



April 14, 2026

## Important Upcoming Dates

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

- April 16 | The Ministry Toolbox Webinar
- April 18 | Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
- April 28 | SC5 Leader of Leaders Event

[View our calendar](#)

# REformed flections *from Steve*

A few weeks ago, we gathered for our second Ministry Toolbox webinar, and I've been chewing on something ever since.

Rhodes Logan, one of my Horizons Stewardship colleagues, spent an hour with us walking through [what it looks like to cultivate a genuine culture of generosity in your congregation](#). It was a rich conversation, full of practical wisdom. But what stuck with me most was actually the first thing Rhodes said — or close to it.

Before he got into strategies or best practices, he made clear that the single most important foundation for a generous church is clarity. Clarity about who you are. Clarity about what God is calling you to do. Clarity about where you're headed. Mission and vision, in other words.

It sounds almost too simple, doesn't it? But churches of every size struggle to cultivate generosity not because their people don't care, but because their people don't know — not really — what they're giving toward. A mission that's easy to remember and a vision that paints a compelling, measurable picture of your preferred future: those aren't just strategic tools. They're the story your congregation needs in order to connect their resources to something that matters.

Because generosity, at its best, isn't a financial transaction. It's a spiritual response. When people understand the why behind your ministry, giving becomes an act of worship and gratitude rather than an obligation. The question "Why should I give?" gets answered not by a budget shortfall, but by a vision worth investing in.

That's especially true for newer and younger generations in our pews. They want to know what difference their giving makes. They want to see the impact. Sharing stories of lives changed and ministry advanced — that's what connects the offering plate to the mission of God.

All of which means that one of the most generosity-shaping things you can do for your congregation this year might have nothing to do with a stewardship campaign. It might be the harder, slower work of clarifying — or re-clarifying — what God is calling your church to be and do.

On a different note: a warm word of gratitude to all of you who have welcomed me into your Sunday morning worship. These visits continue to be one of the genuine joys of my work, and I'm grateful for each congregation that has extended that invitation. If your church hasn't yet been in touch and you'd like to arrange a visit, I'd love to come. The back half of this year has plenty of availability -- click the button at the top of this newsletter to find a date that works for you.

Live in hope,



[#ProvidentiallyTogether](#)

## Happening Thursday: The Ministry Toolbox

Many assume that effective youth ministry requires a large group and robust programming. Thursday's conversation seeks to challenge that assumption, instead highlighting that meaningful youth ministry is rooted in relationships rather than numbers, and offering practical tools for engaging young people and integrating them into the life of the church, no matter the size of your youth group.

We hope you can join us for this insightful webinar this Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. You can find the [Zoom link here](#).



All of our past conversations are available for you to view on [our website](#).

## A Word From Our Moderator

Dear Members of the Providence Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Congregations,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

I am humbled and grateful to have been selected at the February 15, 2026 Presbytery Stated meeting to serve as Moderator of Providence Presbytery for the year of our Lord 2026.

In this season of transition within our Presbytery, I write with both gratitude and a call to faithful stewardship. Times of change—whether in leadership, vision, or ministry direction—invite us to reflect more deeply on who we are as a Church and how God is calling us forward together. As Scripture reminds us, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8), grounding us in the assurance that even as circumstances shift, our foundation remains secure.

As congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we are rooted in a connectional system that reminds us we do not navigate transition alone. We are bound together in shared ministry, mutual accountability, and collective discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The witness of Ecclesiastes speaks truth into seasons such as these: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

It is precisely in these seasons of transition that stewardship becomes especially vital. Stewardship is not merely the management of resources, but a faithful response to God’s grace. As we are reminded in 1 Peter 4:10, “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” The gifts of time, talent, and treasure entrusted to each of us sustain the Church’s witness, support its ministries, and enable us to respond to emerging needs with courage and compassion.

I encourage each congregation to approach this time with prayerful intentionality—remaining grounded in Scripture, attentive to the Spirit, and committed to generous participation in the life of the Church. Your continued faithfulness ensures that even amid change, the work of Christ’s Church moves forward with strength and purpose. As we are encouraged in Galatians 6:9, “Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”

The Presbytery stands ready to walk alongside you, offering guidance, resources, and support as we discern together the path ahead. This is a shared journey, and each congregation’s voice and contribution are essential to our collective ministry.

May you be strengthened in faith, encouraged in generosity, and confident in the assurance that God is at work among us — leading us through transition and equipping us for continued service.

Respectfully in Christ,  
*RE* Tim Cureton  
Moderator of Presbytery

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BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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MAY 2, 2026

HORTON LODGE

922 WEST MT. GALLANT ROAD, YORK, SC

6PM to 11PM

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AND TICKETS





SC5 Leader of Leaders Event  
April 28, 2026  
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.\*

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church  
530 St Andrews Rd  
Columbia, SC



In the description of the early Church in Acts 2:43-47, the word *all* is used more than once. The *whole* church was part of the awe-inspiring work being done by the Holy Spirit through the apostles and church members. *All* means everyone -- from the youngest to the oldest, across generations. Join us for a day focused on engaging *all* the church -- the *whole* church -- in ministry.

\*Registration, refreshments, and fellowship from 9:00 to 9:30.

[Click For More Info & To Register](#)

## Puzzle Tournament at Faith Presbyterian in Indian Land

Calling puzzlers of all levels! We have a fun filled event for the novice to expert puzzler to benefit two great causes and bring awareness to Autism.

