

**Taking Care of our Neighbors.** A special offering for Florence Disaster Relief will be received at the October 21 presbytery meeting during opening worship. **One half will go to our sister presbytery, New Harmony Presbytery, and the other half to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** If you will not be at the meeting and would like to make an offering, please make your check payable to Providence Presbytery and note "For Florence Relief". Mail your checks to Providence Presbytery 515 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, SC 29730

**May healing spring up quickly!** Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. (Isaiah 58:8) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti; monsoon flooding in Kerala state, India; earthquakes resulting in a tsunami and volcanic eruption in Indonesia; and Super Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines, China and surrounding areas. Due to lack of widespread media coverage of these disasters, PDA needs your help to ensure that it can continue providing emergency response and long-term recovery support. Priorities for each disaster include WASH (water and sanitation for health), restoration of livelihoods, water sources and food security. The needs in each context are vast and diverse and will require substantial resources. Through your prayerful gifts, we know that God's healing may spring up quickly and that hope will be drawn out of the chaos. The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — **Give. Act. Pray. Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999, which supports the church's response to international disasters. [Gifts can be made online.](#) by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. **Act:** [Download and use the bulletin insert.](#) -Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. -Stay informed and like us on Facebook, [download resources](#), and share updates with your congregation. **Pray:** Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

**Opioid Summit by All on Board.** Opioid/Heroin use has become a national health crisis. Every 20 minutes someone dies from an opioid/heroin overdose and in York County it has become an equal opportunity killer. York County All on Board is offering a Summit for Parents and Educators October 16 at Dutchman Creek Middle School and October 23 at York High School. Both events are from 6:30-8PM. Register online at <https://conta.cc.2oHNPuy> . [See the flyer.](#)

**Faithful Conversations in Divided Times**--a Presbyterian Outlook Webinar will be held **October 16**. Polarizing tension over issues of the day creates emotional and relational walls that threaten to divide families, neighbors and churches. In this webinar, Don Meeks will help equip participants with a foundational biblical framework and a few simple tools that, when practiced faithfully, offer a way to transform lives and restore relationships. [Find out more.](#)

**An Easy Way to Make Family Time a Priority from Advent through Epiphany. Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas** is a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers and reflections. Endlessly flexible for busy schedules, you can create a new after-meal ritual, use them as decorations, or carry them on the go. Explore the entire season from Advent to Christmas through Epiphany. These make a great gift for families! [Download a free promotional pack](#) to help you best use Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas in your congregation or small groups. This free pack includes coloring sheets, postcards, labels to edit and put on card packs and much more. You will also find a PDF of fun ideas to incorporate Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas Cards into worship [Find out more.](#)



**Fellowship and share thanks to God with neighbors from three faith traditions** as we join together and share a Thanksgiving meal. Bring a side dish to share to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill on Nov. 15th at 6:30PM. This event is sponsored by The Children of Abraham which seeks to find ways to build better understanding between people from the three Abrahamic faith traditions. All ages welcome. [See flyer for more information.](#)

**Barbecue at Bethesda (Y).** Please join us at Bethesda Presbyterian Church (Y) as we host a BBQ Fund raiser on Saturday, October 27, 2018. This event will be held in the Family Life Center, located at 4858 McConnells Highway, York, SC from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. BBQ Plates (for eat in or take out) will be available at a cost of \$10 per plate. These plates will include barbecue, roll, slaw, baked beans, chips, and a drink. Hot Dog Plates will be available at a cost of \$5 per plate. The Hot Dog Plates will include a hot dog, baked beans, and chips. There will also be a Bake Sale and Children’s Games and Activities. Fall Fest Vendors’ Booths will be open from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. To order tickets call the church office (803-328-1360) or Steve Childers (803-417-3571) by October 14.

**Bethelwoods News. REGISTER TODAY for Kids Night Out,** Friday, October 12th for the “Great Pumpkin Returns”. We will have dinner, activities, and fun from 5:30PM – 10:00PM for children ages 5-12. You can register online at [www.bethelwoods.org](http://www.bethelwoods.org) or by phone at 803-366-3722. Cost is \$15/camper. There are sibling discounts as well as multi-event discounts. **Join Bethelwoods for TTT Tuesday, October 16th** for our annual Apple Hill Orchard Day Trip! Cost is only \$20/person and all you have to do is call 803-366-3722 to reserve your space. We’ll meet at camp at 10:30AM and have an early lunch before departing!



**Children’s Church Assistant needed.** Allison Creek is looking for someone willing to work about 2 Sundays a month (rotate with one other person) during the worship time to assist with Children’s Church (ages 3-7). If interested, contact Sam McGregor at [mgregorsk@comporium.net](mailto:mgregorsk@comporium.net).

**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).

**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..

**What are you doing next summer?** Put Presbyterian Youth Triennium on your list of “things to do.” July 16-20 at Purdue University. 15 Youth Delegates from Providence Presbytery who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade next summer will be chosen. [Apply to join us!](#)



**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. [The job description is available online.](#)

**Save the Date.** Mark Verdery’s retirement celebration will be December 15, 2018 at 6PM at Rock Hill First Presbyterian Church. Please mark your calendar.

Date	Event	Time	Location
10/16	PW Coordinating Team	1PM	Presbytery Office
10/16	<a href="#">SC5 Leader of Leaders Event</a>		Forest Lake Pres, Columbia, SC
10/18	Educator Gathering	12:30-2PM	Presbytery Office
10/21	Presbytery Meeting	2:30 PM	Bethelwoods
10/22-24	<a href="#">Minister and Educator Retreat</a>		Montreat

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