community's worship. ... [T]he elements are to be served following worship on the same calendar day, or as soon thereafter as practically feasible, as a direct extension of the serving of the gathered congregation ..." (Book of Order, W-3.3616e). [Read the article from re:RE here.](#)

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**The Winthrop University Chorale and Chamber Singers** will present a concert on Sunday afternoon, January 29th, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Unity Presbyterian Church, located at 303 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill. The 58-voice chorale is under the direction of Dr. Kathy Kinsey. The concert is free and open to the public. We hope that you will make plans to join us for this special program.

**Beloved Community Workshop Coming to Rock Hill in February.** The Children of Abraham, a group committed to building relationships with Christians, Muslims, and Jews, is hosting an event on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00 pm at the Oratory retreat center in Rock Hill. Rev. Sonya Burns, pastor in the AMEZ Church, will lead a discussion on Dr. King's "Beloved Community." We will gather in small groups to reflect. You are invited to bring a sweet finger food to share. Contact Rev. Sam McGregor from Allison Creek at [pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com](mailto:pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com) for more information. [Feel free to share this poster with your church family.](#)



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**Way Forward Committee Establishes Process to Encourage Engagement.** The General Assembly Way Forward Commission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has released its process for receiving initial communications and suggestions from any interested PC(USA) groups or individuals. The online form is designed to assist the commission in identifying areas for continued discernment about the ministries and structure of the national denomination. This [Online form](#) is available for your input until February 28, 2017.

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**Association of Smaller Congregations 30th Annual Conference and Retreat March 17-19, 2017.** Come join other members of smaller membership congregations (100 members or less in worship) March 17-19, 2017, at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, GA, for a retreat designed to re-energize with worship, relaxation, & prayer. This year's theme is Choices: "Choose this day whom will serve." Joshua 24:15. Keynote speaker will be [Anna Carter Florence](#). To download a brochure, [click here](#).

**Greetings and every good wish.** May the year 2017 be a year of peace, love, and great joy for you and your beloved. Hope all is good. This is to acknowledge with gratitude, on behalf of the NESSL, the receipt of \$8792.32. for the church ministry among the refugee children in the camps of Lebanon and those who are in schools in Syria. The students we are educating in Lebanon for this Semester are 355 from camps in five locations. Once the winter gets warmer and cold is less we expect the number of children to grow up to 400. Those we are helping in Syrian schools are 1500. We are grateful to God for opportunity to serve and for all those who partner with us in this greatly needed service. May thanks to the Providence Presbytery for also covering the \$800. toward my ticket, and the \$412. to the Church in Aleppo. May God bless all your ministries and guide you in every way. In Christ. Mary Mikhael

**It's time to order your Presbyterians Today 2017 Lenten Devotional Meeting Jesus.** This year's new Lenten devotional by Jodi Craiglow invites us to join 47 biblical figures — one for each day of Lent — who encounter Jesus during his earthly life and ministry. Speaking in first-person conversational form, these characters tell us "in their own words" what they've seen and learned. They draw us in to share their joys and struggles, and help us understand Jesus in a newer, richer way. The narratives are rounded out with a daily Scripture reading and short prayer. [Order online today!](#)

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| 2/21 | Administrative Ministry Team              | Presbytery Office   | 5:30PM   |
| 2/23 | Coordinating Team                         | Presbytery Office   | 5:30PM   |
| 3/23 | Presbytery Meeting                        | Grace (York County) | 10AM-5PM |



**Mark your Calendars!** On Thursday, March 23 at the March Presbytery Meeting, [Beth Templeton](#) will lead a morning workshop on to help us recognize the challenges of “the have nots.” Whether or not you are a commissioner to this meeting, you are welcome to **reserve a spot** and attend the morning session workshop starting at 10AM through 12:30 or so. Lunch will be served after the workshop, and before the business meeting starts. To reserve your place for the workshop, lunch or both, please contact Inez at [iglasgow@providencepres.org](mailto:iglasgow@providencepres.org) or 803-328-6269 for reservations. We expect this to be a very popular event, so [make your reservations today!](#)

