



**KIDS NIGHT OUT at Bethelwoods this Friday Night.** Open to all children currently in K5—6th Grade. Includes Dinner and Craft. Cost is \$15 for 1st child, \$10 for 2nd, and \$5 for every child after that. The Next KNO is the *September 9th LEGO Night!* [Find out more.](#)



**DEADLINE For Nomination THIS WEDNESDAY !!!** Who has been ministering to others and setting an example of how to live out their faith in the day-to-day? The Legacy Awards (formerly the Older Adult of the Year Awards) seek to celebrate the lives and ministries of those who are leaving a legacy of faith for others to emulate. [Nominate your church's honoree by September 8th online by clicking here.](#) When you submit your entry, you may upload your 100-word description explaining why you selected your honoree (.doc or .txt) and a picture of your honoree for the program and the slideshow (.jpg, .png or .gif). If you choose not to upload, you may email [jill@providencepres.org](mailto:jill@providencepres.org) directly or mail for delivery **by 9/8** to the Presbytery office at 515 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, 29732--Attention : Legacy Awards.

**The Legacy Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday, September 20th** at Bethelwoods. Please plan to join us to honor these special people. Make your reservation today by calling Bethelwoods at 803-366-3722. Cost of the lunch is \$10 per person.

**Bowling Green Hosts 121st Anniversary Celebration.** Bowling Green Church invites you to attend our Homecoming Sunday and our 121st Anniversary Celebration this Sunday, September 11. Our Worship service will begin at 11AM in the Sanctuary, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to a day of gratitude for our past, enthusiasm for our present...and excitement for our future! 250 Ridge Road in Clover, SC. [www.BowlingGreenPres.org](http://www.BowlingGreenPres.org)

**Does your congregation have curricula needs or questions?** Your Resource Center has answers and options for all ages. The Resource Center is open Monday-Friday from 9-5. Stop by to browse anytime during those hours. Or call the Resource Center at 803-328-6269 or 800-922-1609 to speak with Ann White about your congregation's resource and curricula needs. Most resources can be mailed directly to you. Call today to learn more about what is available.



**Presbyterians in Providence Presbytery have been offering our dimes for 38 years.** So far we have collected 15,931,192 dimes! Those dimes translate into a lot of HOPE for our many neighbors here in Chester, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union, and York Counties who are hungry. They also bring HOPE to our more distant neighbors in Guatemala, Honduras, and Malawi. [Read the entire "Minute for Dimes 2016".](#) Join us for our annual kickoff dinner **Sunday, September 11 at 5:30PM at Bethelwoods Lake Lodge.** Several agencies will share how they use the DFH funds that they receive. Several churches share what they do to have a successful DFH season. Reserve your \$7 meal by September 6 by calling 803-328-6269. [Find out more.](#)



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**Affirmation of York County Changes Meeting Location.** We offer a huge thank you to Grace Presbyterian Church for welcoming our group. We have met there for 2 years and 8 months and are so appreciative of their hosting us. In order to try to increase our presence in York County, we have made the decision to move to a church more centrally located. 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: Sept. 13, 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.

**Nominations Committee seeks new People for Committee Positions.** Have you ever thought about getting involved in ministry in addition to your local church? Have you wondered how ministry among the churches of Providence Presbytery happens? Get involved in one of our many ministry teams to make a difference outside of your own community of faith. Nominations Committee is hard at work seeking people who would like to make a difference in our 5-county area. [Nominations form is online.](#)

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9/7	Historical Society Board Meeting	Presbytery Office	2PM
9/8	Mission and Outreach Ministry Team	Presbytery Office	6:30PM
9/10	CRRR	Presbytery Office	10:30AM
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From the Prayer Calendar  
September 18th

Bethlehem First  
McConnells, SC  
(30 members)

# IN THE KNOW

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## Building Positive Christian and Muslim Relationships is Topic of Upcoming Workshop.

