

**“Who are the Dones” Seminar to be offered at Providence Presbytery Office for FREE!** EEMT of Providence Presbytery is showing the webinar and group discussion time after the webinar for any Providence Presbytery minister, educator, clerk of session or interested party at no cost to you. Call Ann or Barbara at the Presbytery office to reserve your spot, or email us at [administrativeassistant@providencepres.org](mailto:administrativeassistant@providencepres.org) to let us know you are coming. **Missed the memo on what the “Dones” webinar is?...**

**Who are the “dones”? (A one-hour Online Interview)** They are the 65 million people who have left the church. Another 7 million people are **“almost dones.”** While they are still sitting in pews on Sunday morning, they already have one foot out the door. Why have the “dones” left the church? (Hint: Age is not the issue!) Are they simply angry malcontents? What might we learn from them? Can leaving actually be a spiritual practice? Join us for this conversation as Patrick helps us 1) understand their struggle; 2) consider how we might unwittingly turn people off Christian community; and 3) discover how the “dones” can enrich our faith. JOIN US for this Pinnacle Dialogue: **Who are the “Dones” and Why Should the Church Care About Them? (one hour)** An Interview with Patrick Vaughn, Author of Meeting Jesus At Starbucks (forthcoming) September 11 at 11 am--Cost: \$20.(no cost if you watch it with us at Providence Presbytery Office--but if you can't do that-->> [Register online.](#)

**The Search Committee for the Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk has finished the Ministry Information Form and the Job Description for the position.** The MIF is on the Church Leadership Connection website of the PC(USA). The Committee has begun reviewing Personal Information Forms that have come in. **If you know of someone interested in the position, who is beyond the bounds of Providence Presbytery, please have the person self-refer on the Church Leadership Connection site.** Please pray for the Committee's work, and for the person God is calling to serve as our Transitional Presbytery leader.

**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.

**Do you have a parent, partner, sibling or adult child with mental illness? Have you been struggling to understand the diagnosis?** NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) Family-To-Family Free Peer Education Program that will be held at the First Presbyterian Church--Lancaster. [Check out the flyer](#) with all of the information on the program.

**The Presbyterian Women of Providence Presbytery Present: The 2018 Spiritual Retreat - Saturday, October 6th at Horton Lodge at Bethelwoods.** Our theme is “Inviting the Holy Spirit” - Speaker will be Rev. Rhonda McClain. Registration is at 9AM. Lunch \$10.00 includes BBQ, baked beans, slaw & apple crisp. Following lunch will be a workshop “Enhancing Presbyterian Women”- New Ideas – Different Approaches - Alternative Bible Studies. All are welcome - Invite someone new - Come spend a few hours in Fellowship with God and your Sisters in Christ.

**Evangelism Sunday Worship Resources Available Online.** September 23, 2018 is the “official” date for Evangelism Sunday, but congregations can celebrate it anytime, by using prayers of revitalization for their churches, worship resources - and a neighborhood exegesis to explore and better understand the community God has place them in. [Check out more online.](#)

**PC(USA) Offers Parent Education Loan Program.** Applications are now being accepted for the [new parent loan program](#) through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Available for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members, the parent loan, administered through Financial Aid for Service, offers a 6 percent interest rate - a full percentage point lower than U.S. Department of Education parent PLUS loans.

**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.](#)

**Unity Presbyterian Church is looking to hire a Nursery Caregiver to begin October 7.** This is a part-time, hourly position, averaging 4 hours a week. All Nursery Caregivers work on Sunday mornings from 8:30-12:30, or until all children have been picked up, on any holidays that fall on Sundays when nursery is offered (ie: Easter, 4th of July etc.) and for any Christmas Eve services when nursery is offered. Nursery Caregivers may also be asked to work at other times, as needed, for Sunday Night Live (SNL), Vacation Bible School (VBS), and other special services. The Nursery Caregiver must be 21 years of age or older and not a member of Unity.. A complete job description can be found on the church website at: <http://unityfortmill.org/employment-opportunities>. Interested applicants should contact Kathryn McGregor at 803-547-5543 or [KMcGregor@UnityFortMil.org](mailto:KMcGregor@UnityFortMil.org). Application deadline is September 15.

**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>

**Bethesda Seeks Part Time Christian Educator.** Bethesda Presbyterian, 4858 McConnells Hwy, York, SC, is seeking a new part-time interim Director of Christian Education. The position requires working approximately 10-15 hours per week at \$15-20 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. Resumes should be sent to [Bethesda@comporium.net](mailto:Bethesda@comporium.net). Deadline for resumes is September 30, 2018. Check out the [Job Description](#) online..

**Spartanburg First Pres Seeks Director of Children's Ministry.** First Presbyterian Church ([www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org)) is seeking a full-time Director of Children's Ministry to oversee the ministry with children birth - 5th grades and their families. FPCS is a 2300-member downtown church actively involved in mission and serving the surrounding community. [See the job description online.](#) Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and resume to [sara.bailey@ministryarchitects.com](mailto:sara.bailey@ministryarchitects.com).

**Christmas Joy Materials & Webinars Available in November.** Congregations with standing orders for Christmas Joy Offering promotional materials should expect those packages to arrive in mid-November. Digital copies of this year's resources will be uploaded to the website in the next few weeks and orders for additional supplies can be made at the PC(USA) Store starting in November. There are two live Zoom meetings to learn more about the 2018 Christmas Joy Offering. Both will be recorded and posted on the website for those who wish to learn more but can't attend the online meeting: Online meetings will be held on Zoom.com Tuesday, **November 6, 2018** at 12:00 noon (Eastern) is for **mid council leaders and their staff/volunteers.** [Register for November 6th webinar.](#) Tuesday, **November 13, 2018** at 12:00 noon (Eastern) is for **congregation leaders, pastors, elders, and members** who want to learn more. [Register for November 13th webinar.](#)

Date	Event	Time	Location
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		
9/18	PW Coordinating Team	1PM	Presbytery Office
9/20	EEMT	11:30AM	Presbytery Office
9/24-26	<a href="#">Stewardship Kaleidoscope</a>		St. Louis, MO
10/16	<a href="#">PW Coordinating Team</a>	1PM	Presbytery Office
10/16	<a href="#">SC5 Leader of Leaders Event</a>		Forest Lake Pres, Columbia, SC
10/18	<a href="#">Bethelwoods Ministry Team</a>	5:30-6:15PM	Bethelwoods
10/21	<a href="#">Presbytery Meeting</a>	2:30 PM	Bethelwoods
10/22-24	<a href="#">Minister and Educator Retreat</a>		Montreat

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