



February 3, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

[Click here to request Steve join your congregation in worship.](#)

- February 5 | PW of Providence Presbytery Lunch
- February 15 | Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery
(save time and register early here!)
- February 19 | Webinar: The Ministry Toolbox
- February 23 | Educators' Gathering

[View our calendar](#)

Happening Saturday!

This Saturday, February 7, at 6 p.m. At Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, we will have a fundraising dinner for both Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry located on the Arizona-Mexico border, and our own local Carolina Immigrant Alliance.

We will have a BBQ dinner and hear a great panel presentation from local immigrants who will share aspects of their personal migration stories. The fundraiser costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for students/children. Please plan to come and invite your friends!

[Registration information is on Realm.](#)

Fundraising Dinner to Benefit Frontera de Cristo
on the Arizona/Mexico Border and Rock Hill's
Carolina Immigrant Alliance



[Register Here!](#)

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Where: Oakland Hall,
Oakland Avenue
Presbyterian Church

Cost: **\$25 Adults**
\$15 Children/Students

When: 6pm-8pm



Sponsors:

Race and Reconciliation in
Rock Hill, SC



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PLEASE JOIN US

for our next

COMMUNITY TABLE



Breakfast & Conversations

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Oakland Hall

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church | 421 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill SC

Breakfast at 9:00AM followed by our program & conversation

The Vision of the Community Table is to be a Beloved Community of diversity and equity who come together to address issues of injustice(s) within our community in a peaceful and compassionate way that honors the dignity of all.”

There is no cost to attend this event.

*Breakfast will begin at 9:00AM; vegan/GF friendly
Donations welcome to help cover the meal.*

Scan for event
registration



Seating is limited - RSVPs encouraged by 2/10/2026
[visit https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/cedd6d99CH](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/cedd6d99CH)
or scan the QR code to register



*Sponsored by Providence Presbytery Beloved Community Seekers,
OAPC Disciples Against Racism, and St. Mary's Social Justice Ministry*

Webinar: The Ministry Toolbox

Our spiritual gifts mean we naturally have many different tools at our disposal in our toolbox, but sometimes those tools may need a little sharpening.

Enter: **The Ministry Toolbox of Providence Presbytery.**

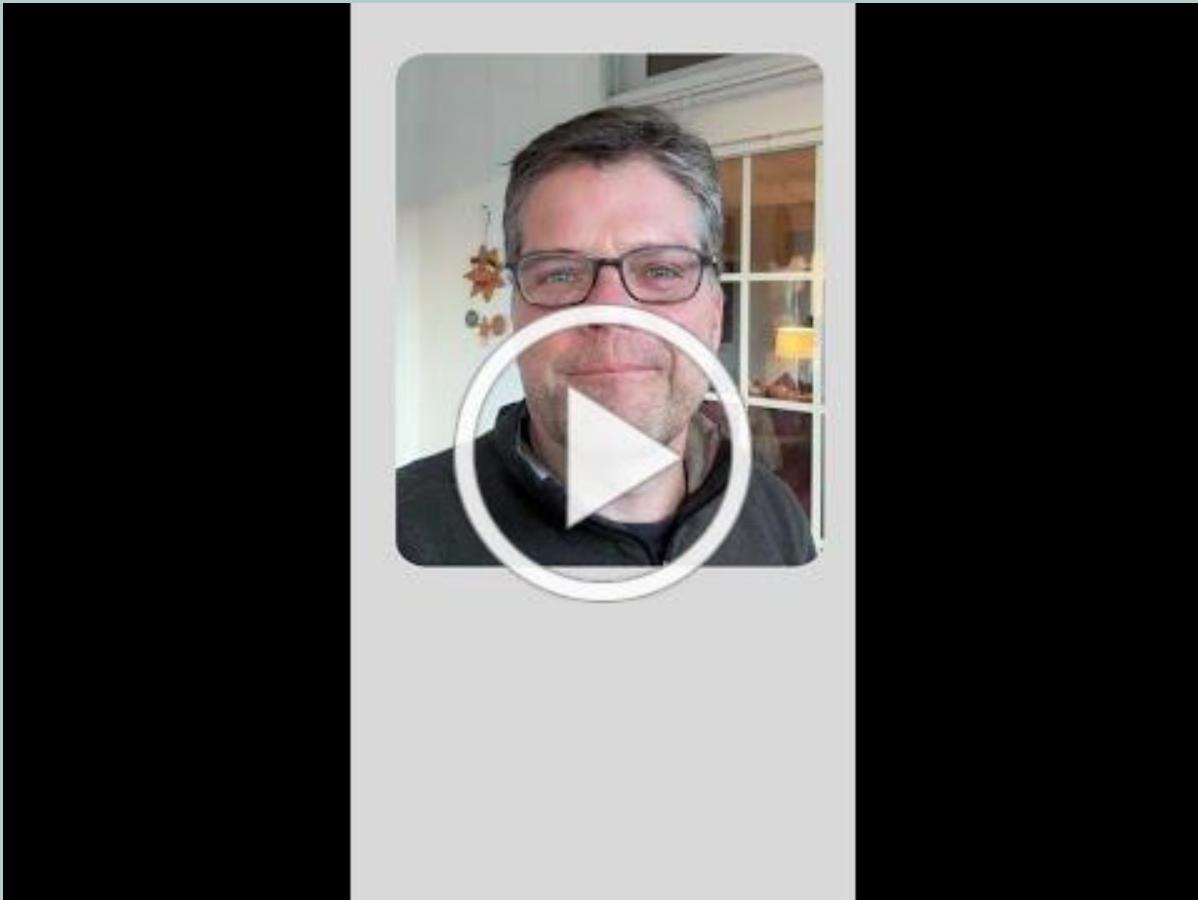
We've invited experts in various areas to join us in a monthly live webinar where they will present information on their area of ministry expertise, then we will have a Q&A session. We hope you can join us!

