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FREE PIANO available to any church who needs it. Beth Chuck of Unity Presbyterian is offering a beautiful mahogany upright piano to a church who needs it. No delivery is available. Please contact Beth Chuck by [email](mailto:beth@unitypres.org) or phone at 704-451-7866..

You are Invited to Tirzah's 101st Anniversary Celebration. Tirzah (Y) will be celebrating 101 years on Sunday July 10, 2016. The Rev. Ed Lewis, former minister, will be leading worship service at 11:00AM. Immediately following worship we will have a traditional covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. Make plans now to bring your favorite dish and celebration this milestone with us.

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Oakdale Seeks Youth Ministry Coordinator. Oakdale Presbyterian Church, Clover, SC, is looking for a part time youth ministry coordinator. This position is designed to average 10- hours per week, and the person will provide leadership for youth ministry, including weekly meetings and outings. Contact ginger.marr@gmail.com for more information or to send a resume.

Preschool Assistant Director position available.

Allison Creek Presbyterian Church and preschool are looking for a dedicated individual with an educational background to fill their assistant director position. Please visit allisoncreekpreschool.com to view application instructions. **Now Enrolling, 18 months to Pre-K.** Allison Creek Preschool is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. Please call 803-325-8655 or email director@allisoncreekpreschool.com for more information and to set up a tour.

Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill, SC is looking for a part time Director of Christian Education. This is a 10- hour a week position, and the person in this position will provide leadership for Children's Ministries and Adult Education, and serve as staff to the Education team. It is anticipated that a good portion of the work will be done from home (i.e., there are no required office hours for this position.) Sunday mornings and staff meetings are required. [Please send resume to joanne@gracewired.org](mailto:joanne@gracewired.org)

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Board of Pensions 2017 Plan Updates: January 1, 2017, ushers in a more flexible approach to providing benefits in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), when the 2017 Benefits Plan takes effect. Anchored in [A Theology of Benefits](#), the 2017 Benefits Plan honors the Church's commitment to teaching elders while seeking to cover more church workers as part of a transformational process to serve more, serve better, and serve the Church. After months of study, the Board of Directors of the Board of Pensions approved the 2017 Benefits Plan at its March 2016 meeting. For a high-level look at this plan, see [Overview of the 2017 Benefits Plan](#).

Save the date for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women! The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–5, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. 2018 is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary! Follow this link for more information: <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/pwgathering/>.



Bethelwoods Day Camp is in full swing! This is such a great experience for the younger camper and local camper families. Day Camp runs Monday – Friday for 10 weeks of the summer. Drop off in the morning is from 7:15AM – 8:15AM and pick up in the afternoon is from 5:15PM – 6:00PM. Bethelwoods provides a hot breakfast and lunch daily for every camper. There are plenty of spaces available and you can pick the weeks that work with your schedule. Please give us a call with any questions at 803-366-3722 or you can see more information and register at www.bethelwoods.org.

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Concerns have been raised by some regarding a prayer by a Muslim Imam during the General Assembly opening ecumenical service remembering the horrendous events of Orlando (FL) and Charleston (SC) – the anniversary of the Mother Emmanuel Massacre and the tragedy of the Orlando murders just days before the opening of the 222nd General Assembly in Portland, Oregon.

The General Assembly Office of Ecumenical Services reached out to Donnie Woods (General Presbyter of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery), Dan Williams (General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of Central Florida Presbytery), Mr. Said (Muslim Faith Community), and others to take part in this short prayer service.

In an attempt to share factual information – rather than misinformation – on what it means to be an inclusive community of all faiths, I share the attached article with you and encourage you to share it with your Session other church leaders, and your congregation. The Office of the General Assembly offered [this article](#) by my trusted Executive Presbyter colleague, The Rev. Mike Cole of New Covenant Presbytery. [He offered this to be shared with whole church.](#) Grace and peace, Mark

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A summer kayaking adventure illustrates that the skills needed for successful paddling work in Christian institutions as well, writes Gretchen E. Ziegenhals, a managing director at Leadership Education at Duke Divinity. You can read her article at <https://www.faithandleadership.com/gretchen-e-ziegenhals-kayakers-and-leaders-need-good-form-balance-and-courage>

Prayers Requested for PYT Delegates from Providence.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is this week at Purdue University, July 19-23. Please keep the Providence Presbytery Triennium delegation in your prayers as they travel, learn, make new friends, grow in faith and return prepared to GO...into the world and make disciples.



