



August 19, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

Click here to request Steve join your congregation in worship.

- August 24 | Virtual Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery **REGISTER NOW**
- August 26 | PP Educators' Gathering
- September 1 | Legacy of Faith Nominations Due
- September 15 | Legacy of Faith Reservations Due
- September 16 | Quarterly Coffee - Lancaster
- September 30 | Legacy of Faith Luncheon

View all of our events on **our calendar**.



Handbook Now Available

The handbook for Sunday's Stated Meeting of Providence is **available here**. This meeting is virtual only.

Please **register here** to receive the meeting link.

Educators' Gathering Next Week

The Providence Presbytery Educators group will meet for their monthly gathering on August 26th. Bring your lunch to Unity Presbyterian in Fort Mill from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. to share updates on your congregation's current Christian education practices and get new ideas from others! Anyone involved in Christian education in your congregation is invited

Registration Open: SC5 School of Theology



SC5 School of Theology
2025 Fall Semester
Friday, October 3
& Saturday, October 4
Presbyterian College
Clinton, SC

Fall 2025 **Semester Courses**

CORE

New Testament
Reformed Theology
Preaching Pastoral
Care

ELECTIVE

Pastoral Letters (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus)
Practicum (Funerals, Weddings, Sacraments, & more)

The SC5 School of Theology is sponsored by the five presbyteries in South Carolina:
Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity.

What is the SC5 School of Theology?

Theological training for elders and church leaders. There are two tracks:

Enrichment Track for Ruling Elders who have received a diploma from the SC5 School of Theology **and** for those who want personal enrichment for teaching or leading in their congregations.

**Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)/
Commissioned Pastor (CP) Track** for Ruling Elders who want to become a CRE or CP.

For Whom?

Classes are for:

Church Leaders interested in learning more.

Ruling Elders interested in learning more.

Ruling Elders interested in being commissioned to serve and lead congregations.

Faith Formation Leaders interested in better equipping themselves to teach.

Costs:

Course and 2 meals:

\$75 for Enrichment Track

\$95 for CRE/CP Track

Accommodations: Hampton Inn in Clinton

We negotiated the reduced rate of \$109/night plus tax (regular rate is \$185 + tax), which includes breakfast.

Registration is open.

REGISTER HERE

The last day to register is September 17.

For more information about the SC5 School of Theology, please talk with your Presbytery leader, visit our [website here](https://www.foothillspresbytery.org), or contact the SC5 School of Theology Registrar,

Robin Morris,

at rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org

or call Robin at 864.288.5774.

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**. 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
803.547.5543
mrich@unityfortmill.org



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 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). Lunch reservations are due by September 15.

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

Scholarship Applications Available

DEADLINE IS THIS WEEK

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!

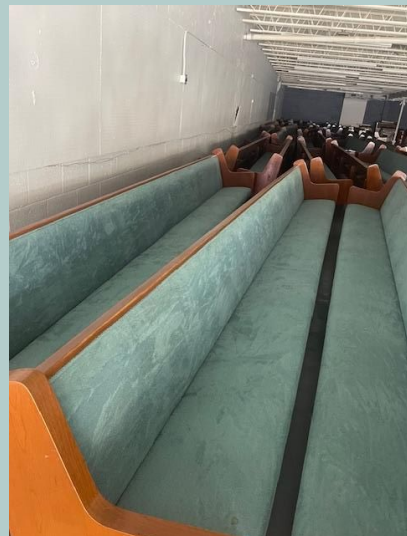
Linda Kennedy
Moderator – CRRR
Providence Presbytery



Free Church Pews

35 church pews are being offered for free to any local congregation who may need them. They are 17 1/2 feet long with padded seats and back.

Anyone interested can contact Elaine Siegel by [email](#) or phone: 803-517-2091.



Upcoming Grief Share At Bethesda

Bethesda Presbyterian in York is hosting GriefShare beginning next week. Please review the information below and if you'd like to join, the meetings are happening August 27-November 19th from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Click For Registration Information](#)

[Click To Download The Flyer](#)

How GriefShare has helped others



Over 1 million people have found healing through GriefShare.

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Q: Is GriefShare for me?

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to suffer by yourself.

At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through.

If you could use help with any of the topics below, GriefShare is for you.

Q: What topics are covered?

- Your Grief Journey
- Sadness & Loneliness
- Fear & Anxiety
- Anger
- Regrets
- Grief & Your Relationships
- Questions for God
- Hope & Resilience

And many more ...

Q: How will GriefShare help me?

At this 13-week grief recovery support group, you'll:

- Hear insights from grief recovery experts
- Meet others who understand what you're going through
- Receive comfort and support
- Learn practical tips for navigating your grief
- Discover the 6 signs of healing

Q: What should I expect at a group?

Each week you can expect to view a 30-minute video filled with helpful guidance, discuss grief-related issues, and gain personal recovery tips through your workbook.

3 key parts:



Video seminar



Group discussion



Personal workbook

Q: How do I join a group?

Church and meeting information

When: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm
August 27 - November 19, 2025

Where: Bethesda Presbyterian Church
4858 McConells Hwy.
York, SC 25745

Contact: Karen Perdval
mike_perdval@hotmail.com
803-517-2298

Register: griefshare.org/findagroup

Need another day or time?

Visit griefshare.org/findagroup to find a list of groups in your area. Or find a group meeting online.

Find a group today!

Online groups available

Not able to attend in person?
Know someone who lives out of town?
This option is for you!

