



June 16, 2026

### Important Upcoming Dates

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

- June 19 | Juneteenth -- Presbytery Offices Closed
- July 4 | Independence Day -- Presbytery Offices Closed

[View our calendar](#)

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**The John C. and Queen Miller Scholarship  
Application is now open!**

Applicants should be of African American/Black descent AND a member of one of the churches in Providence Presbytery.

The Committee on Racial and Religious Reconciliation invites high school seniors who meet the criteria to apply.

The application can be found on Providence Presbytery's website under the Forms category or by visiting [bit.ly/providencescholarship](http://bit.ly/providencescholarship)

The John C. and Queen Miller Scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,500. This scholarship is awarded annually and may be divided among multiple recipients.

It is managed by Providence Presbytery's Committee on Racial and Religious Reconciliation.

If you have high school graduating Seniors in your church, please encourage them to apply **before August 31st**.

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Juneteenth 2026 takes place on **Friday, June 19, 2026** (the presbytery office will be closed). It is an official U.S. federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, specifically marking the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, were finally informed of their freedom.

Juneteenth is a combination of the words June and nineteenth. It commemorates the day more than two months after the end of the Civil War – and more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation – when enslaved Black Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom.

Thank you to Linda Kennedy, moderator for the Committee on Racial and Religious Reconciliation (CRRR), for the following list of Juneteenth Events in Lancaster, Chester and York Counties:

### Rock Hill

- Juneteenth Celebration (June 19–21): This is the flagship three-day weekend festival for the tri-county area.
  - Friday, June 19: The celebration kicks off with community food truck gatherings, live opening musical acts, and local entertainment.
  - Saturday, June 20: The main Freedom Fest takes place, featuring cultural programming, extensive local arts and black-owned business vendors, and family activities designed to honor regional civil rights milestones.
  - Sunday, June 21: The weekend wraps up with a community fellowship and unity worship service hosted at **Mt. Prospect Baptist Church**.
  - Live musical acts include *MelloGroove*, *E Dub*, and *1K*, alongside food trucks and retail vendors.

### City of York

- **Liberation Lane: A Juneteenth Celebration (June 20):** Downtown York (North Congress Street) hosts its annual celebration from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
  - Activities: Features a panel discussion at The Sylvia Theater (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM) on the importance of Black history, followed by live musical performances by MelloGroove, E Dub, and 1K. Visitors can also enjoy local vendors, food and arts
  - 25th Ohio Volunteers will highlight the Federal soldiers who enforced emancipation in York County at the end of the Civil War, along with specialized site tours like “The Hope of Emancipation”.
  - Amenities & Attractions: The festival includes a local marketplace bazaar with over 30 craft and business vendors, food trucks, and a dedicated Kid Zone on Dunlap Street packed with inflatables, amusement rides, and a mechanical bull. Adults 21+ can also purchase beer and wine to carry within the designated festival walking zone.

### Chester County

- **Virtual Juneteenth Presentation (June 19):** Because the county's large in-person block party took place on Friday, June 5, the programming for this specific weekend moves online. A digital commemorative stream featuring local historical discussions and community presentations will air on the **Juneteenth Celebration — Chester Facebook Page**.

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## News From Bethelwoods

Dear Friends,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Bethelwoods Camp to invite you to partner with us for this upcoming camp season.

We are seeking pastors who would be willing to volunteer their time to lead our morning watch and/or evening worship for our campers. Your presence and guidance would have a meaningful impact on the spiritual growth of the youth we serve.

If you are available and interested, please let us know what dates might work best for your schedule. Housing will be provided for the days that you are able to help out. We would be grateful for any time you can offer.

For questions about time commitment please reach out to EJ Hart camp Program Director at [Elson@bethelwoods.org](mailto:Elson@bethelwoods.org) or call at 704-352-7771 he can give you all the details!

My thought for this year has been to have not just worship leaders but partners so that two people share the responsibilities of the week. Not to say we wouldn't love to have all to our campers for the week. We want it to be a fun enjoyable experience for you as well as the campers and if sharing the load helps we are all in!

Thank you for your continued support of our community and its young people. We look forward to hearing from you.

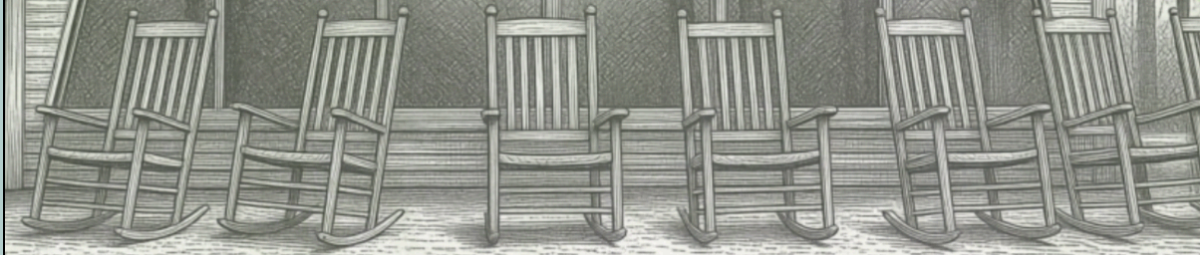
Summer Camp Weeks ([Click here to view current availability and sign up](#))

- June 14-19
- June 21-26
- June 28-July 3
- July 5-10
- July 12-17
- July 19-24
- July 26-31

Please consider donating some of your time this summer to make an impact that lasts a lifetime!

