

Honduras Medical Mission Trip a Success. Thank you for your generous donations to purchase medicines for the medical trip to Honduras. We received \$1800 in gifts from both churches and individuals. This enabled us to purchase enough medicines for the clinics where doctors saw about 320 patients in four and a half days. We left some medicines with the local nurse and saved unopened medicines to use on our medical mission trip next year. We appreciate your help and support.--Rev. Steve Austin, Rod Hicks, Jimmy Jurado, Dr. Dave Keely, Dr. Bill Lehman, Joanne Lehman, Nurse Martha Myers and Barbara Kurz, Presbytery Staff. [Find out more.](#)



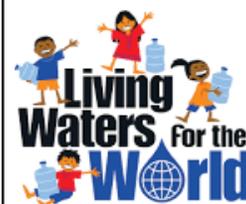
Webinar Focuses on How to Become More Welcoming to Refugees and Immigrants. The presentation will look at the theological and scriptural reasons for welcoming, while also specifically addressing real concerns that many people have. We'll explore practical ways to help locally, nationally and internationally. And, you'll be introduced to spiritual practices that can help a church and its members go deeper on this issue, wherever they are along the political spectrum. Kent Annan will also share stories that encourage the church to be more welcoming. LIVE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK [WEBINAR on Tuesday, August 28 at 2 p.m. ET \(11 a.m. PT\)](#)

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) 460 Lake Secession Road, Anderson, SC 29621; by phone at 864.296.4813; or email at btwalker@prodigy.net.

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.

Las Mercedes Community Seeks Living Waters Building Materials Partner The community at Las Mercedes (the community where our medical mission team just visited) has partnered with First Presbyterian in Cooperstown, New York for their Living Waters equipment, and training, however they need help purchasing building materials for the 18' x 18' well house. We have a matching grant for \$3500, so we only need \$3500 in donations to help pay for the \$7000 in cement blocks, rebar and other construction materials needed by the Las Mercedes community. [Find out more.](#)



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](#).

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>

Date	Event	Time	Location
8/23	Bethelwoods Ministry Team	5:30PM	Bethelwoods
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
9/16	Minute for Dimes Sunday		
9/20	EEMT	11:30AM	Presbytery Office
9/24-26	Stewardship Kaleidoscope		St. Louis, MO
10/16	SC5 Leader of Leaders Event	9:30-3:30PM	Forest Lake Pres, Columbia, SC
10/22-24	Minister and Educator Retreat		Montreat

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