

**Happy New Year!** As each day of 2019 is filled with opportunities to share the relentless love of God, may we be open to God's leading and aware of the Spirit's provision to answer the call of Christ.

**A Bidding Prayer for the New Year by Jill Duffield in Presbyterian Outlook:** <https://pres-outlook.org/2016/12/bidding-prayer-new-year/>

**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.](#)

**EEMT has accepted the resignation of Ellen Green, Resource Center Clerk, so that she can spend more time taking care of some family needs.** Please keep Ellen and her family in your prayers in the coming days and weeks ahead and join us in thanking her for her passionate and excellent work in the resource center during the past year and a half.

**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://Bethelwoods.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**

**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)

Date	Event	Time	Location
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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