February's topic is: **Shared Ministry with Jerry Cannon.** The conversation will take place February 19 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. [Please click here for more information and to](#)

register and get the zoom link.



Watch the video below for more info:



Leaderfest 2026 Registration Open

Providence Presbytery Leaderfest Seminar

March 28, 2026

Unity Presbyterian Church / 303 Tom Hall St / Fort Mill, SC 29715

Presented by Stephen Ministries, St. Louis, featuring Joel Bretscher

The mental health crisis has been a growing challenge in society for decades, with numerous proposed solutions that have fallen short of resolving the problem. Building on more than two years of research, Stephen Ministries St. Louis has developed a bold new approach for the church to make a far-reaching difference in this area. Come and hear about this unexpected, powerful way for you, your small group, and all of our congregations to help solve the mental health crisis.

Schedule

8:30–9:00 a.m. **Check-In and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m.–Noon **Presentations**

- How Your Congregation Can Help Combat the Health Crisis: A New, Expanded Approach
- What Jesus Teaches Us about Empathy

Noon–12:45 p.m. **Lunch (included with registration)**

- Optional Presentation on Getting a Church Involved with Stephen Ministry

12:45–3:00 p.m. **Presentations**

- Unexpected Ways to Care
- What We've Learned about Grief and Relating to Those Who Are Grieving



Scan the QR code on the Left to Register

\$20 registration fee

Space is limited. Pre-Registration by March 21 is requested.



Joel Bretscher has been a member of the staff at Stephen Ministries in St. Louis since 1995. As Program Director, Joel leads the writing and editing team in the development of books, videos, training materials, courses, and other resources.

He is the lead author of *The Gift of Empathy* and coauthor of *Caring Assertiveness*, both award-winning books.

[Click Here To Register](#)

**SC5 School of Theology:
Registration Open**



SC5 School of Theology 2026 Spring Semester March 27 & 28

The **SC5** School of Theology is sponsored by the five presbyteries in South Carolina: Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity.

What is the SC5 School of Theology? Theological training for elders and church leaders. There are two tracks:

- **Enrichment Track** – for Ruling Elders who have received a diploma from the SC5 School of Theology **and** for those who want personal enrichment for teaching or leading in their congregations.
- **Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)/Commissioned Pastor (CP) Track** – for Ruling Elders who want to become a CRE or CP.

