



May 5, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

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

- May 17 | Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery (Handbook coming soon!)
- May 18 | Providence Presbytery Educators' Gathering
- May 21 | The Ministry Toolbox: Meet Your Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Resource Officer
- May 25 | Memorial Day -- Presbytery Offices Closed

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Presbytery Meeting Survey

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**FOR PRESBYTERY
MEETING SURVEY**

bit.ly/ppmeetingsurvey

The Presbytery Coordinating Team is exploring a possible change to the meeting day and time to better serve our members. Providence Presbytery currently holds four stated meetings per year, typically on Sunday afternoons. You are invited to take a brief survey to help the Coordinating Team make a well-informed recommendation to the body relating to this matter.

Your input is valued — this should take about 3 minutes. To access the survey, please either scan the QR code to the left or [click here](#).

Responses will be collected until May 31st.



WHO'LL BE a WITNESS?

**PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS
2026 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE**

JUNE 21-26 & JUNE 28-JULY 3

MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

MONTREAT, NORTH CAROLINA

Attention Small Churches:

There is about \$7,600 in scholarship funding available to participate this year's **Presbyterian Association of Musicians** Worship & Music Conference at Montreat Conference Center. This scholarship for small churches includes registration, lodging, meals, and transportation, if needed. We know the biggest barrier to attending any conference is often cost.

Learn more about the Worship & Music Conference:

<https://www.presbysmusic.org/conference>

Scholarship Application Page: <https://www.presbysmusic.org/conference-scholarships>

APCE Event In Puerto Rico Focuses On Connection

Rev. Kara Wheeler of First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill is the current SOAP President and a member of the planning team for the event featured below. The event's mindful focus on multicultural connection is highlighted in the following Presbyterian News Service article.

As Kara writes: "With the way our plans came together and the evidence of the Holy Spirit's movement in our gathering, I left refreshed in mind, heart, and spirit for the work ahead of me in my ministry. We are truly a connectional church and better when we are connected to one another."



What would it look like to connect a group of Christian educators to learn about faith formation in an event that encompasses two regions that live, work and worship in different languages?

That was just one of the questions the gathering planning team of the **SOAP network of Christian educators in the South Atlantic and Puerto Rico (Boriquén) Synods** — part of the Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) — had to answer when planning its next gathering.

[READ MORE](#)

RSVP Deadline Is Today

Bowling Green Presbyterian Church is proud to present:

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

Led by Rev. Dr. Jim McConnell

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

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

250 Ridge Road · Clover, SC 29710

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
- K4-5th 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

Questions? Please email bowlinggreenpres@gmail.com
or text/call Joel Jones at 704-460-0991.

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

Migrant Trail Walk Raises Awareness, Funds

This month Ginger Williams, a member of Providence Presbytery's Mexico Border Ministry Team, will walk 75 miles through the desert in Arizona along the "**Migrant Trail**" to raise awareness of the migrant deaths that occur on the US border with Mexico.

Ginger is asking for prayer and donations which will be shared between **Frontera de Cristo**, a border ministry which supports people in Mexico through employment so they have no need to migrate, and our local **Carolina Immigrant Alliance** which supports immigrant families with the paperwork required to obtain legal status in the US.

Please see the flyer below and prayerfully consider how you can support Ginger on this special journey. You can click to download the flyer and scan the QR code or click the button below to make a gift in support of her journey.

[MAKE A GIFT](#)



Please consider supporting Ginger Williams as she walks the 23rd annual Migrant Trail! She will do this week-long trek (May 25 - 31) to bring awareness to the deaths at the U. S. - Mexico border, and to raise funds for Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian mission on the Arizona- Mexico border, and our local Carolina Immigrant Alliance here in Rock Hill, SC.

The purpose of the 75-mile trek is to bear witness to the migrant deaths on the U.S.-Mexico border.

All donations will be shared between Frontera de Cristo, on the U.S.-Mexico Border, and our local Carolina Immigrant Alliance.

Why Walk the Migrant Trail?