A Question and Answer for those interested in building positive Christian and Muslim relationships will be held Sunday, Sept. 18th at 6:30 pm at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Rock Hill. Guests will include Dr. Safi Kaskas and Dr. David Hungerford who produced "The Qur'an with References to the Bible" and former US Congressman Mark Siljander. For more information contact Rev. Sam McGregor at [mgregorsk@comporium.net](mailto:mgregorsk@comporium.net).



**Tickets for the "Putting a Face on Syria" Barbeque Benefit for the education of Syrian refugee children** are now available in the Presbytery office. The barbeque benefit is Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, from 5-7 pm at Oakland Avenue Presbytery Church in the church activity center at 504 Oakland Ave. Tickets are \$20. Please contact Ann White at [ann@providencepres.org](mailto:ann@providencepres.org) for more information.

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**2016 JAARS Scripture Celebration is on September 23, 2016**, from 10am-11:30am, in the JAARS Townsend Auditorium, 7405 Jaars Road, Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173. The Bible is the best tool we have for becoming more like Christ, so when people receive God's transforming Word in their heart language, that's cause for celebration! We'll be celebrating alongside 25 language communities from around the world who recently completed a Scripture translation. See and hear how having God's Word in the language they understand best is making an impact and answering prayers.

**Worship for YOUTH:** Calling all middle and high school youth! Join Bethelwoods as we embark on our awesome Worship for YOUTH program! With incredible fellowship, exciting worship and great food, this wonderful event allows your youth to meet others and build friendships that can last a lifetime. Cost is \$10 per person and includes activities, dinner and worship. Call 803-366-3722 to reserve your spot today.

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**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](http://PCusa.org)

**Attention Church Educators:** Registration for the APCE Annual Event 2017—God With Us in the Chaos—is now open. The APCE Awards and Scholarships Ministry Team has provided a direct link to make it easy to get started on the application process: <http://www.apcenet.org/scholarships>. Please note scholarship application deadlines are in October and November. APCE Annual Event 2017 will be held in Denver, CO, January 25-28, 2017.

**Safe & Healthy Churches Training:** Ending Family Violence workshop to be offered Saturday, October 15, 2016 at MAHEC—121 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803. InFaith Community Foundation is sponsoring Safe & Healthy Churches Training: Ending Family Violence, a one-day training in Asheville, NC, designed to help Christian pastors and lay leaders understand the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence and the ramifications of violence on individuals, the church and the community. It also highlights protocols to protect victims, prevent future harm, and respond effectively and sensitively to victims/survivors, their families, and abusers. [Find out more and register online.](#)

**DEADLINE for BOP REQUIRED Employer Agreement 9/30.** For 2017 benefits, the Board of Pensions requires each employing organization and church to file an “Employer Agreement” by September 30, 2016. This will determine what benefits will be offered to the employee(s) in 2017. You may go to [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org) to read more about 2017 benefits. Then click on “Benefits Connect” bar at the top of the page to login as employer. In addition, each Board of Pensions member will login separately to “Benefits Connect” to access and review their own benefits. Each church and employing organization MUST file an “Employer Agreement” by September 30, 2016 if any employee is on the Board of Pensions. Then, each employee, clergy and lay persons, will have an Open Enrollment period to select benefits offered. **Please contact the Board of Pensions (1-800-773-7752)** or Rose at the Presbytery Office (803-328-6269/ 800-922-1609) with questions.

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**Board of Pensions seeks Church Consultant.** The Church Consultant reports to the Vice President, Church Relations and is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with church employers and councils in a multistate region that encompasses Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. This individual will interpret and promote the plans and programs of the Board of Pensions, assist employers in understanding their responsibilities, and help them determine and implement benefit offerings. In conjunction with the rest of the Church Relations team, this individual will interpret the work of the Board for councils of the Church, employers, and Benefits Plan members. [Find out more.](#)

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