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Spring 2018 Board of Pensions Newsletter is Online. Read the 2018 Spring Edition [today at Pensions.org](#). And while you are at it, retirees--don't forget the Board of Pensions Luncheon scheduled for March 14 at Bethelwoods. Contact the Presbytery Office to reserve your spot.



It's not Too Late to Register. The Association of Smaller Congregations is still accepting registrations for its 31st Annual Conference and Retreat March 16-18 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA.. [Find out more](#) about this great event entitled, "Welcome Home: Great Hospitality for Smaller Churches" and led by Evangelism Coach, Chris Walker.

OAPC Choir to Present Music from "I Dream." The OAPC Choir has been invited to participate in Opera Carolina's presentation of a brand new Opera entitled "I Dream" which will begin on May 18. "I Dream" is about the life of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.--specifically about the last 36 hours of Dr. King's life. Oakland has been invited to join other churches around the region to present a song from the opera entitled, "Sunday Best." Oakland's Chancel Choir will present the anthem with a guest soloist, Kimberly Butler, from Opera Carolina on March 4 at the 11AM service. All are invited to attend this service. View the [un-staged performance of the opera](#)--the song can be found around 7 minutes 30 seconds of this performance.

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Lay School of Theology is Sponsored by the five presbyteries of South Carolina. It is for Lay persons who wish to Participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History; Be trained as a Commissioned Teaching Elder; Better prepare themselves to teach the Bible or Church School; Serve as Directors of Christian Education; or Be certified by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators. The March Session will be held at Presbyterian College March 16-18, 2018. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The Queen Miller Scholarship Application is Open. Are you a senior in High School with African American heritage and a member of a Providence Presbytery church? If so, you qualify to apply for the Queen Miller Scholarship managed by the Committee for Racial and Religious Reconciliation. [Apply here.](#)

Do you need "Reserved" Pew Markers? First Church, Rock Hill has a dozen or so "Reserved" pew markers that we no longer need. We would love to give them to another church. They will be in our church office at 234 East Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730-4542: Phone: (803) 328-2467. [See them here.](#)

Does your church have Large Mouth Puppets? Could they be our lost ones? In search of a box of handmade large mouth puppets that were loaned to another church in the Presbytery a few years ago. If your church has them please contact the office at 1st Presbyterian - 803-328-2467- Thanks for your help!

Newly revised editions of the Book of Common Worship will be available this Spring! Check out the listings at the [church store site](#) for more information about each of the editions.

Looking to give your camper an exciting Spring Break experience? Bethelwoods is proud to offer our Spring Break Day Camp April 2-6, which incorporates many of our camp favorites for those currently in K5 - 6th Grade. A week of games, s'mores, and Bible study, campers will develop friendships and faith in this week-long camp. Register online at www.bethelwoods.org.



Bowling Green Presbyterian Church invites all to join us for An Afternoon of Music: Concert & Fund raiser featuring our church musician John Austin King. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 2 PM in our newly renovated Sanctuary with a reception following in the fellowship hall. John Austin, a Clover High School senior and an amazing musician, has been invited to attend the International Chamber of Music Festival in Saarburo, Germany, this July. Proceeds from the concert fund raiser will help offset the cost of this trip. Questions? Contact Lisa Johnson akjohnson@bellsouth.net or (803)493-5000.

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Hermon Celebrates After School Ministry Anniversary. The Hermon Presbyterian Church Kids for Christ Ministry, under the direction of Jennifer Ancrum and Timothy Williams, would like to cordially invite you to our annual Ministry Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 3PM. Come out celebrate with your Youth.