Peace,  
Hope Moore  
Chair, Bethelwoods Board of Trustees

# Rock-and-Remember Fundraiser



## HELP RETIRE OUR ROCKING CHAIRS

The rocking chairs at Bethelwoods have been a camp staple for three decades, and its time they were retired!

Help us purchase new chairs by supporting our Rock-and-Remember fundraiser.

A \$150 donation from your family or small group will provide a rocking chair for the camp's gathering spaces, and Bethelwoods staff will install an engraved dedication plaque on the chair.

Our goal is to purchase 50 chairs for our cabins and lodges.



Use your phone to scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/rockandremember](https://bit.ly/rockandremember) to make a donation. Please contact [wendy@bethelwoods.org](mailto:wendy@bethelwoods.org) for more information!

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(803) 366-3722



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### Kitchen Help Needed

Covenant Church, Rock Hill, is looking for cooking teams to augment our roster of volunteers at our Sunday afternoon soup kitchen.

The commitment would be for once every couple of months throughout the year. If you are interested in serving, please contact John at: 803-366-8223.

## From the Synod of South Atlantic



**A monthly zoom for sharing across the Synod!  
Learn and share experience, resources, and best practices  
on a new topic each month.**

June 3 - Earthcare

July 1 - Youth Ministry

August 5 - Grant Writing

September 2 - New Worshipping Communities

To register: scan the QR Code or visit [synodofsouthatlantic.org](http://synodofsouthatlantic.org)



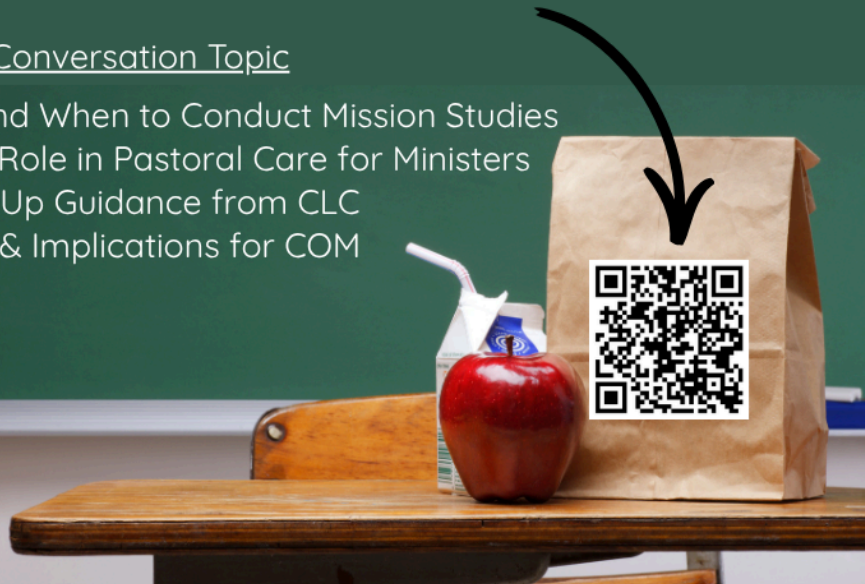
# 3rd Wednesday COM SACK Lunch Conversation 12-1 pm Eastern Time

A monthly conversation on Zoom for sharing across the Synod on topics related to Committees on Ministry

To register: scan the QR Code or visit [synodofsouthatlantic.org](https://synodofsouthatlantic.org)

## Conversation Topic

June 17	How and When to Conduct Mission Studies
July 15	COM's Role in Pastoral Care for Ministers
Aug 19	Follow Up Guidance from CLC
Sept 16	GA227 & Implications for COM



## Connectional Resource Bank

Have you ever wondered if there might be another church or organization within our presbytery that has a successful ministry, mission or program that you and your church or program might also be considering? Do you have ministries, missions or programs in your congregation that you're willing to share with others in the presbytery? And would it be helpful to have a list of churches and programs in our presbytery as a reference in one easy-to-access place?

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is starting to compile such a master Connectional Resource Bank. Learn more about this and submit the ministries, missions, and programs where your congregation has resources to share using the link below.

[Click here to learn more](#)

## New Grant Available

A new grant is available for Synod of South Atlantic Presbyteries, Synod Networks, and Churches within the synod for projects and programs focused on engagement with and for youth and young adults (Youth aged 12-18; Young Adult aged 19-25).

The deadline for all Synod grants is October 1.

[Click here to learn more](#)

## Employment Opportunities

You can view employment opportunities within the Presbytery, Synod and ministry partners surrounding Providence anytime by [clicking here](#).

- [Co-Director of Children's Ministries](#) -- Covenant Pres. Church, Charlotte, NC
- [Youth & Family Director](#) -- Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC
- [Pilot Mountain, NC Ministry Opportunity](#)

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## 2026 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- August 16, 2026 | Virtual | 1:30 p.m.
- November 8, 2026 | Riverview Presbyterian, Fort Mill, SC | 2:30 p.m.

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## Providence Presbytery Staff Members

**Executive Presbyter:** [Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley](#)

**Stated Clerk:** [Rev. Dr. David Bender](#)

**Business Administrator:** [Rose Lemmons-Berry](#)

**Mission Consultant:** [Eric Robinson](#)

**Technology & Communications Coordinator:** [Katie Rutland](#)

## Newsletter Submissions

Do you have content or announcements for the Presbytery Newsletter? It will be published every other Tuesday. Please send items to be included to [Katie](#) no later than the Friday before publication.

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