The precarious reality of our borderlands calls us to walk. We are a spiritually diverse, multi-cultural group who walk together on a journey of peace to remember people, friends and family who have died, others who have crossed, and people who continue to come. We bear witness to the tragedy of death and of the inhumanity in our midst. Lastly, we make this sacred journey as a community, in defiance of the borders that attempt to divide us, committed to working together for the human dignity of all peoples. For more information on the Migrant Trail go here:

www.azmigrantrail.com<<http://www.azmigrantrail.com>>

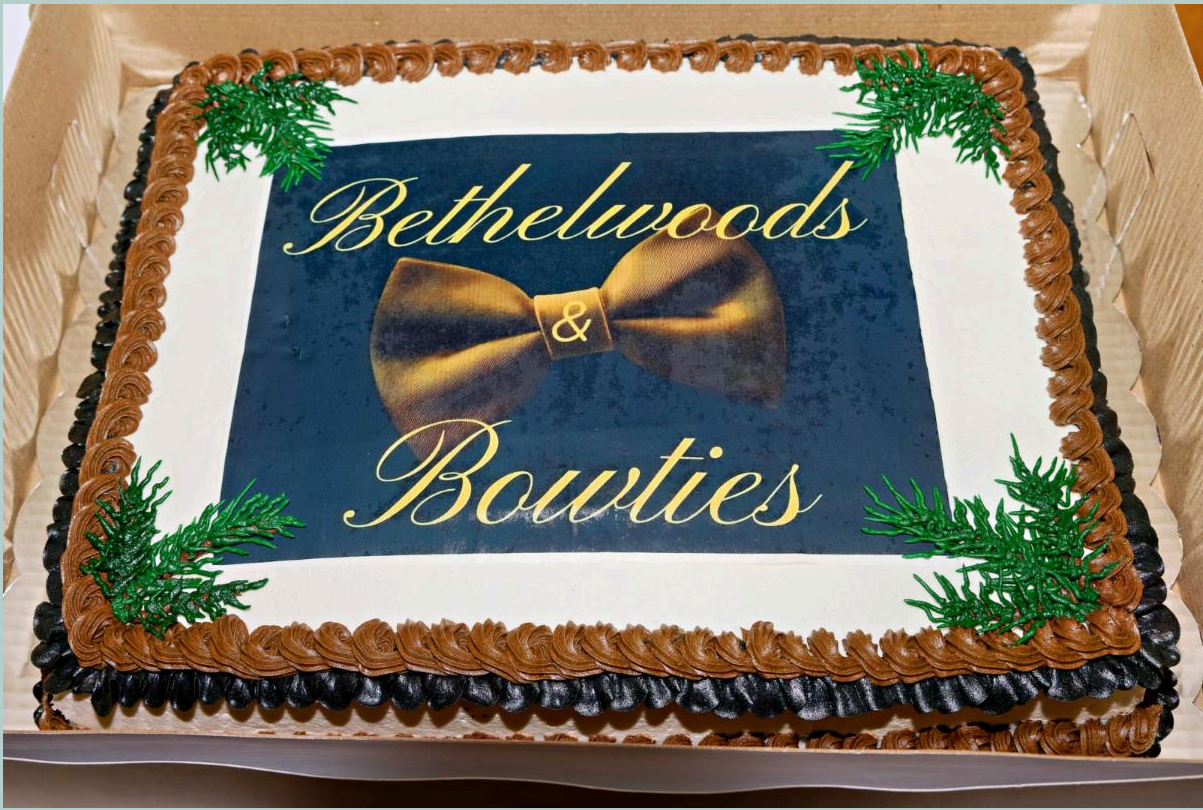
Thank you in advance for your support!

To make a donation scan on the QR code at the top



News From Bethelwoods

2nd Annual Bethelwoods & Bowties A Success!





Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center had the pleasure of hosting the 2nd annual Bethelwoods & Bowties last weekend. The event brought together supporters from across the community and Presbytery to celebrate and invest in the ministry of this beloved “God’s House in the Woods.” Guests donned their finest attire and enjoyed an elegant evening of fellowship.