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Need a GETAWAY this August? Whether you're seeking the peace and quiet of a rocking chair overlooking a mountain stream, the exhilaration of a mountain hike, or the adventure of day trips in surrounding Western North Carolina, Montreat can provide you and your family with comfortable accommodations and warm hospitality. We're offering special rates at the Assembly Inn for the entire month of August. Private rooms in the Assembly Inn are just \$89, or reserve two connecting rooms (shared bath) for \$109. Room rates include breakfast* for two (extra charge for additional breakfasts). All rates subject to NC state sales tax, as well as a community services fee of \$1.00 per adult per night for public services provided by the Town and the fire district. *Subject to availability. Interested in making a reservation? Email the [Assembly Inn front desk](#) or call 828.419.9844 and mention promo code "LAKE" to get our August getaway package.

Wanted Allen Organ--Full Board. A fellow South Carolina presbyterian has contacted us because she wants to purchase an Allen Organ with all three keyboards to use for home practice. She will hire a professional to pick it up. Please contact jill@providencepres.org or 803-328-6269.

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CMC Chaplain Grand Rounds "Compassion and Medicine" series scheduled for 2016-2017. This 9-part Lecture series will be conducted in the Suzanne Hill Freeman Auditorium on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center-Main every 3rd Thursday of the month from noon-1PM starting in September 2016 and concluding in May 2017. The theme of the series calls for the exploration of how compassion is healing for those who receive it as well as for those who offer it. Compassion is an antidote to Burnout when caregivers offer it to others, receive it from others, and practice self-compassion in their own lives. This series aims to affirm that while modern day medicine continues to demonstrate breakthroughs in healthcare, the place of love and compassion in the healing spaces cannot be underestimated. [Check out the schedule.](#)

Providence Presbytery Delegation to Presbyterian Youth Triennium hears message to "Go into the World". Several providence presbytery youth experienced this "life giving, life changing, faith moving experience" last week. As the world changes, society shifts – and the church expands – the need for vibrant young Presbyterians grows. Thank you for praying and supporting this group financially on this phenomenal journey. [Check out their expectant faces as they began their journey on July 19!](#)



Please add these folks who are battling cancer to your prayer list. Several members of the Grace L Church have asked for prayers for their **former pastor in Florida, Pastor Val**, who is battling cancer.

Also, please remember in prayer our **Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, Heahwan Rim**. He has been diagnosed with Myelodysplasia Syndrome (MDS). MDS is a bone marrow disorder, commonly known as a mild form of leukemia or precursor of leukemia. His doctor wants to treat it immediately in hospital setting before it gets any worse. The treatment will take a 4 week hospitalization for chemotherapy and recovery.

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Online Options to Simplify Giving. More and more Americans find that the only check they write is their offering to the church. Those in younger generations may not even use a checkbook – preferring to handle all of their contributions and bills electronically. When your church passes the offering plate on Sunday morning – are you limiting your offering to pocket change from those who feel obligated to put something in, but would give more with an online option. Through the Presbyterian Foundation’s Ministry Partnership Program, your church can now accept secure online donations. You can add the GIVE NOW option to your website to accept gifts by debit or credit card, and electronic funds transfer. Your members can even set up recurring gifts, adding predictability and regularity to your offering receipts. [Find out more.](#)

What do the various agencies of the Presbyterian Church ACTUALLY DO? The video Circles of Support was shown to the commissioners of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to highlight the collective work of the six agencies of the PC(USA). The agencies provide both unique and collaborative support of our churches, as we strive to be the body of Christ together. CHECK OUT THE VIDEO ONLINE <https://vimeo.com/168502660>

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COMING SOON

8/7	Called Presbytery Meeting	Lancaster First Presbyterian	2:30PM
8/8	Presbytery Office Closed		
8/8	GLOCAL Committee	Presbytery Office	6PM
8/14	Dot Killian’s Ordination Service	Oakland Avenue Presbyterian	3PM
8/25	EEMT	Presbytery Office	11:30AM-1:30PM
8/28	Dimes for Hunger Minute for Mission Sunday	All Churches	Morning Worship
8/30	Hunger Action Team	Presbytery Office	6:30PM
9/11	Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Dinner	Bethelwoods	5:30PM

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.