

No In the Know Next Week. We will not be publishing In the Know next Monday due to the holiday schedule. The next issue of In the Know will be published Monday, December 31. Please submit any articles for that In the Know issue by Friday 12/28/18 by 5PM. **Thank you and Merry Christmas!**

The Transitional Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee plans to have a part-time Temporary Stated Clerk in place beginning January 1, 2019 for three months until the transitional role is filled. We anticipate the “reveal” of the transitional role will occur during the March 21, 2019 Presbytery Meeting at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. Please continue to keep the Search Committee in your prayers as we work through the final actions.

Thomas selected as 2019 Smyth Lecturer at CTS. Columbia Theological Seminary announced that author, scholar and renowned preacher Dr. Frank A. Thomas, the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary, will be the 2019 Smyth lecturer. Thomas will deliver two lectures offered free to the public in the Harrington Center Chapel on the seminary campus located at 701 S. Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA. The first lecture will be on Tuesday, February 5, at 7-8PM, and the second lecture on Wednesday, February 6 at 11AM-Noon.. A reception will be held immediately after the first lecture. [Find out More.](#)



New Board of Pensions Website Coming Soon. Later this month, the Board of Pensions will relaunch its website, pensions.org, to better serve our members and employers. This new, dynamic website features a fresh, modern look that's easy to navigate on any device and an enhanced search function so you can easily find what you're looking for. The new website also includes information and resources tailored to meet your needs. Read more about features specifically for members and employers, and visit pensions.org in mid-December for a brand-new online experience.

Second Volume of Connections Now Available. The second volume of Connections, the new nine-volume lectionary commentary series for preaching and worship, is available! Are you considering using the Revised Common Lectionary for the first time? Major benefits include making Scriptural connections through intertextuality, connecting the text to the seasons of the church year, and connecting churches to each other by using the same texts. [Learn more about the lectionary and how Connections can inspire your preaching and worship.](#) The commentaries in this volume cover the Year C lectionary readings from Lent through Pentecost. [Read the commentaries for Ash Wednesday here.](#) Order your copy from the [Church Store.](#)

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center to Offer Clergy Clinic in Charlotte in 2019. The Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process is designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. It will provide a safe forum for processing challenging situations in one's ministry, while also facilitating reflection on a way of thinking about the human condition which has implications for all aspects of life. Tuition is \$1400 for the nine day series meeting at St. Andrews United Methodist in Charlotte March 11-13, June 3-5 and September 9-11. [Find out more or register.](#)

Near East School of Theology Issues Winter Newsletter. [Check out the most recent issue.](#)

2019 Presbytery Meeting Dates are scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at Oakland Avenue; Sunday, June 23 at Beth Shiloh; and Sunday, October 13 at Bethesda (K)

More Bethelwoods News and Events

TTT White Elephant Gift Exchange. Join Bethelwoods for TTT Tuesday, December 18th from 10:30AM – 1:PM Join us for lunch and our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! Cost is only \$10/person and all you have to do is call 803-366-3722 to reserve your space.

Looking for a camp experience during Christmas break? Register your kids for the 2018 Winter Retreat December 27th – December 29th, retreat includes advent teaching, Christmas crafts, holiday games and traditional camp adventures! Register today at www.bethelwoods.org

Faith and Sexuality Retreat for 5th-7th Graders and their parents coming in February. Sign up today for this great event presented by Providence Presbytery's Education and Equipping Ministry Team and Bethelwoods. Led by chaplain Nicole Newton, this overnight retreat is designed to open communication as your youth looks toward all the changes that are coming as she/he enters middle and high school. The goal is to help parents set these and future conversations around puberty, adolescence, and sexuality within the context of faith, and learn to share your values as you talk with your youth about these topics. The overnight retreat will be held February 22-23 and cost is \$100 per youth. [Find out more.](#) Register online [at Bethelwoods.com](http://atBethelwoods.com).

Vaughn to lead "Dones" Webinar in February. "People come. People go. That's the rhythm of life in local congregations. The steady movement can be a sign of vitality and health. Recent research, however, indicates that far more people are going rather than coming. Sixty-five million have left the church. In Meeting Jesus at Starbucks, I identify some of the factors that have contributed to this exodus, but more importantly, I have sought to listen to the Dones and to learn from them. Their departure presents us with a gracious opportunity to discover anew the unlikely joy and meaning that come when we walk with Jesus." -J. Patrick Vaughn. Pinnacle Dialogue on the Dones February 6, 2019 @ 1:00PM Eastern. Mark Tidsworth will interview Patrick Vaughn on how the church can engage with the Dones. Join this web conference by clicking on the link on our website: [Pinnacle Webinars](#)

Mark your calendars now with the upcoming dates for Lay School: *SPRING 2019: MARCH 22-24* and *FALL 2019: OCTOBER 11-13*

Date	Event	Time	Location
12/24-28	Presbytery office closed		
1/10	Children of Abraham	10:30AM	Presbytery Office
1/31	EEMT	10AM	Presbytery Office
2/7	Committee on Ministry	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
2/12	Administrative Ministry Team	5:30PM	Presbytery Office
2/21	Coordinating Team	5:30PM	Presbytery Office

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