For Whom? Classes are for:

- Church Leaders interested in learning more.
- Ruling Elders interested in learning more.
- Ruling Elders interested in being commissioned to serve and lead congregations.
- Faith Formation Leaders interested in better equipping themselves to teach.

When? Friday, March 27 through Saturday, March 28, 2026

Where? The SC5 School of Theology classes are held at Presbyterian College

Spring 2026 Semester Courses

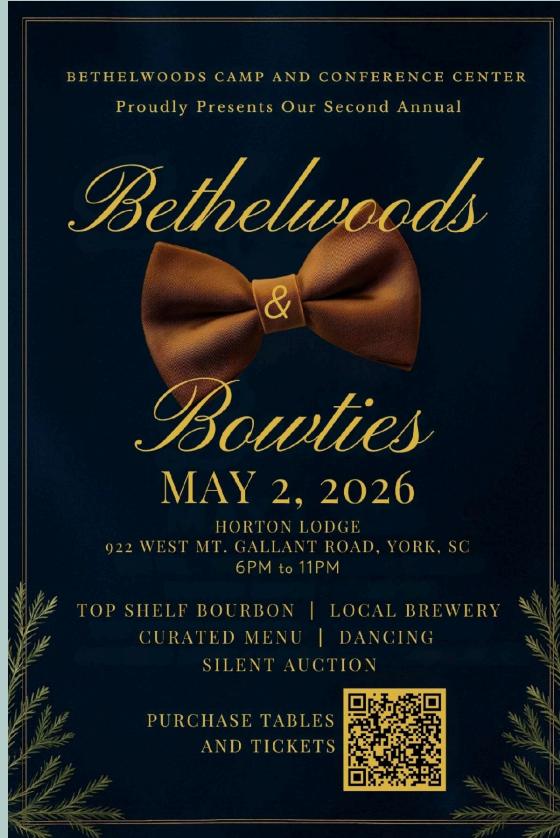
- Old Testament (Core)
- Church History (Core)
- Worship & Sacraments (Core)
- Presbyterian Polity (Core)
- The Joyous Letter to the Church at Philippi (Elective)
- One Thread: Crafting Worship That Unravels (Elective)

Costs:

- Course and 2 meals: \$75 for Enrichment Track, \$95 for CRE/CP Track
- Accommodations: Students may make arrangements as they choose. However, we negotiated with the Hampton Inn (located at Exit 54 off I-26) in Clinton for a discounted rate of \$119 for a King or \$129 for Queen room/night. The rate includes breakfast.

For more information about the SC5 School of Theology, please talk with your Presbytery leader, visit our website [here](#), or contact the SC5 School of Theology Registrar, Robin Morris, at rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org or call Robin at 864.288.5774.

News From Bethelwoods



Employment Opportunities

Our friends at Tirzah (L) are searching for a supply pastor and a new pianist is needed at Beaver Creek.

[Details are available here.](#)

New Action Circles Aim To Prevent Gun Violence Against Children

Imagine a school bus of 50 children crashing, killing every child, every four days for a year. Year after year after year. Wouldn't we do something about it?

That is the equivalent number of children being killed by gun violence in the United States today — about 50 children every four days. Since 2020, gun violence has been the top killer of American children — more than cancer, vehicle crashes or any other disaster. It has been the number one killer of children of color since 2006.

Image

Starting February 4, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship will launch “Protecting Children from Gun Violence: Imagining a New World.” This is a new action circle experience created by educators, church leaders and pastors in the Fellowship’s Gun Violence Prevention Ministry. The faith-based action circles will gather participants on Zoom for one hour weekly on five Wednesdays at noon Eastern Time. The winter action circles run Feb. 4- March 4 and the Spring Circles run April 15-May 13. Four cycles will be offered each year. Participants can bring a bag lunch or breakfast, depending on their time zone. The Action Circles are ecumenical and are offered free of charge.

2026 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- February 15, 2026 | Faith Presbyterian, Indian Land, SC | 2:30 p.m.
- May 17, 2026 | Oakland Avenue Presbyterian, Rock Hill, SC | 2:30 p.m.
- August 16, 2026 | Virtual | 1:30 p.m.
- November 8, 2026 | Riverview Presbyterian, Fort Mill, SC | 2:30 p.m.

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