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**Dates for 2017 Boundary Training Set.** More information on the Boundary Training workshops will be forthcoming. In the meantime, mark your calendars for **February 2nd or May 2nd, 2017** if you still need to attend a Providence Presbytery Boundary Training Class.



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**Worship 4 YOUth is November 13.** Calling all middle and high school students! Join Bethelwoods as we embark on our awesome Worship 4 YOUth program, exploring the concepts of unity and reconciliation. We'll be continuing our discussion groups - this time on faith. What does faith mean to you? Does faith still matter? Join us for great fellowship and music as we continue to explore Scripture and relevant topics." Cost is \$10 per person. Call Bethelwoods at 803-366-3722 to sign up..



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**2017 Chaplain Grand Rounds Replay.** Did you miss the September and October Grand Rounds at CMC? If so, you can listen to them online at [http://www.providencepres.org/Documents/2017\\_GrandRounds\\_Replay.pdf](http://www.providencepres.org/Documents/2017_GrandRounds_Replay.pdf)

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**Registering is EASY**--church leader, volunteer, staff, educator, pastor, youth or younger-E3 has a class for you! Join us January 8th for this annual FREE workshop event! [See the Workshop Catalog online.](#) and then register online at [provprese3.org](http://provprese3.org) or call Ann White at 803-328-6269 or 800-922-1609 to have a Workshop Catalog with registration form mailed to you!

**Oakland to Host Fortunato Ensemble.** On Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, 421 Oakland Avenue in Rock Hill, will host a gala vocal concert featuring the Fortunato ensemble: D'Anna Fortunato – mezzo soprano, Peter H. Bloom – flute, and Mary Jane Rupert – piano. This is the first event in the church's 2016-17 Music at Oakland Concert Series. [Find out more online.](#)

**Board of Pensions Announces Annual Enrollment Deadline.** Don't forget to log into Benefits Connect to make elections or confirm coverage for 2017 by November 11. If you have questions about the enrollment process, please call the BOP at 800-773-7752 or visit [pensions.org](http://pensions.org).

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**“A Celebration of Thanksgiving: Christians, Muslims, and Jews Together”** will be held Thursday, Nov. 10th at 6 PM. at Covenant Presbyterian in Rock Hill. Meat will be prepared by the ladies of Holy Islamville. You are invited to bring a side dish which is prepared without any meat products including bullion or broth. Please bring recipes of the food you prepare. Please contact Rev. Sam McGregor at [mcgregorsk@comporium.net](mailto:mcgregorsk@comporium.net) with any questions and to RSVP your planned attendance. [See the flyer online.](#)



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**Discerning the Movement of the Spirit.** Join hosts Mark Lau Branson & Alan Roxburgh for this free Pastor's webinar - stories, theological reflection and conversation about how congregational leaders practice discerning the movement of the Spirit on this journey joining God. Join Us - THIS WEDNESDAY, November 16 @ 2pm ET. [Register online.](#)



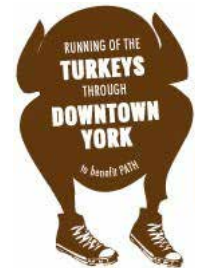
**Please join us for a discussion of best practices for confirmation classes on Thursday, Nov. 17,** at 2:30 p.m. at Bethelwoods. We will be taking a look at ways to improve the Confirmation Cluster that is offered by Providence Presbytery in the spring. If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Ann White at 864-426-7744.

**Are you involved in the educational ministry of your congregation?** Join with others in educational ministry at the Educators Gathering at Bethelwoods on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm to share ideas and enjoy fellowship. A taco and salad bar lunch will be provided--please RSVP to Cameron by noon on Nov. 16 for lunch: [cameron@bethelwoods.org](mailto:cameron@bethelwoods.org) or 803-366-3722. Bring an idea or resource for Lent!



**Have you begun to think about which E3 workshop you will attend?** Whether you are a church leader, volunteer, staff, educator, pastor, youth or younger--E3 has a class for you! Join us January 8th for this annual FREE workshop event! [See the Workshop Catalog online.](#) and then register online at [provpre3.org](http://provpre3.org) or call Ann White at 803-328-6269 or 800-922-1609 to have a Workshop Catalog with registration form mailed to you!

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**Please keep in your prayers the family of Frank Williams.** Frank entered the Church Triumphant on Saturday after complications from heart surgery. Please keep their family in your prayers. They will have a memorial service in Washington in the coming days and will have another in South Carolina at a later date.

