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**Syrian Friendship Benefit Dinner for the Education of Syrian Refugee Children.** Saturday, May 6th from 5-7PM Oakland Avenue will host a dinner catered by Jasmine's Middle Eastern Grill to benefit Syrian children living in refugee camps within Syria and in Lebanon. The completely tax deductible donation of \$20 (checks payable to Providence Presbytery) purchases a ticket to the event. The meal will consist of grilled chicken kebabs, rice, salad, hummus, baba ganoush and baklava. **Purchase tickets at the office of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church.**

**A Pastor's Theology of Risk Retreat this September.** This retreat will challenge pastors and other church leaders to expand their capacity for taking the boldest risks, for maximizing creativity, and for recognizing the difference between a call and a gamble. Participants will explore their personal fears and barriers to taking risks as a first step to envisioning a theology of risk. This retreat is about releasing the greatest potential for the most creative and spiritually balanced leadership. All ministry leadership involves some degree of risk. But, it's one thing to admire those who take heroic and holy risks, and it's quite another to be the one called to take the risks. [More details to follow.](#)

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**Society of St. Andrews announces its Vacation Bible School Curriculum.**

Abundance Orchard: Where faith Grows and Hungry People are Fed is a two year VBS program offered by Society of St. Andrews. [Find out more.](#)

**The Stewardship Kaleidoscope annual conference draws leaders from across the Presbyterian Church USA** and beyond, to help participants explore stewardship, in its many colorful dimensions! [Find out more.](#)

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**Let the Land Say... Amen.** Save the date of Saturday, **May 6th** for a celebration at ACPC of the rich history of the community once known as Clay Hill. Strolling banjos, guided tours by interpreters dressed in Reconstruction Era clothing; period games for kids, wagon rides; a concert and lecture by Bob Carlin, renowned musician and banjo historian; see a short documentary on the history of the church and Clay Hill and the church's 2017 visit to Liberia. Interpretation will focus on the life of Elias Hill, a formerly enslaved man who led the migration to Liberia after facing acts of terrorism in our area. For more information, visit <http://www.letthelandsay.com/>

**Covenant Hosting BBQ Fund raiser.** Join us for great BBQ at Covenant Presbyterian at 1830 Celanese Road Rock Hill, SC on **May 6**. Proceeds from the event to support Providence Presbytery's office and Bethelwoods. [Find out more.](#)

**Please make plans to collect the Mother's Day Offering at your church on Sunday, May 14.** For over 60 years, this offering has been an important act of support for this unique ministry of SC Presbyterians to older adults. The proceeds are used solely to support residents at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina who have outlived their life savings through no fault of their own and now depend on the kindness of others. Please be sure that the cards (pictured at left) and offering envelopes are available to worshippers on Mother's Day and encourage them to give generously. If you have questions or need support, please contact Franklin Fant at (803) 772-5885 or [Franklin.Fant@PresComm.org](mailto:Franklin.Fant@PresComm.org).



**Director of Music position available.** Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC has a full time (40 plus hours per week) Director of Music position available. The current director is retiring on July 1, 2017 after a very successful 23 years in the position. Unity holds two traditional worship services each week. The individual in this position must have a high skill level in conducting both youth and adult choral ensembles and possess significant experience in conducting instrumentalists accompanying the choir. This individual will also have skills in performance on the piano and will be required to occasionally assist the Music Associate/Organist. The Director of Music is an important member of the Unity staff and, as such, must be positive, supportive, and willing to work as a team member to further the worship and spiritual vitality of the congregation. Interested individuals should send their resume to Brian Rayl at [Bdrayl77@gmail.com](mailto:Bdrayl77@gmail.com) .

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From the Prayer Calendar  
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Old Waxhaw  
Lancaster, SC  
(27 members)

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**Pentecost Offering 2016:** The breakdown of 2016 Pentecost Offering Givings by Church compared to previous years is available [here](#).

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**May Board of Pensions Newsletter is online today.** Give your retirement finances some help. Start saving — or save more — in the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (RSP). Saving just a small amount regularly can be a manageable, effective way to improve your financial outlook. If you don't currently save in the RSP, contact your employer to learn how to start. If you already save in the RSP, consider saving just a small amount more. And, if you're expecting a tax refund this year, consider saving part or all of it: [Read Fidelity's article: 10 smart uses for your tax refund](#). Read more from Board of Pensions May Newsletter [here](#).

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**Turn your Reluctance into Boldness by Walking in the Footsteps of Moses.** Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt. Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given. [Click here to download the first chapter and see a sample of the first session video.](#)

**Bethesda Presbyterian Church in York will host the Don Rowland Pancakes for Missions and Silent Auction,** Saturday, May 20, from 8-10 am. Proceeds will go to the Adult trip to Guatemala to work with Dr. Tito Palacios in July and the Youth Mission Trip to Thornwell in Clinton, SC in July. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Children 3 and under eat free. We hope to see you there!

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**All Christian Educators' are invited** to attend the Educator Gathering on Thursday, May 18, from 12:30-2:30 at the Presbytery Office. Feel free to bring your lunch. We will plan our gatherings for the fall.

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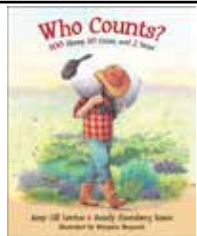
**Sarasota Statement Released.** At its 2017 National Gathering, NEXT Church released a new confessional statement in response to the current state of the church and world. It's called the Sarasota Statement, and it was made possible by a partnership between NEXT Church and the Presbyterian Foundation. We hope you'll take the statement into your own life and context, using it as a tool to declare your own faith statement, proclaiming the light of Christ. [Read it online.](#)

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**Fidelity Offers FREE Webcast: Medicare: Know it before you need it.** It's smart to know about your Medicare choices before you need to make them, whether for you or your aging parents. Join Fidelity for a free webcast that covers all the basics and what you should know about eligibility, choices, costs, and more. [Register for the June 1st- 1PM session or the June 2nd 1PM session here.](#)

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**Who Counts?** is a creative retelling of three of Jesus' most popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. Ideal for children ages 4-8, the book features beautiful illustrations with ethnically diverse, modern-day characters. A note for parents and teachers is included. [Read 100 Sheep here.](#)

**Habitat for Humanity York seeks Volunteers.** We need you! Whether volunteering on a construction site or in our ReStore, we have several volunteer opportunities available throughout May and June. [Check out our volunteer calendar](#) to find the dates and times that work for you. Invite a friend to sign up along with you and join us in building homes, communities and hope.

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