



September 16, 2025

Important Upcoming Dates

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

- September 16 | Quarterly Coffee - Lancaster
- September 18 | Presbyterian Women Lunch
- September 27 | Bethelwoods Pancake Brunch
- September 29 | Quarterly Coffee - Rock Hill
- September 30 | Legacy of Faith Luncheon

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



Pastors, CREs and Christian Educators are invited to join Steve **TODAY** at Daily Grind (315 S. Main St.) in Lancaster for his Quarterly Coffee event.

He'll be there from 11am-1pm to share a smile, agenda-free chat time -- and the coffee is on him!

Can't catch him today? That's ok! He'll host his next event in Rock Hill on September 29th at Knowledge Perk.

Have You Joined Us On Realm?

Presbytery groups are hare at work planning, coordinating and sharing insight with each other on our Realm platform! If you are in one of our ministry groups or administrative teams you should have received an email asking you to register. Please follow the directions to get registered so you can fully participate in this comprehensive ministry platform. Please check out this [short video](#) for help with registering.



Our full Realm directory is launching on October 13th. This means your personal information the Presbytery has on file including address, email and phone number, will be available to other registered members of the Presbytery. If you **DO NOT** want this information to be released to other members within the Presbytery Realm system, please email katie@providencepres.org by October 10th to request removal.

SC5 School of Theology

The last day to register is TOMORROW, September 17.



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)

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

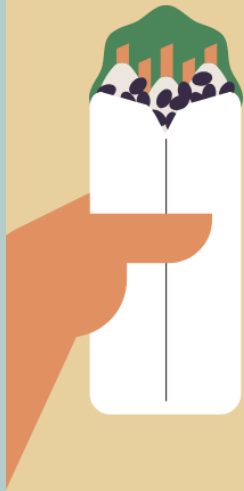
or call Robin at 864.288.5774.

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

Join Us!

Presbyterian Women of
Providence Presbytery Lunch

September 18, 11:30am - 1p.m.
Captain Steve's Family Seafood
1975 US-21 Fort Mill, SC





SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

PCUSA.ORG/PREPAREDNESS

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month! Visit pcusa.org/preparedness for resources on disaster preparedness for your church and family.

Since 2004, FEMA's Ready Campaign has observed National Preparedness Month to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is Preparedness Starts at Home and is focused on getting started with the basics of preparedness. We are asking people to visit Ready.gov for helpful preparedness information and tips, and to take four actions to prepare for any disaster they may face.

Living Waters Funding Help

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.



News From Bethelwoods




Bethelwoods
Camp and Conference Center

K-5th Grade

**BETHELWOODS
PRESENTS**

Kids Night Out

Pizza, Slingshots, gaga, crafts, and much more!



Friday, September 19th

5PM	To	10PM
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922 West Mt Gallant rd

For more information:
Info@bethelwoods.org





September 27th @ 9-11
First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill
All invited! Pay what you can!

Yamaha Upright Piano Available



Unity Presbyterian is giving away a Yamaha P22 upright piano and bench in good working condition. This piano has been in our choir room since 2010, and it has been well-maintained and tuned at least twice a year. The bench has some imperfections on it. We hope to find it a new home where it can continue to be enjoyed – our technician assures us it has many years of life in it. It would be an excellent piano for a choir room, meeting room, or for home use.

The piano is free to any church or individual, provided they arrange for pickup. If interested, please contact Margaret Monroe, Director of Music, at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or (803) 547-5543.



New PDA Staff Member

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is pleased to welcome the Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell to the PDA staff team! Kathy is serving as PDA's Associate for National Disaster Response following the retirement of Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk earlier this summer.

Kathy's relationship with PDA began in 2008 when she served as Site Coordinator for the **Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program - Presbyterian Church (USA)** in South Louisiana. There, she helped young adults engage in Hurricane Katrina recovery work, laying the groundwork for a lifelong commitment to disaster response and

accompaniment. Her leadership deepened as a member, and eventually Chair of PDA's Advisory Committee, where she served until 2020.

Most recently, Kathy led the **Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (USA)** Partnership for Disaster Recovery, coordinating preparedness and long-term recovery efforts across Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Her experience brings deep knowledge of grassroots recovery, mid-council collaboration, and the ministry of presence that defines PDA's mission.

In her new role, Kathy will lead PDA's national disaster response efforts across the U.S. and its territories, overseeing the deployment of volunteer teams, coordinating grants and long-term recovery strategies, and working closely with mid-councils, congregations, ecumenical partners, and governmental agencies.

Kathy is also a Presbyterian pastor, licensed social worker, and a proud Chinese-American New Orleanian. She is married and the loving mother of three, Owen, Gabe, and Mila, a role she considers her most important calling. She brings to this position a deep love for the church, a heart for justice, and a commitment to building community resilience across the country.

Upcoming Seminar Opportunity

Discovering and Leveraging Your Natural Leadership Style in Ministry

Led by Rev. Mark E. Tidsworth, a Certified PeopleMap Trainer, with 25+ years of experience in training and coaching pastors and church staff persons toward leadership excellence.

During this Seminar we will:

- Complete and score the PeopleMap Leadership Styles Inventory
- Learn the Strengths and Achilles Heels of each Style
- Learn how to maximize one's strengths while minimizing Achilles Heels
- Hear examples of pastoral and church staff leaders who use their styles for leadership effectiveness
- Receive guidance on how to connect one's leadership style with one's current ministry goals and aspirations
- Receive a substantive workbook with strategies for raising leadership effectiveness

Thursday, September 18, 2025 | 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC, 29204

[Click For More Info](#)

Employment Opportunities

- [Director of Music | Van Wyck Presbyterian Church](#)
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PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Two job openings:

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. For information or to apply, go to <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/3480722>.

PCSC is also seeking a Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations. Please [click here](#) for more information about that job opening.



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:

- November 9 | Bethelwoods

2026 Stated Meetings:

- February 15, 2026 | Faith Presbyterian, Indian Land, SC | 2:30 p.m.
- 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.

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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