The evening featured a catered dinner, a lively silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and unique activities that reflected the joy and hospitality of the Bethelwoods experience. We were especially grateful for the partnership of local businesses and churches, whose support helped make the event both accessible and successful.

While final numbers are still being confirmed, we are excited to share that the event is projected to raise over \$10,000 in support of Bethelwoods’ ongoing ministry. These funds will directly support camp programming, facility improvements, and the continued outreach of Bethelwoods as a place of growth, rest, and encounter with God for people of all ages.

Just as important as the financial impact was the opportunity to strengthen relationships, welcome new supporters, and share Bethelwoods’ 61-year legacy and vision for the future.

If you were unable to attend this year, we hope you will join us next time! Bethelwoods & Bowties is held annually on the first Saturday in May, and we would love for congregations across Providence Presbytery to consider attending or becoming event sponsors.

Thank you for your continued support of Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center and its ministry.

Rev. Mia Levetan



A New Garden Club At Bethelwoods

Join us for our first meeting:

May 19th, 2026

In Lake Lodge

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

922 W Mt Gallant Road, York

*No gardening experience needed – all are
welcome!*

*Connect with fellow plant lovers and enjoy
leafy fun. Learn tips, share ideas, and help
our community bloom.*

*Come see what's sprouting – join us for a
fresh, leafy start!*

Grow, Connect, and Blossom Together

Light refreshments will be served

Email wendy@bethelwoods.org for more information

PCSC Mother's Day Offering

On Sunday, May 10, Presbyterian churches throughout the State of South Carolina will receive the annual Mother's Day Offering in support of the charitable



care ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC).

Since the first Mother's Day Offering in 1954, your generosity has enabled PCSC to provide care for residents who, after years of living in a Presbyterian community and through no fault of their own, have outlived their life's savings and need support to continue meeting their monthly obligations.

This commitment, made more than 70 years ago, required tremendous faith, courage, and vision.

Over the last decade, your generosity has allowed PCSC to provide an average of more than \$1 million in charitable care each year. Your gift, whether large or small, is vital for the success of this ministry. By honoring our fathers and mothers in this way, you help ensure that those with need can continue to call Presbyterian Communities "home." Thank you for your generosity.

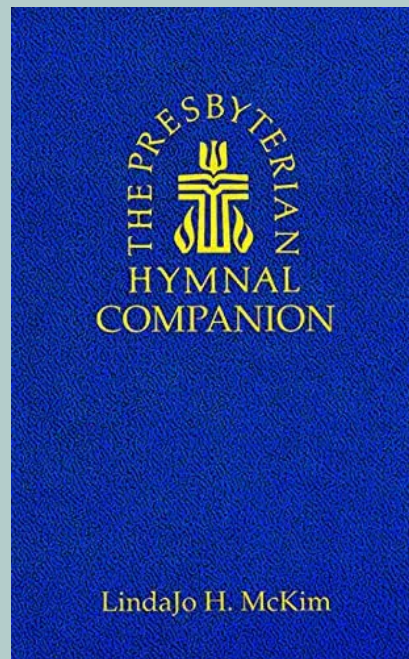
Gifts may be made by check through your congregation, or online at giving.prescommunities.org. A video in support of this ministry is available for your use by clicking [here](#). Thank you for your prayers, your trust, and your support.



Myers Park Presbyterian Church, in partnership with RAWtools South, invites the community to a **safe, anonymous firearm surrender event** offering a responsible way to transform harm into renewal.

Saturday, May 30 | 10am–1pm
Drive-through at MPPC Outreach Center

Plus: Family-friendly blacksmith demonstration



Uriel Presbyterian Church in Chester has misplaced its spiral bound accompanist book (the blue hymnal one).

Sunday, May 31 (after services)

Learn more, follow, and share:

Instagram: [gunstogardensclt](#)

Facebook: [gunstogardenc1t](#)

For more information contact: Blair
Tucker:

[**BlairSmithTucker@gmail.com**](mailto:BlairSmithTucker@gmail.com)

If anyone can help them locate a new one they would greatly appreciate any help.

Please contact Cheryl at 803-385-7482.

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.

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