

**“I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Volunteers or Paid Staff Welcome at Educators' Gathering.** All church educators, whether volunteer or paid staff, are invited to an Educators' Gathering on Tuesday, January 23, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in York from 12:30 - 2:PM. Bring any Lenten materials or ideas that you have used to share with the group. Feel free to bring lunch with you. Bethesda is located at 4858 McConnells Highway, York, SC 29745.

**Smaller Congregations to Gather in March.** Join us March 16-18, at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia with leaders from other smaller congregations throughout the Synod for a conference entitled “Great Hospitality for Smaller Churches. You can find more information and register through the Association of Smaller Congregations website at [www.presbyasc.org](http://www.presbyasc.org). And don't forget that the synod have some scholarship assistance for continuing education for those who apply. Information and forms (even though they say 21 at: <http://synodofsouthatlantic.org/file-cabinet/>

**Calling all Youth! Join us at Bethelwoods for Worship for Youth on Sunday February 11th from 4-7PM!** We'll have worship, food, and play for youth of all ages!! Encourage your youth group to come out together! Cost is \$ 10.00 per person call to register your youth group today, 803-366-3722



**Limited spaces are available for any retreats or parties** you have planned here at Bethelwoods. Call us today to see if we can accommodate you for your gathering!

**Save the Date for PC Choir Concert in Rock Hill.** The Presbyterian College Concert Choir will perform at First Rock Hill on Friday, March 2. More details to come..

**Anna Florence Carter of CTS is Keynote at June Retreat.** The Washington Island Forum is a 40 year tradition and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and The Christian Century magazine. It is four and one half days of worship, workshops, discussion, and contemplation in an ecumenical retreat setting on Washington Island, just north of Door County Wisconsin. To be held in June 25-29, 2018, the event's information and registration [can be found online.](#)

**Authentic Parenting Workshop to be held at Montreat in February..** This February 9-11 kid-free retreat is for parents with kids of all ages (it's never too early). However, the workshops will primarily focus on families who have elementary, middle, and high school aged kids. It is also a retreat for church professionals looking to gain insight into parenting topics, parents, and parenting resources. We also hope to send you away with resources and practices that matter to you and your families. While it's great to get away for a weekend, we know the real work of parenting comes in the day in and day out routines we build into our family life. [Find out More.](#)



**Five SC Presbyteries Statewide COM-CPM-PJC Retreat coming January 26-27.** The five SC Presbyteries Statewide COM-CPM-PJC Retreat will be held on Jan. 26 and 27, 2018 at the White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC. Please let Mark ([markverdery@providencepres.org](mailto:markverdery@providencepres.org)) and Inez Glasgow ([iglasgow@providencepres.org](mailto:iglasgow@providencepres.org)) know if you register so we may have an accurate count of how many will be attending from our presbytery. [Check out the flyer online.](#)

**The Legacy of Faith Celebration is scheduled for April 17 at Bethelwoods.** This event will replace the former Legacy Awards Luncheon. Churches will be invited to celebrate individuals or groups by decorating a table featuring the ways the featured person or group share(s) their legacy of faith. This picnic lunch will be held in Bethelwoods outdoor pavilion and will feature great entertainment, food and fun. Plan to join us. Presbyterian Communities will once again sponsor the celebration.

**Mediation Skills Training offers discount for registration prior to February 9.** Time to follow through on those New Year's Resolutions! Resolve now to address the conflict in your congregation that damages relationships and derails your ministries. Sign up for a training event that a previous participant called "the best model for mediation . . . that I have experienced in more than three decades of ordained ministry"! Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI) March 12-16, 2018 Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Columbia, SC. [Find out more.](#)

**Presbyterian College Scholarship Application is Open.** College is a huge commitment both academically and financially. I am excited to share this opportunity with you that can make college more affordable for students in your church. The Emerging Church Leader Scholarship is an easy way to secure \$1,000 toward your student's education at Presbyterian College. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage church-going young adults to join the Presbyterian College student body. PC does a fantastic job of providing students with a solid liberal arts education in the context of a Christian faith community. You can learn more about PC at <https://www.presby.edu/admissions/> or email me (Rev. Beatrix Weil, [baweil@presby.edu](mailto:baweil@presby.edu)) for more information. Fill out this extremely simple form to provide a student in your church with a \$1,000 scholarship to PC: <https://www.presby.edu/campus-life/religious-life-service/emerging-church-leader-scholarship/>  
(Some restrictions apply)

**All on Board Presents Opioid Summit.** An Opioid Summit is scheduled for **January 25** in the Magnolia Room 4017 Laurel Creek Dr., Rock Hill, SC 29732. We will discuss ways to combat the opioid/heroin epidemic that is affecting us locally. Questions or to register? Contact All on Board Coalition, Bob Norwood at [bnorwood@allonboard.org](mailto:bnorwood@allonboard.org) or 803-493-6950.

**South Carolina's "Stand Up Sunday" Scheduled for January 21.** Join the congregations in our state that are participating in Stand Up Sunday by simply [emailing us](#) with your place of worship's name, contact name, phone number and the subject line, "We're in." We'll be in touch with materials that will help you: 1. Include Stand-Up Sunday in your bulletin. 2. Craft a sermon or statement about gun violence. 3. Offer your congregants the opportunity to get more involved. We look forward to hearing "We're in!" from you! [info@aminarmsc.org](mailto:info@aminarmsc.org) As always, we appreciate your time, knowledge and talent. Together, we can make South Carolina a safer place to live, learn, play and worship.

**Mark your Calendar..** Mark Tidsworth, of Pinnacle Consulting will be leading a workshop entitled Farming Church: Cultivating Adaptive Change in Congregations at the March 15 Presbytery Meeting. Mark will also be preaching for opening worship on the 15th.

Date	Event	Time	Location
1/18	Education and Equipping Ministry Team	11:30 AM	Presbytery Office
1/26-27	COM-CPM-PJC Retreat	7AM-9PM Friday 8AM-3PM Saturday	White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC
2/8	Committee on Ministry	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
2/13	Administrative Ministry Team	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
2/15	Coordinating Team	5:30PM	Presbtery Office
3/15	Presbytery Meeting	10AM-4PM	Faith Presbyterian Church, Indian Land

## Quick Links

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