**Message from Stated Clerk, J Herbert Nelson II** - As the top ecclesial officer of the nation’s largest Reformed body, I urge the president and his administration to reverse this very harmful decision regarding refugees. Presbyterians are not afraid of this so-called terror threat. We are not afraid because we profess a faith in Jesus, who entered the world a refugee. [Read the entire letter.](#)

**Church Store offers Lenten Studies.** Lent calls us to focus our attention to the solemn and the simple, to reflect on Scripture and how we live our lives. These devotionals by beloved Christian thinkers such as Walter Brueggemann, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Rowan Williams, and N. T. Wright, will help you as you walk your Lenten path. They are reminders of the true gift of Christ on the cross. [See the current studies available at the Church Store.](#)



**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.](#)

**South Carolina Inn offers a Great Location for Church Wide Retreats and More.** Whether you need a family getaway, adult or youth retreat accommodations, a church-wide retreat location, or a place for a personal sabbatical, South Carolina Inn offers rooms in the William Brearley Home or the recently updated Kirk Apartments for your use. Check for availability on our website at [scinnmontreat.org](http://scinnmontreat.org) or call us at 828-669-7460 for information. [Use our bulletin insert this week!](#)

**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.](#)

**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.







**Souper Bowl of Caring is NEXT SUNDAY.** “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.” Have you registered your church for Souper Bowl of Caring? Online registration and promotional materials available at [souperbowl.org](http://souperbowl.org). Sign up on the Souper Bowl of Caring website to let them know you are participating. Your church will receive materials to promote your event. Hold your collection around the time of the Big Game. Donate 100% of what you collect to the charity of your choice. Report your total to the Souper Bowl of Caring via their website or by calling (800) 358-SOUP. .

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**Beloved Community Workshop Coming to Rock Hill in February.** The Children of Abraham, a group committed to building relationships with Christians, Muslims, and Jews, is hosting an event on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00PM at the Oratory retreat center in Rock Hill. Rev. Sonya Burns, pastor in the AMEZ Church, will lead a discussion on Dr. King’s “Beloved Community.” We will gather in small groups to reflect. You are invited to bring a sweet finger food to share. Contact Rev. Sam McGregor from Allison Creek at [pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com](mailto:pastor@allisoncreekchurch.com) for more information. [Feel free to share this poster with your church family.](#)

**Affirmation of York County:** Please join us as we celebrate our LGBTQ members, families and friends. It has been a wonderful journey and we encourage pastors, Christian educators and other church leaders to come to a meeting and see for yourself the work that we do. If you can’t be physically present for a meeting, we ask that you offer support by praying for us, our children and our communities, telling others about us and working with us to provide compassionate care. Meetings are held at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2370 West Main St., Rock Hill on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 PM. The next meetings in the first quarter of 2017 are: February 14 and March 14. For more information, call Ellen at 803-417-0954 or Melissa at 803-547-6042 or email [AffirmationofYC@gmail.com](mailto:AffirmationofYC@gmail.com) FB:[www.facebook.com/AffirmationofYC](http://www.facebook.com/AffirmationofYC)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**James Island Presbyterian Church is searching for a Director of Children’s and Youth Ministry.** This person will be responsible for working with other church leaders to coordinate all ministries for children and youth. He or she will organize events and programs, equip children’s and youth ministry leaders, initiate contact with members of the church, reach out to potential members, and work with fellow church leaders on long range planning and program development. This is a full-time position requiring full participation within the life of the church. Please email a cover letter and resume to Rev. Sam Martin: [smartin@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:smartin@jamesislandpc.org).

**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@jiipc.org](mailto:info@jiipc.org) or by mail to Johns Island Presbyterian Church, 2550 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, South Carolina 29455.

## COMING SOON

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| 2/4  | CRRR                                      | Presbytery Office   | 11AM     |
| 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   | 4PM      |
| 2/21 | Administrative Ministry Team              | Presbytery Office   | 5:30PM   |
| 2/23 | Coordinating Team                         | Presbytery Office   | 5:30PM   |
| 3/23 | Presbytery Meeting                        | Grace (York County) | 10AM-5PM |
| 3/23 | Mission and Outreach                      | Presbytery Office   | 6PM      |