Here's how it works: Teams of four puzzlers sign up as a group by filling out the form at the link below. (Create a fun name for your crew!) Registration is \$100 per team, which can be paid at the Paypal link OR in cash or check on the day of the event. If you don't have a team please let us know and we can add you to our list of interested players.

On April 25, teams will gather at 1 pm in the Ministry Center at Faith. Each team will have a table, and a covered puzzle. At 1:30 pm, the clock will start - teams can unwrap their puzzle and start puzzling! There is a 2-hour time limit. Additionally, we will have a silent auction and 50/50 raffle to add to the fun!

<https://www.faithpresusa.org/autism>

**Puzzle Tournament**  
**World Autism Awareness Month**

April 25, 2026 1-3:30pm  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
7520 Charlotte Hwy  
Indian Land, SC



4 person teams will complete a 500 piece puzzle  
\$100 to register per team

Click the QR code to register your team – come up with a fun team name!

All proceeds benefit Special Olympics of NC Unified Soccer League- The Hype Dogs  
And Autism Strong Foundation

AUTISM STRONG FOUNDATION



## BOP Assistance Program

The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions is part of our commitment to caring for one another and helping members thrive.

Your congregation's ministers and staff who are enrolled in the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) may be eligible for grants, each designed to support members' wholeness. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Benefits Regional Summits: Support for Congregational Leaders

Join us for an **informative town hall** designed to support pastoral leadership and congregational decision-makers.

Located throughout the country, the **Benefits Regional Summits** will provide important updates and insights into the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and related programs offered by the Board of Pensions. Among topics, you will hear about:

- Medical Plan cost trends and changes in the healthcare system
- Dues package subsidies that would ease financial burdens for congregations, pastors, and their families
- Plans and programs that support those who serve the Church, including Assistance Program enhancements

You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

**We hope you will join us at a summit near you for collaborative conversation about the Benefits Plan and what's ahead.** There are three abbreviated ones in SC that will last approximately 90 minutes. *Tentative schedule:*

- Greenville: Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Fourth PC
- Columbia: Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Eastminster PC

There is also a half-day event in Charlotte:

- Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 -2 pm at FPC Charlotte

[The Board Bulletin Spring 2026 - The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

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## You're Invited

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**Bowling Green Presbyterian Church is proud to present:**

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***"Has Christ Been Divided?  
Challenges to Community in Corinth"***

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**Led by Rev. Dr. Jim McConnell**

*Interim Dean, School of Divinity  
Professor of New Testament Interpretation  
Gardner-Webb University*

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**Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

250 Ridge Road · Clover, SC 29710

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**Itinerary:**

- 9:30 am-10 am:** Fellowship Hall  
*Coffee Fellowship*  
*Drop-off for Registered Children:*
- *Nursery (younger than 3 years old)*
  - *Corinthians Camp for Kids (K4-5th grade)*
- 10:00 am to 11:30 am:** Sanctuary  
*Session One*
- 11:30am-12:30 pm:** Fellowship Hall  
*Lunch Break for All*
- 12:30 pm- 2:00 pm:** Sanctuary  
*Session Two*
- 2:00 pm-3:00 pm:** Q&A *with Jim*

**Reservations for Lunch and Childcare**

**Lunch Reservations:**

- Name of Participant(s):
- Number of Lunches Reserved:

**Childcare:**

- Under 3 years: Nursery
- K4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Corinthians Camp *for Kids*  
Children's Names & Ages:   
Parent/Guardian Name:   
Parent/Guardian Phone:



Open Camera and Scan here to  
reserve lunch and childcare  
by May 6.

Please email the above information *by May 6th* to:  
**[bowlinggreenpres@gmail.com](mailto:bowlinggreenpres@gmail.com)**

**Questions?** Please email [bowlinggreenpres@gmail.com](mailto:bowlinggreenpres@gmail.com)  
or text/call Joel Jones at 704-460-0991.

[Click Here To Download The RSVP Form](#)

Ready to rethink what your church property can do? The Office of Faithful Innovation has curated a dynamic suite of resources to help congregations align ministry and money in bold, creative ways. Dive into the Good Futures Accelerator, an interactive, game-based tool that guides churches through discerning possibilities for social enterprise. Explore the practical “How To” collection, covering everything from partnerships and development to rentals and tax considerations. And find inspiration through the Affordable Housing and Social Enterprise Inventories, highlighting how PC(USA) churches and presbyteries are already innovating with purpose. Discover what’s possible: [www.pcusa.org/innovation](http://www.pcusa.org/innovation).

## UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE

**New Campus Ministry Fellowship  
Available for  
University of Dubuque and University  
of Dubuque Theological Seminary  
Students**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A new fellowship program at the University of Dubuque (UD) and University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (UDTS) will provide graduate students the unique opportunity to pursue life together in collegiate ministry while obtaining a master’s degree.

[Learn More](#)



**Welcome to the 227th  
General Assembly**  
June 22 - July 2, 2026

Issue 8 of GA227's  
"On the Road to GA"  
is hot off the virtual presses!

[Open The New Issue](#)

## Employment Opportunities

### Unity Presbyterian Church

- **Coordinator of Congregational Life and Engagement**

### Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

- **Senior Vice President of Development and Church Relations**
- **Director of Annual Giving and Donor Engagement**

## 2026 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- 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.

## Providence Presbytery Staff Members

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