



July 21, 2025

Friends of Providence, we are deeply saddened to share news of the death of Lorie Steinhagen Lindsley, wife of our Executive Presbyter Steve Lindsley.

Lorie died peacefully on July 20 after a brief but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Please read her [full obituary here](#).

Steve shares "Her passing came after nearly two weeks in hospice care which were marked by round-the-clock comfort, tenderness, and love. It's everything we could've asked for in her final days."

A service of gratitude and remembrance for Lorie's life will be held on Saturday, July 26th at 1:00pm at [Trinity Presbyterian Church](#) in Charlotte, NC.

We ask you to join us in lifting Steve, Connor and Hunter and those whose lives were touched by Lorie in prayer as they mourn her transition to the church triumphant.



### Important Upcoming Dates

- August 24 | Virtual Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery

View all of our events on [our calendar](#).

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

## Legacy Of Faith Nominations Open

The Legacy of Faith Luncheon is a long-standing tradition in Providence Presbytery

and honors individuals who have shown the love of God through their work within their respective churches and the Presbytery. The Luncheon will be held this year on Tuesday, September 30 at 11 AM at Horton Lodge at Bethelwoods. We are grateful for Unity Presbyterian Church's coordination of this year's luncheon and for the sponsorship again this year by Presbyterian Communities of SC.

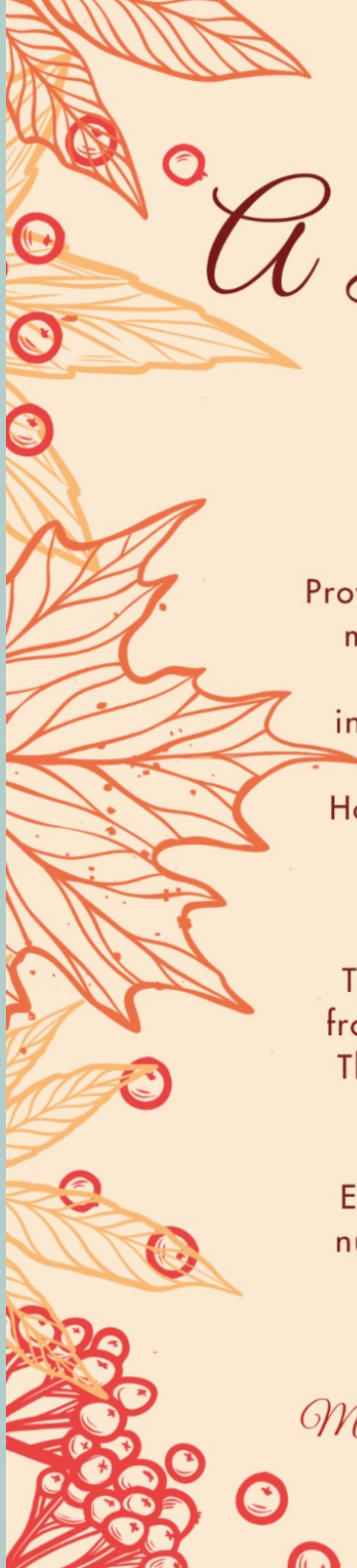
Churches may honor an older adult individual, a married couple, or a group that models a Legacy of Faith in your community. You may honor an individual that has entered the Church triumphant as long as it has been since October 2024.

Once your church has chosen an honoree, please send an email with the Subject: *Legacy of Faith Honoree and your Church Name* to Matt Rich at [mrich@unityfortmill.org](mailto:mrich@unityfortmill.org). With your email, please include a 200-word (or less) description of why you chose your honoree along with a photograph for the program. **Honorees should be submitted by Monday, September 1.**

Additional details for the **luncheon reservations (due by Monday, September 15)** are included on the attached flyer. Please note we ask that churches make one reservation for everyone attending. Space is limited. We look forward to celebrating our nominees as a presbytery once again this year!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

God bless,  
Matt Rich  
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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY CELEBRATES

# *A Legacy of Faith*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**BETHELWOODS HORTON LODGE**

Providence Presbytery churches will gather to celebrate members of their church families who model a life of faith in action. Churches are invited to honor an individual, couple, or group from their congregation.

Honorees (along with a picture and brief statement of recognition) need to be submitted to Matt Rich at [mrigh@unityfortmill.org](mailto:mrigh@unityfortmill.org) by Monday, September 1.

The cost of lunch for honorees is free thanks to a gift from the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. The cost for additional church members and guests is \$14/person and payable at the door.

Each church is asked to make one reservation for the number of attendees from the church to Anne Daniels at Bethelwoods ([anne@bethelwoods.org](mailto:anne@bethelwoods.org)). Lunch reservations are due by September 15.

*Many thanks to Unity Presbyterian Church for organizing and Presbyterian Communities for sponsoring this event.*

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## Scholarship Applications Available

**DEADLINE IS AUGUST 22ND**

Applications for The John C. and Queen Miller Scholarship are now open!

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.

