

From the Prayer Calendar
October 9th

Bowling Green
Clover, SC
(66 members)

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Churches Preach Unity on 160th Anniversary. Douglas Presbyterian Church celebrated its 160th year on Sunday and invited its sister church Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian to share in the observance of the special day. Douglas Presbyterian is predominantly white, and Pleasant Ridge is mostly black. About 20 Pleasant Ridge members showed up and brought their toe-tapping, hand-clapping and amen-giving to the usually reserved Presbyterians of Douglas. Altogether, about 100 people enjoyed worshipping together. [Read the September 14th article in The Lancaster News.](#)

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Scholarship Money Available: The Education and Equipping Ministry Team provides scholarships for individuals and teams to attend leader development events. Applications may be completed online at www.providencepres.org or mailed to Ann White at the Presbytery office. The Scholarship Committee of the EEMT will respond to requests within two (2) weeks of receiving an application. All scholarship recipients are requested to provide the EEMT with an evaluation of the conference within 30 days of returning from an event. They are also asked to share the information in some way with the Presbytery.

Save the Date. General Assembly has announced the 2017 Big Tent Event will be July 6-8 at Washington University in St. Louis Missouri. Be inspired. Become Equipped. Get Connected. PCusa.org

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Seniors, Caregivers and Healthcare Professionals-Don't Miss the ICE Senior Expo 2016. Join us for the 11th Annual FREE 2016 ICE Senior Expo on October 17th 11:30AM-2PM. Free Health Screenings and Lunch. Flu Shots offered by Rite Aid. The event will be held at Winthrop University Student Activity Center at the Corner of Charlotte Ave. & Eden Terrace. For more participant and vendor information, call 803-329-9670. [See the flyer.](#)

START WITH GOOD NEWS: REDISCOVERING THE WHY OF EVANGELISM. Most mainline Protestant congregations spend a lot of time discussing the "whats" and "hows" of their ministries but do not spend enough time on the "why"—the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Before we even think about evangelistic strategies and outreach programs, church leaders and members need to relearn how to talk about the gospel and why it matters in our lives and in the world. Four keynote speakers— representing traditional church settings, new worshipping communities, missional communities, and social justice activism—will model this kind of gospel-talk by sharing why the good news matters to them and how it shapes their ministries. "Good news sightings" from their transformative work in the world will help us reimagine what evangelism looks like for a post-Christendom church in the 21st century. This conference will be highly participatory and incorporate small group reflection on the keynote presentations. While individual attendees will certainly benefit from this experience, we encourage you to attend with a team of clergy and lay leaders from your congregation. [Register Online.](#)

Affirmation of York County Now Meets in Rock Hill. Beginning in September, Affirmation of York County will be meeting at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2370 W Main St, Rock Hill, SC 29732. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Dates for the next 4 months are as follows: Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13. Please join us as we celebrate the LGBTQ community and offer support to them as well as their family and friends.

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Matthew. The category 4 hurricane has already been blamed for hundreds of deaths and continues on a path of destruction toward the southeastern US coast. Earliest assessments confirm extensive damage in southwestern Haiti and eastern Cuba. PDA was already active in the area, doing long-term recovery work related to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and Superstorm Sandy of 2012. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000148 with reference to Matthew. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283. [Downloadable Bulletin Insert is available online.](#)



Bowling Green requests your Church Bulletin. In order to teach their church's children about worship and why we do what we do, Bowling Green Presbyterian is requesting a church bulletin from each of Providence Presbytery's churches. Would you send a copy of your church bulletin to Bowling Green by October 21? Email to Lisa Johnson at bowlinggreenpres@gmail.com OR mail them to Bowling Green Presbyterian Church, PO Box 5, Bowling Green, SC 29703 Attn: Lisa Johnson..

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Bowling Green Hosts Legal Workshop. Local attorney Franklin Pendleton (Clover, SC) is providing a program on Wednesday, October 19th at noon at Bowling Green Church. After a covered dish lunch, he will present to us the facts about wills, "living wills," medical power of attorney, general power of attorney, etc., as well as the general legal fees associated with each. Bowling Green invites anyone from Providence Presbytery to join us for this informative program. Our address is 250 State Rd S-46-27, Clover.

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All involved in Church Education invited to October 20 Meeting. The next Educators Gathering is Thursday, October 20, 2017, from 12:30-2:30 at the Presbytery office. If you are involved in the educational ministry of your congregation, please join us for a discussion of grief resources for all ages. Bring a bag lunch and join the conversation! Drinks will be provided. Contact Ann White at ann@providencepres.org or 803-922-1609 for more information.



Marriage Resources for Pastors. From Kimberly Bracken Long, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a leading expert in liturgy, comes two new resources for pastors. Whether you are looking to help couples examine what Christian marriage means, or simply need a practical resource that provides updated liturgies, we've got you covered. The newest release, [From This Day Forward—Rethinking the Christian Wedding](#), examines the billion-dollar wedding industry and provides a practical theology of marriage. The prayers and liturgies in [Inclusive Marriage Services](#), available in both hardback and paperback, stay true to the traditional wedding while offering updated language that can be used by all couples.

