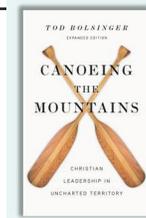


**What does it mean to stop canoeing the mountains?** When Lewis and Clark reached the Continental Divide, they expected to find a river that would allow them to paddle easily to the Pacific Ocean. What they saw instead were the Rocky Mountains. That's the type of challenge facing church leaders today -- so daunting, so new and so unexpected that the old solutions won't work, says Tod Bolsinger, the vice president and chief of leadership formation and an assistant professor of practical theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. [Read more.](#)



**Special Pricing on Connections Lectionary Resource.** The first of nine volumes from Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship will be available this September!. Designed to help preachers connect congregations to Scripture, this upcoming series offers creative commentary on each reading in the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. It does so first by viewing that reading through the lens of its connections to the rest of Scripture; and then seeing the reading through the lenses of culture, film, fiction, ethics, science, and other aspects of contemporary life. Commentaries on the Psalm readings are also included that connects them to the other readings for the day and to the congregation's experience of worship. Connections: Year C, Volume 1 will cover Advent through Epiphany.. [Order today from Thoughtful Christian for a 35% Discount.](#)

**Curricula Available from Church Store in a Variety of Formats.** *Feasting on the Word*, a lectionary-based curriculum for kindergarten through adult, is available in print or downloadable format. Sample sessions, scope and sequence, and [more information available here.](#) *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* children's curriculum is available in print or downloadable format. Sample sessions, scope and sequence, and [more information available here.](#) *The Present Word* curriculum for adults is available in regular and large print, audio CD, and Braille. Worship leaflets are available as an additional purchase. The [fall quarter begins with the book of Genesis.](#) For help ordering these, and other denominational resources, call customer service at 800-533-4371.

**Heritage Center Seeking Camp Montreat for Girls Memorabilia.** From 1924 to 1967, Camp Montreat for Girls was owned and operated by Montreat College. Girls from Kansas to North Carolina and New York to Florida attended the camp in the summer for four or eight weeks. We would like to have a display at the Heritage Center in Montreat commemorating this special camp that meant so much to so many young women. If you attended Camp Montreat or know someone who did, we would like to hear from you. We are collecting memorabilia, such as, Indian blankets, navy scarfs, memory books, etc. If you have things from the camp or stories about the camp, please contact: Mr. Bill Walker (Trinity Presbytery) 400 Lake Secession Road, Anderson, South Carolina 29621; by phone at 864.296.4813; or email at [btwalker@prodigy.net](mailto:btwalker@prodigy.net).

**October Minister and Educator Retreat Registration Deadline Approaching.** [Sign up now for the October 22-24 retreat.](#) The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? This retreat will tackle the importance of engaging difficult texts directly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. It will provide the opportunity to wrestle with such texts, to consider interpretive strategies for engaging them with integrity, and to reflect on the authority of Scripture.. See the brochure here: <http://bit.ly/5SCRetreat2018>

**Have you Registered for Leader of Leaders?** Sexuality and Faith is Theme of this Year's Leader of Leader's Event. The 5 Presbyteries of South Carolina presents the Leader of Leaders event is scheduled for October 16 featuring author and speaker, Kate Ott. Held at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia for pastors, educators, youth ministry leaders and youth ministry stakeholders, the event will explore theological foundations for healthy sexuality and sexuality education in faith communities, as well as assessment of how various aspects of sexuality are addressed in implicit & explicit ways within a congregation from policies to education, use of language to actions groups (allows participants to examine present ministries and what can be improved). For more information, [See the flyer.](#) Cost of the event is \$50 and space is limited [Registration is Online.](#)



**Save the Date.** The Celebration Planning Committee has announced the date for Mark Verdery's retirement celebration--December 15, 2018 at 6PM. Please mark your calendar.

**Memorial Presbyterian Church (Charlotte) Seeks Interim Pastor.** The Interim Pastor will be responsible for moderating the Session and for providing pastoral leadership and administrative oversight of the church's ministries, including worship, music, preaching, teaching, mission service, stewardship, and fellowship. He/she will use their developed interim-specialist skills to assess the congregation's current and long-term needs and provide inspiring counsel and leadership to help the Church identify what it is called to be in the future. [See the full job description](#). Interested candidates are asked to send their resume and references to: Memorial Presbyterian Church, Attn: Chair, Interim Search Committee, 2600 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

**FAMILY PROMISE OF YORK COUNTY IS HIRING.** Family Promise of York County is seeking a part time Service Coordinator whose primary responsibility will be to offer case management services to families in our homeless shelter programs. A full job description can be found on our website, [www.familypromisec.org](http://www.familypromisec.org). Cover Letters and Resumes should be sent to: [applications@familypromisec.org](mailto:applications@familypromisec.org). Applications accepted until August 10, 2018 or until job filled

**Music Teacher Needed.** Unity Preschool, an education and outreach ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, is accepting applications for a part-time music teacher. The position is one morning per week (preferably Thursday) from September through May. For more information, please visit our website ([www.preschoolatunity.com](http://www.preschoolatunity.com)) and click on the "More" tab.

Date	Event	Time	Location
8/16	Bethelwoods Ministry Team	5:30PM	Bethelwoods
8/16	HAT Meeting	6-8PM	Presbytery Office
8/28	Nominating Committee	7PM	Presbytery Office
8/30	EEMT	11:30AM	Presbytery Office
9/6	Committee on Ministry	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
9/11	Administrative Ministry Team	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
9/13	Coordinating Team	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
9/20	EEMT	11:30AM	Presbytery Office
9/24-26	<a href="#">Stewardship Kaleidoscope</a>		St. Louis, MO
10/16	<a href="#">SC5 Leader of Leaders Event</a>	9:30-3:30PM	Forest Lake Pres, Columbia, SC
10/22-24	<a href="#">Minister and Educator Retreat</a>		Montreat

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