

The Presbytery's 2017 books will close on January 10, 2018 at 5PM. Any monies that should be included in the 2017 calculations should be delivered to the Presbytery office before that cutoff time. Thanks.

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Board of Pensions News. The January 2018 issue of Board Connections, the Board of Pensions newsletter, is [now available online](#). In addition, the BOP will host a retiree luncheon on March 14 (location to be determined).. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

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Lent 2018 starts on Wednesday, February 14th! [Click here](#) to learn about two brand-new Lenten resources that can help guide and inspire you through the season. Both books are 40% off through 1/9/18!

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Volunteers or Paid Staff Welcome at Educators' Gathering. All church educators, whether volunteer or paid staff, are invited to an Educators' Gathering on Tuesday, January 23, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in York from 12:30 - 2:PM. Bring any Lenten materials or ideas that you have used to share with the group. Feel free to bring lunch with you. Bethesda is located at 4858 McConnells Highway, York, SC 29745.

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Anna Florence Carter of CTS is Keynote at June Retreat. The Washington Island Forum is a 40 year tradition and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and The Christian Century magazine. It is four and one half days of worship, workshops, discussion, and contemplation in an ecumenical retreat setting on Washington Island, just north of Door County Wisconsin. To be held in June 25-29, 2018, the event's information and registration [can be found online.](#)

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PC(USA) offers Anti-racism Resources. Because the beloved community is what God intends for us, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaging in an ongoing campaign to share a wealth of anti racism resources with the greater church. As part of the Facing Racism campaign, books, worship suggestions, studies, training sessions and other resources are [posted here](#)



Accompanist Needed: Doby's Bridge Church in Fort Mill SC is looking for an accompanist for 11 a.m. church services and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Applicants should have experience accompanying church choirs. For more information including a job description, please call the church office at (803) 547-5240.

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Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events and News: 1--March 5, 2018 PW World Day of Prayer held at Van Wyck Presbyterian Church. Time to be determined, Rev. Carson Overstreet, pastor; 2--PW Spring Gathering April 7, 2018 at the York First Presbyterian Church, Kay Nivens, Moderator; 3--Celebrating the Gifts of Women, one Sunday in March chosen by each church in our Presbytery, to do at their own discretion; 4--Churchwide Gathering for PW, August 2-5, 2018; registration began Jan. 15; 5--Congratulations to PW, Zeta Sistare on being chosen as our new Synod Moderator of Search!

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[Business Mileage Rates Increase.](#) Beginning on Jan. 1, 2018, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be: 54.5 cents for every mile of business travel driven, up 1 cent from the rate for 2017. 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up 1 cent from the rate for 2017. 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

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