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7 easy ways to get your congregation connected. Jesus was a great storyteller. He showed us that sharing a tale or a parable could stir hearts, win people over, inspire the lukewarm, and build up God's realm on earth. And does the PC(USA) ever have great stories to share! Presbyterian News tells more stories than ever before about the best things people are doing in mission and ministry of every description, at home and around the world. These are our stories--your stories! **Use them to illustrate your sermons and talks, to perk up your church newsletter or website, or to share with friends and neighbors who can use a lift.** How do I tap into all these stories? It's easy! Find stories [on our website](#) or click on these links: 1. [Sign up](#) to receive our daily news summary by email; 2. Or, get a [weekly email recap](#) if you prefer; 3. [Like us on Facebook](#) where you'll find even more new stories every day; 4. [Follow us on Twitter](#) if you want it short and sweet; 5. Prefer video? Check out our [YouTube channel](#); 6. You're free to use any of these stories in your newsletter, bulletin, website . . . or share them through social media; 7. And, if you have your own stories, photos or videos that you'd like to see featured on our national Presbyterian church website, [contact us!](#)

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Thoughtful Christian offers Advent materials. Advent starts in just a few weeks (on Sunday, November 27 to be exact!). Here are several resources that will help pastors and other church leaders throughout the season. [Featured Sale Items available here.](#)

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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 with any questions and to RSVP your planned attendance. [See the flyer online.](#)

Sign up for Confirmation Cluster Beginning this week. Bethelwoods and EEMT are hosting the annual Confirmation Cluster for churches with just a few youth. The class will begin in January 2017 with a retreat at Bethelwoods and is designed for youth in 8th grade. If you have youth in your church you would like to be a part of this class or would like more information, contact Stephen McDonald at stephen@bethelwoods.org or 803-366-3722.

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Discerning the Movement of the Spirit Webinar Coming in November. Join hosts Mark Lau Branson and Alan Roxburgh for this free Pastor's webinar. Hear stories, theological reflection and conversation about how congregational leaders practice discerning the movement of the Spirit on this journey joining God. [Register Now.](#)



Church Wide Worship Service to be Streamed Live on November 2. "Write the Vision—Reclaim the Call" is the theme of a church-wide Reformation worship service being led by the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, on November 2 at the Presbyterian Center and live-streamed to the public. "This is an opportunity in this Reformation season to call for a reform within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)," said Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. "It is my hope that we, as a denomination, can embrace a spiritual reformation that breaks down the walls that separate us within the national church and those that divide us from the communities where God has placed us." Worship will begin **Nov. 2 at 10:45AM** (Eastern Time) and can be viewed live at oga.pcusa.org. A video of the service also will be posted for later viewing.

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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.

Christmas Greenery available from Oakland Avenue Presbyterian. Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church will be selling greenery (Christmas trees, wreaths, & garlands) as part of their annual Alternative Gift Fair. A 5' to 6' tree costs \$46, 7' to 8' - \$52, and 9' or over costs \$59.00. For other pricing, pick up an order form at OAPC or the Presbytery. Orders must be turned in by November 10th.. The greenery and trees will be cut on Nov. 30th and ready for pick up at OAPC on Thursday, Dec. 1st from 2 to 6PM.. All proceeds go to local charities (Affinity Health Care, Family Promise, Children's Attention Home, and others) and Presbytery Agencies (Bethelwoods, New Vision Eye Clinic, Thornwell, and others).

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.](#)



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 provpres3.org or call Ann White at 803-328-6269 or 800-922-1609 to have a Workshop Catalog with registration form mailed to you!

Sign up for Confirmation Cluster. Bethelwoods and EEMT are hosting the annual Confirmation Cluster for churches with just a few youth. The class will begin in January 2017 with a retreat at Bethelwoods and is designed for youth in 8th grade. If you have youth in your church you would like to be a part of this class or would like more information, contact Stephen McDonald at stephen@bethelwoods.org or 803-366-3722.

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..

Church Secretary Needed. Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church in York, SC seeks Church Secretary. The Church Secretary provides office services by implementing administrative systems including Windows 10, Word, Excel, Publisher, and Church Windows. Also implements procedures, policies, and monitors administrative projects. Basic understanding of accounting is preferred. Secretary will perform clerical and administrative functions such as drafting correspondence, organizing and maintaining paper and electronic files, or providing information to callers. If interested, send resume to Debbie.atkins@clover.k12.sc.us.

Music Associate-Organist Needed - Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC has a part-time (12 hour per week) position available for an organist. The Aeolian Skinner organ is used for 2 services each Sunday and the position would also accompany the Chancel Choir for its weekly rehearsals. Special services, weddings and funerals, and soloist accompaniment are also included in the job requirements. This position will report to the Director of Music with a strong collaborative relationship with the Senior Pastor. The successful candidate will have an excellent knowledge and command of sacred organ literature as well as a positive, supportive view of music ministry. Please send resume to LHRAYL78@gmail.com.

Communications Specialist needed at Unity Presbyterian. Unity Presbyterian Church (Fort Mill, SC) has an opening for a part-time communications specialist (20-hours a week). For more information or to apply, contact Jacob Lewis Saylor, Church Administrative Officer at jsaylor@UnityFortMill.org or 803.547.5543.

"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 with any questions and to RSVP your planned attendance. [See the flyer online.](#)

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11/10	EEMT	Presbytery Office	11:30 AM
11/10	Committee on Ministry	Presbytery Office	5:30 PM
11/14-16	Minister and Educator Retreat	Montreat	
11/24-25	Presbytery office Closed for Thanksgiving		
12/1	Hunger Action Team	Presbytery Office	6:30PM
12/2	Presbytery Office Closes for RH Christmas Parade		Noon