



July 20, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

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

- August 16 | Virtual Stated Meeting ([Register now!](#))
- August 23 | Elder Training: Communion
- August 30 | Installation of Rev. Liz Corsig at Unity Presbyterian
- September 3 | SC5 Leader of Leaders

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The 227th General Assembly has concluded, but its decisions will shape the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for years to come.

Our Commissioners will present their report at the virtual Stated Meeting on August 16th. [Register Now](#)

Commissioners approved a wide range of actions, including:

- creating a commission to investigate the closure of Presbyterian World Mission
- advancing a constitutional amendment declaring White Christian nationalism incompatible with Jesus' teachings
- addressing Israel's war in Gaza
- approving a new budget and per capita rates

- taking action on ordination, racial justice, gender justice and much more.

Now comes the challenge: helping your congregation understand what happened and why it matters.

To make that easier, *the Presbyterian Outlook* has prepared this **post-General Assembly bulletin insert**, which is a printable resource that highlights the assembly's most significant actions in a clear, accessible format that's perfect for worship bulletins, newsletters, or emails.

Whether your members followed every vote or are just beginning to ask, "What happened at GA?", this resource will help your congregation stay connected to the work of the wider church.

[Read all of The Outlook's GA Coverage Here](#)
[Read Coverage from the Office of Life & Witness Here](#)

You're Invited!



Unity Presbyterian Church Invites you to a Sunday with Cindy Corell!

On Sunday, July 26th, Unity's Outreach Ministry Team invites you to come share worship and conversation with Cindy Corell.

Cindy Corell is a Global Ecumenical Liaison with the PC (USA) serving in the U.S. She served alongside the people of Haiti and later in the Dominican Republic as a mission co-worker. She worked as a reporter and editor at her local newspaper for 28 years before entering the mission field. Since returning from the Dominican Republic, she settled again in Staunton, VA, not far from where she grew up. Cindy looks forward to connecting Presbyterians to both global and local mission partnerships and telling the stories of the relationships that result.

Cindy will preach during our 10:00 a.m. worship service and then share conversation in the Fellowship Hall with us from 11 a.m. – 12 noon. She will share more about her role as a Global Ecumenical Liaison, as well as some recent updates from General Assembly. During the conversation time, we will have delicious brunch refreshments and a coloring table for children.

All ages are invited for worship and conversation. No need to sign up, you're welcome to just show up! Unity Presbyterian is located at 303 Tom Hall St. Fort Mill, SC 29715.

We hope to see you there!

Deadline Upcoming!

THE JOHN C. AND QUEEN MILLER **SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**THE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND
ON PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY'S
WEBSITE UNDER THE FORMS MENU.**



[Apply Now](#)



SC5 Leader of Leaders Event
September 3, 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.

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Training



COMMUNION TRAINING FOR ELDERS

This special training will equip Ruling Elders to preside over the sacrament of Communion. Elders in smaller congregations or those currently without clergy will find this especially helpful.

SUNDAY, AUG 23 | 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN
421 OAKLAND AVENUE
ROCK HILL, SC 29732



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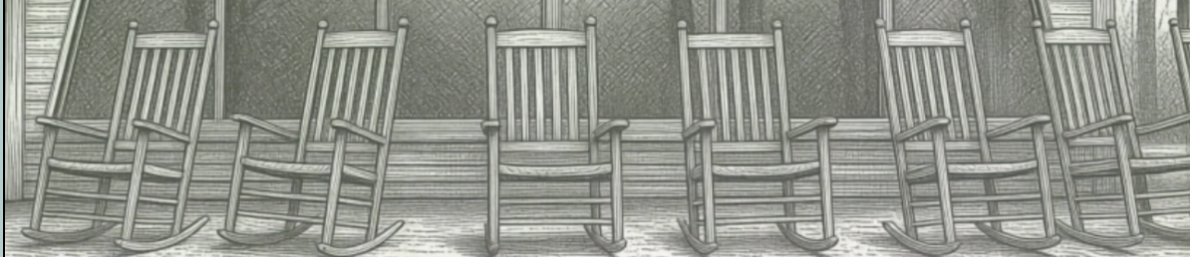
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Please contact Rev. Steve Simon with questions:

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(509) 993-3294 (call/text)

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** to make a donation. Please contact wendy@bethelwoods.org for more information!

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York, SC 29745
(803) 366-3722



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Scholarship Funds Available

The Community of Faith would like to remind everyone of the Continuing Education scholarship funds that are available for pastors, educators, staff and volunteers within Providence Presbytery.

The funds expire at the end of each year so anyone who might be interested in using them is encouraged to apply via [this form](#) as soon as possible.

Grant Opportunity

World Communion Offering grant season opens Sept. 7 for any council of the church to apply, regardless of their participation in the offering. More detailed information about the grant applications, process, and timeline is available through the office of Special Offerings and the Mid Council Grants.

Look for [more information about the World Communion Offering grants](#) on the Special Offerings website.

Upcoming Grant Writing Conversation

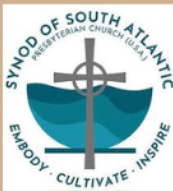


1st Wednesday
SACK Lunch Conversation
(South Atlantic Community Knowledge)
12-1:30 pm Eastern Time

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



Register Today!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us for this special event as we welcome Dr. Martin Accad, President of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon and hear stories of how God's work is alive and thriving in Christian and Presbyterian communities in Lebanon and Syria. Learn how the current crisis in Lebanon is affecting Christians and people of other faiths.

The Near East School of Theology (NEST) is a vibrant seminary in the heart of Beirut. Come learn how this seminary not only educates people for ministry but also reaches out into its local community as the hands and feet of Jesus, especially in times of uncertainty and war.

Providence Presbytery has a long-standing relationship with NEST, spanning thirty years of connection. Come discover how we can share the story of Christian service with our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and at NEST.

Join us as we experience an engaging conversation with Dr. Accad

**Friday evening, September 18th at 7:00 pm.
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1830 Celanese Road, Rock Hill, SC.**



***Near East School of Theology faculty and students
reaching out to displaced Lebanese in their neighborhood/***

[Click to Register](#)

CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE?

Learn How to Put Your Faith into Action



COLLABORATE

ADVOCATE

LEARN

TRANSFORM

Training for Gun Violence Prevention Education & Action with Faith Communities

Sept. 15-18, 2026

Heartland Center, Kansas City, MO

James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage



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Scholarships Available!

Want to learn more? Members of Providence Presbytery are graduates of this program and are happy to speak about their experience. Contact Katie Rutland at katie@providencepres.org for more information.

[Learn More](#)

Around the Table Cohort Opportunities for 2026

Faith leaders and caregivers of children and youth are invited to participate in new **Around the Table** cohorts designed to strengthen faith formation, nurture intergenerational relationships, and weave Christian spiritual practices into everyday life and faith communities.

Two cohort options are available for 2026:

- **Retreat Cohort Model**
- Participants will gather for a content-rich, in-person day or overnight retreat focused on applying Christian spiritual practices within households and communities, followed by six 90-minute online group coaching sessions.
- **Traditional Cohort Model**
- This fully online experience includes seven 90-minute guided coaching conversations over 6–9 months, centered on Christian spiritual practices and shared learning with fellow faith leaders.

Cohorts are offered free of charge although the retreat option may require travel expenses and several are available in English, Spanish, and Korean.

Learn more and register by July 31.

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.

Providence Presbytery Staff Members

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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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