**Advent Devotions provided by UPSem.** Union Presbyterian Seminary offers this devotion is written by a group from the UPSem community. They are excited to share them, hoping that you will find devotions from some of your favorite professors and staff members. They are offering a printable devotion for your use. Please feel free to print and share as you feel led. [https://issuu.com/upsem48/docs/2016\\_advent\\_devotions/7?e=26793134/30000297](https://issuu.com/upsem48/docs/2016_advent_devotions/7?e=26793134/30000297)

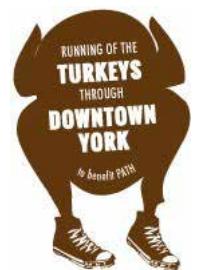


**No Matter Who You Are, E3 has workshops for you!** Join a conversation about ways to increase the Biblical knowledge of our children using the book 100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation. Participants are asked to read the book prior to E3 to prepare for a discussion about putting this book to practical use. This workshop is for parents, Sunday school teachers and other leaders of children and youth. If you have questions, please contact workshop leader Kathryn McGregor at [KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org](mailto:KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org). You can purchase a copy of the book or ebook from Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/Things-Every-Should-Before-Confirmation/dp/0664260594/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1478814702&sr=8-1&keywords=100+things+confirmation](https://www.amazon.com/Things-Every-Should-Before-Confirmation/dp/0664260594/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1478814702&sr=8-1&keywords=100+things+confirmation) . [Register Online](#).

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**Advent 2016 started on Sunday!** Be sure to finalize your adult and youth group study plans this week with the help of The Thoughtful Christian's [seasonal downloadable study packs](#). Each study pack contains four-sessions (one for each week of Advent) and all of the sessions include a Participant Handout and Leader's Guide.



**Need fresh ideas for Youth and Children's ministry?** No Matter Who You Are, E3 has workshops for you! Learn more about Building An Effective Children's Choir Ministry or Writing Grants for Youth Projects. Hear how other churches are Finding Ways to Reach & Teach Children and how they are Organizing Youth Ministry. Come to the Youth Ministry Fair to find out about the faith-changing experiences that are available to our youth through Montreat, Bethelwoods and more! **Beat the rush—register for E3 now!** [Workshop Catalog](#) is available online. Online registration is at [provpre3.org](http://provpre3.org). See you at E3 on January 8! Questions? Contact Ann White, 800-922-1609 or [ann@providencepres.org](mailto:ann@providencepres.org). [Register Online](#).

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**Table Talk Reset for Harmony and Understanding Panel Discussion Dec. 6.** Join us for an interactive panel discussion with the public, representatives from the Republican and Democratic parties, educators and community leaders entitled Reset for Harmony and Understanding. The event will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6PM at the Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center 745 Saluda Street, Rock Hill. The event is co-sponsored by Providence Presbytery's Committee for Racial and Religious Reconciliation and the Rock Hill District of SC South Atlantic Episcopal District of the AMI Zion Church. [See the Flyer](#).

**The CEB Women's Bible invites you into a deeper conversation with scripture.** By focusing on stories of women, named and unnamed, and by engaging with the reflections and articles that accompany the sacred text of the Bible, you—both women and men—will find yourself in a new way. Watch the [video](#) to learn more about The CEB Women's Bible, its features, and the women who wrote the articles, reflections, and portraits found in its pages. Would you like a free sample of The CEB Women's Bible, which includes the full letter to the Ephesians? [Complete our form](#).

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**Bring the Bible to Life** for your congregation! The Presbyterian Outlook commissioned pastor and hymn writer Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to compose Advent hymns set to familiar tunes. "The Candle of Hope" is not geared to the lectionary passages, but follows the themes of each of the Sundays in Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. If you light Advent candles as part of your worship during the season, then this hymn is ideal! The words are set to the familiar tune of "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above." Purchase this hymn for \$10. 5 Advent Hymns are available for \$40. [Visit the website](#).

**Mark your Calendar for Grace Presbyterian Church Christmas Cantata** - Sunday, December 11 Join us at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2955 Hwy 160 West, Fort Mill, SC, at 7PM as the Grace Notes Choir presents Joseph Martin's "Let There be Christmas." Using original anthems, familiar carols, narration and congregational participation, this service in song is a joyous celebration of hope and peace.

**Pastor's Theology of Risk Retreat in January.** This January retreat will challenge pastors and other church leaders to expand their capacity for taking the boldest risks, maximizing creativity and 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, holy risks and it's quite another to be the one called to take the risks. Monday, January 30, and Tuesday, January 31, 2017 St. Francis Springs Prayer Center 477 Grogan Road Stoneville, NC 27048 \*\*Limited to the first 18 people. Cost is \$350, which includes registration, lodging, meals and snacks. [Register online.](#)

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**Pastors, Educators, Leaders, Families and Friends are invited.** 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 in 2016, 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 last meeting for 2016 will be on December 13. The meetings for the first quarter of 2017 are: January 10, 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) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AffirmationofYC](http://www.facebook.com/AffirmationofYC)

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