An elementary school in Guatemala is in desperate need of clean drinking water to prevent waterborne illness. Our Living Waters Team is fundraising to help make that happen through the purchase of a water purification system. We encourage you to learn more about this incredible ministry by watching [this short video!](#)

If you would like to help fund this project, click the link below.



[Donate Now!](#)



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



Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

Habitat for Humanity of Lancaster County is hosting "Building Hope Brick by Brick" on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 11th from 6-8 pm. Flyer is attached. This event at the Arts Council in Lancaster will include food catered by Southern Dish 101, drinks, music, art, and a Lego building contest. Tickets are \$50 or you or your church can be a sponsor which includes tickets. Visit our website listed below to purchase tickets or a sponsorship. This event includes a Lego building contest that begins now for children, youth, and adults that you can participate in and invite others that you know. The money raised will support our next affordable home build in our community.

Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor, Jr.
Interim Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity of Lancaster County (SC)
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Lancaster, SC 29721-1441
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for Humanity®
of Lancaster County



BUILDING HOPE BRICK By BRICK

Honoring the Past and Building for the future

■ ORIGINAL LEGO HOME BUILDING ART CONTEST ■

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11
6:00PM - 8:00PM**

HISTORIC SPRINGS HOUSE
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ARTS
**201 W GAY STREET,
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September 27th @ 9-11
First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill
All invited! Pay what you can!



BETHELWOODS

CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Help Us Build a Brighter Future at Bethelwoods!

Join us for our 2025 Pancake Brunch Fundraiser

📅 Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9-11am 📍 First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill

At Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center, we all carry unforgettable camp memories—moments of connection, laughter, and spiritual growth. For **60 years**, Bethelwoods has been a treasured space in South Carolina, welcoming thousands of guests each year to experience the beauty of God's creation and the power of community.

Whether it's children canoeing on the lake at summer camp, adults finding peace on a weekend retreat, or families gathering for meaningful day events, Bethelwoods is a place where all can grow in mind, body, and spirit. Thanks to the faithful support of our donors and community, attendance continues to flourish year after year.

In 2024 alone, Bethelwoods welcomed:

- **408 kids** at week-long summer camps
- **368 campers** from partner organizations
- **1,232 day visitors**
- **1,413 adults** for retreats
- **641 youth** and children at seasonal retreats

This fall, we invite you to support the work of Bethelwoods by sponsoring our **Pancake Brunch Fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9-11am, at First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC located at 234 East Main Street, Rock Hill, SC 29731**. We'll serve up stacks of delicious pancakes, crispy bacon, fresh fruit, and hot coffee—along with warm fellowship and an opportunity to invest in a ministry that truly makes a difference.

As a sponsor, you'll receive public recognition at the event and on our social media platforms, celebrating your commitment to helping Bethelwoods thrive.

Your generosity helps us continue offering transformative programs for all ages. Our prayer is that everyone who visits Bethelwoods leaves spiritually renewed and deeply connected to God's presence.

To sponsor, please return the enclosed form by September 15, 2025. Thank you for considering this opportunity to be part of something meaningful. We'd love to answer any questions you may have—just reach out!

Together, we can keep the legacy of Bethelwoods strong for generations to come!
Thank you for making a difference!

Rev. Mia Levetan, Board President
Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center

BETHELWOODS

Camp and Conference Center

pancake Brunch

2025 Pancake Brunch Sponsor Form

Harry the Hippo Sponsor \$300 _____

Name featured at the event

Verbal recognition at the event

Recognition on Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center's Facebook & Instagram pages

Name and logo will be displayed at summer camp check-in and check-out

Kayaks & Canoes Sponsor \$200 _____

Name featured at the event

Verbal recognition at the event

Recognition on Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center's Facebook & Instagram pages

Campfires & S'mores Sponsor \$100 _____

Name featured at the event

Verbal recognition at the event

Please make your sponsor donation online at bethelwoods.org/donate.html

Please make your sponsor selections above and return to support@bethelwoods.org

Please also send the logo you wish to be used for recognition purposes by September 15, 2025.

Name (to be displayed):

Contact:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Date:

Please select one: ☐ Donation made online ☐ Send invoice to address above

September 27th @ 9-11

First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill

All invited! Pay what you can!

[Click to download sponsor form](#)



PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC) is seeking an experienced **Payroll and Accounts Payable Specialist** to serve our entire organization from our Management Services Office in Columbia.

Reporting to the Controller, this detail-oriented professional will coordinate and execute payroll and accounts payable functions essential to our daily accounting operations. The ideal candidate brings proficiency in Microsoft Excel, accounts payable, payroll, and HRIS systems. We offer competitive compensation, comprehensive health/dental/vision insurance, generous paid time off, retirement savings with employer match, professional development opportunities, and a supportive community where your work makes a meaningful impact in the lives of employees and residents, alike.

Join this ministry to senior adults built on values of relationships, service, teamwork, excellence, and stewardship.

For information or to apply, go to

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/3480722>.



You Are Invited to a Gathering for Leaders Committed to Transformation. **The NEXT Church National Gathering** is happening November 11-14 in Grand Rapids, MI.

We have intentionally curated five pathways to provide unique ways to explore the issues you are facing right now. By leaning into the tough conversations in one of these pathways, you will gain relevant skills in community alongside others asking questions, wrestling with similar doubts, and wondering what might be next.

With courage and openness, you will find new ways to courageously transform the uncertain world around us all.

2025 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

Please mark your calendar for the following dates in 2025:

- August 24 (virtual) - **REGISTER NOW**
- November 9

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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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