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 by clicking resources and then Forms -- or by clicking [this link](#).

If you have high school graduating Seniors in your church, please encourage them to apply!

Linda Kennedy  
Moderator – CRRR  
Providence Presbytery



**Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church**  
1184 N. Shiloh Rd.  
York, SC, 29745  
Aug 7, 2025  
2:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Unity Presbyterian was recently given 50 – 5 gallon buckets of asphalt sealer.

They are willing to offer these at no cost to any church that can use them – either on their own property or as a mission project.

It's okay if someone only wants part of the total number of buckets. It must be picked up from Unity.

Interested church officials can reach out to Zeno Wall at [zwall@unityfortmill.org](mailto:zwall@unityfortmill.org) to discuss.

Many of you have asked how you may be supportive of the recovery in the Texas hill country after the terrible floods there. The Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell, who directs disaster response for the Synod of the Sun, offers these helpful ways in her **recent blog post**.

## Hope for the Hill Country

Responding to the Devastating Texas Floods

### A Community in Crisis



#### Thousands Displaced

Families forced from their homes by rapidly rising waters.



#### Widespread Damage

Homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods severely impacted.



#### Long Road Ahead

Recovery will be a long-term process requiring support.

### How You Can Help

The most effective way to provide support is through financial gifts, which allow responders to meet the most urgent needs.

#### Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Designate gifts for:

**DR000191-TX Floods**

[Donate Online](#)

### A Message of Hope

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."*

**- Psalm 46:1-2**

An informational resource from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

## Pastoral Crisis Intervention Certification

During times of disaster, the community is often in need of pastoral crisis intervention, and SC PDAT is always in need of this specialty to help our communities and congregations.

This is an invitation to participate in a special program offered by the ICIS programs, as

developed by the University of Maryland, Baltimore, in collaboration with Dr. George Everly and Dr. Jeff Mitchell. Please see the information below.

SC PDAT has grant assistance funds available for those interested in supporting our statewide and presbytery teams. You are invited to explore this opportunity to help during natural or human-caused disasters.

Please contact [Mark McCain](#) for additional assistance information.



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UNIVERSITY (CSU) –  
DEWEY CENTER FOR  
CHAPLAINCY



Charleston Southern University (CSU) – Dewey Center for Chaplaincy, in collaboration with the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), is pleased to offer the world's first university-based certification in Pastoral Crisis Intervention (PCI). This examination-based certification is an attestation of knowledge in crisis intervention within the pastoral context.

The value of psychological crisis intervention principles offered within a spiritual or religious context has long been recognized.

The Pastoral Crisis Intervention (CPCI) is offered by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc (ICISF) in partnership with Charleston Southern University (CSU) – Dewey Center for Chaplaincy.

[Click To Learn  
More](#)



Hurricane season is well underway. Now is the time to prepare and get ahead of the storm. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division website has tons of great information for families.

Find resources and download the 2025 South Carolina Hurricane Guide for essential information by clicking the image above or visit **[scemd.org](https://scemd.org)**.



## Soul Shop for Faith Leaders Workshop

Coming August 22nd to Rock Hill:  
Soul Shop™ for Faith Leaders is a one-day workshop designed for clergy, staff, lay pastors, and faith-based clinicians to develop soul-safe communities by equipping members to address suicide as a regular aspect of their life and work. Don't miss out on this chance to nourish your soul and connect with like-minded individuals. Snacks and lunch will be provided! See you there!

[Learn More](#)



Are you looking for ways to *nurture the faith*  
of children & their families through *worship & prayer?*

**Applications are open!**



**Pastors ~ Educators ~ Families  
Congregations and their Leaders**

*Two-day in-person gatherings  
that will engage:*

- biblical & theological exploration
- deep listening & critical conversations
- contextual analysis that presents both challenges & opportunities
- theory & practices of culture change
- best practices & emerging ideas

*Travel, lodging, food, and materials related to participating in the  
Summits are covered by the Font and Faith Initiative.*

<https://fontandfaith.cece.upsem.edu/>  
**Join us for the** *journey*



General Assembly  
committee publishes a  
resource to help  
Presbyterians confront  
Christian nationalism



LOUISVILLE — The **General Assembly**

BeLoved Asheville shows  
love to Texas after  
devastating flooding



LOUISVILLE — A grassroots organization known for being instrumental in helping the people of western North Carolina to recover from Hurricane Helene is giving back to flood-ravaged Texas as a reciprocal gesture of love.

**BeLoved Asheville**, a North Carolina-based grant partner of the **Presbyterian Hunger**



**Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations** (GACEIR) has a **recent resource** to help Presbyterians learn more about confronting Christian nationalism.

[Read more](#)

**Program**, recently sent cleaning supplies and other goods to beleaguered Texas, where more than 130 people died as a result of catastrophic flooding in early July, and where scores of others are still missing.

[Read More](#)

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## 2025 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

Please mark your calendar for the following dates in 2025:

- August 24 (virtual)
- November 9

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## Providence Presbytery Staff Members

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## 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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