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Need a Sabbath Rest? The 2018 Evangelism Conference is set for Oct. 15–19 at Zephyr Point in Lake Tahoe. We have a fantastic planning team and have decided to move this gathering from the conference format to a retreat experience you will not want to miss! [Find out More.](#)

Crossroads Anti racism Training Event coming to Montreat in August. This weekend training event to be held at Montreat August 17-19, 2018 is intended for individuals or groups from congregations who want to learn more about how their work can be transformed, with workshop time devoted to: Preaching, Leading institutional change, Children and families, Youth and young adults, and Public witness. [For more information, click here.](#)

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March 25

Hopewell
Blacksburg, SC
(40 members)

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Looking for Ideas for utilizing Digital Communication in your Ministries? John Fong, the Digital Communication & Social Media Ministry Consultant for 4 NJ presbyteries is sharing this 2017 Synod NE Innovation report with all churches in an effort to share some positive results, best practices and ideas from their churches. [View the report here.](#) Need more information? [Contact John Fong.](#)

FREE Advanced Care Planning Workshop to be offered in April. Hospice and Community Care is providing an Advanced Care Planning Workshop on Thursday April 12th from 6:00-7:30PM. The flier is attached, and the workshop is free. Find out more.

It's that time of year again, time for the Family Promise of York County Annual Spring Yard Sale March 23-24. Please consider donating your gently used unwanted items for our sale. Arrangements can be made for pickup or drop off by calling Jennifer at (803) 329-2456. AND plan to come and find some treasures for yourself Friday, March 23 8AM-2PM and Saturday, March 24 7AM-2PM at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian's Family Life Center at 504 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill.

Money Talk in the Church Breaking the Taboo. The financial decisions we make demonstrate the values we have, and those values should match our faith. [Read more from Church Campaign Services.](#)

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PCSC Ambassador Meeting scheduled for April 12. Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina invites Ambassadors and pastors from the churches of Providence Presbytery to the annual PCSC Ambassadors meeting to be held at The Clinton Presbyterian Community (801 Musgrove Street, Clinton, SC 29325) on Thursday, April 12th at 11AM. Those attending will hear reports on PCSC's ministry from the CEO and the Director of Church Relations, followed by a presentation on the Seven Dimensions of Wellness for seniors. Lunch will be served and tours will be offered afterwards. Registration begins at 10:30AM. Please let Cathy Jackson (cathy.jackson@prescomm.org; 803-461-7832) know if you plan to attend.

Help Presbytery of Honduras Purchase Villa Gracia. The Presbytery of Honduras with help of a \$100k grant from the 2017 PW Birthday Offering is purchasing Villa Gracia, a retreat center for mission teams working in Honduras. The PW of Honduras will be managing the center. Your PW group can join in to help with the purchase and renovation. [Find out how.](#)

Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Dinner to be Held April 29. Join us at 5:30PM on April 29th for the annual Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Dinner at Hopkins Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill 234 E. Main Street, Rock Hill. We will learn "who are our neighbors?" and the many ways that we can express love for them. The "World Premier" of the new Dimes for Hunger videos featuring visits with local agencies that receive DFH funds. Dinner is \$7. A home delivered meal from the York County Council on Aging will be served. Make your reservation by Tuesday, April 24 by calling the Presbytery Office 803-328-6269.



Order Jewelry from Mario. We will be placing another order for PC(USA) Silver Jewelry with Mario Carbajal in July. Order yours by July 15, 2018 for August 15 delivery. Mario does beautiful work and has been a great friend to our mission teams for years. Questions? Contact Barbara Kurz at 803-328-6269. [Find the order form online.](#)

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Columbia Seminary Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL) is accepting applications for two new programs made possible by a \$1 million grant to expand its Pastoral Excellence Program. The first two scheduled are the Colloquy for Rural Church Clergy and the Colloquy for Latino/a Clergy. Both will be held on the seminary campus, and include two sessions (summer and winter).. More information can be found at: <http://www.ctsnet.edu/new-colloquy-rural-church-latino-clergy/>

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Family Movie Night Scheduled for April 6. Tirzah (York) 180 Tirzah Rd York SC, hosts their monthly Family Movie Night on Friday, April 6th, doors open at 6PM with free popcorn and drinks with the movie "The Secret Life of Pets" starting at 6:30PM. With the earlier start time please feel free to bring your dinner with you to eat during the movie! Admission is free to community. For additional details see the church website www.tirzahfellowship.org or call Hope Moore at 803-389-6210.

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