FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY

Caring, Empowering and Celebrating the churches in Foothills Presbytery

Newsletter

September 20, 2019

Visit our website for all current events, blog articles and information about the mission and ministry of Foothills Presbytery foothillspresbytery.org

Upcoming Events

September
24 Rep & Review
26 Trans Think Tank & CPM

October
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2 Staff Mtg & 7% Club
3 COM
8 Personnel & Council
9 SC5 All Staff Retreat, Cola
10 Investment Comm
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13 PYC
17 Exams & Finance
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FP Calendar

Next Stated

Stated Meeting #111

The next
FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY
Stated Meeting #111
is Tuesday, Nov. 12
at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville SC

Guest Preacher & Special Order of the day:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The Rev. James J. Kirk
Associate for Disaster Response
PDA (U.S.)

NEW in the Resource Center

NEW in the Resource Center

Click here to go to the Virtual Library of Foothills Presbytery

Resource Spotlight:

Backs Against the Wall: the Howard Thurman Story - Journey Films, 2019 (DVD BIOGR

Presbytery Meeting

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Click here for a list of 2019-20 Stated Meeting Dates & Resources

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Presbyterian College

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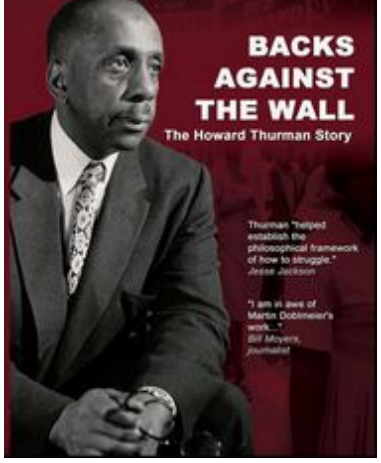

Thurman Story: Journey Films, 2019. (DVD BIOGR Thurman)

Martin Doblmeier's one-hour documentary explores the extraordinary life and legacy of one of the most important pastor-activists of the 20th century. Born the grandson of slaves, Thurman became a "spiritual foundation" for the Civil Rights Movement, inspiring many of its leaders. Thurman's book Jesus and the Disinherited is considered a spiritual classic. It is said that Martin Luther King, Jr., kept his worn copy in a coat pocket for easy reference during the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Broadcast on SCETV in March, this one-hour documentary has recently won a regional Emmy Award for best historical documentary. It has also been widely screened and discussed at churches, universities, and seminaries across the country. Extensive study materials and discussion guides, including many video clips, are available on the Journey Films website. Links to these materials and reviews are also included on the Resource Center's online catalog description of the film.

The DVD contains several added features, including an excerpt from a 15-minute interview with Thurman by BBC. The Resource Center's copy of the DVD does NOT include screening rights, which may be purchased through the Journey Films store.

The August 28, 2019, issue of Christian Century contains an insightful article about Thurman's contemplative nonviolence, "Prayerful resistance," by Myles Werntz.

Middle School Retreat!

meet our keynote

Foothills Presbytery Office Hours
9:00am - 4:30pm
Monday - Thursday
Office Closed
on Friday.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

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Thornwell Home for Children
www.thornwell.org

Stewardship of Creation Enabler Connections
Current Newsletter

My name is Neeley Rentz Lane. I am a Child of God, a wife, a mommy, and a minister of Word and Sacrament. I have had the true joy of serving as a Director of Christian Education, Director of High School Youth Ministries and an Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries. I love all things crafty, tap dancing, coffee, back porch dinner parties, lazy beach days with our three little girls, and the PCUSA! This past summer I was given the gift of keynoting Montreat Youth Conference and accompany youth on their Montreat experience. I admire and love youth, the church of today! I am excited to be in ministry with Foothills Presbytery for your middle school retreat! May God bless our preparations and time together!

NEELEY RENTZ LANE

SPECIAL OFFERING

We will be collecting an offering that will go to **Fighting Childhood Cancer and supporting local families** who are experiencing childhood cancer.

MUSIC LED BY OUR PYC!

Youth Ministry Roundtable

Roundtable

Youth Directors and Ministers are invited to "talk shop"!

12 noon
Tuesday, October 1

Devotion: Ashley Mimbela

Please email LeAnne
and let her know
if you plan to attend & want lunch.

Under 40 Pastor Peer Group

Our next Gathering is
Wednesday October 2, 12:30
at Fork and Plough
1629 E North St, Greenville, SC 29607

Special Event in honor of Frontera de Cristo's 35th Year!

Sponsored by Presbyterian Border Region Outreach

Join us as we focus on-
☐ Understanding and Analyzing Governmental and Gospel Responses to the Exodus
☐ Giving Public Witness of the Border as a Place of Encounter and Welcome
☐ Sharing Best Practices in Hospitality
☐ Encouraging One Another
☐ Equipping the Church on Both Sides for Ministry in a New Context

Download Full Flyer

Registration & Information available here:
https://presbyterianborder.org/

*** The Committee on Shared Ministry (Mission Sub-Committee) of Foothills Presbytery has (4) $500 scholarships for members of Foothills' churches interested in participating in the event.

Click HERE for Scholarship Application***

Eastern Region Gathering

Regional Mission & Ministry WEST
Anderson
Oconee & Pickens

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Pastors, Clerks, or Elder Representatives of the Western Region Churches

(Anderson, Pickens and Oconee Region)

You are invited by Foothills Presbytery
to a Luncheon Gathering

November 10
2:00 pm
Location: TBD

"Together in Ministry & Mission
in the 21st Century"

At this gathering we will think and talk about the current culture/context of what it means to be a church together.

Topics include:

- *Healthy Congregations*
- *Leadership Models*
- *Shared Ministry*
- *Shared Mission*

We look forward to seeing you!

Gordon Raynal, Stated Clerk *Debbie Foster, Associate Stated Clerk*

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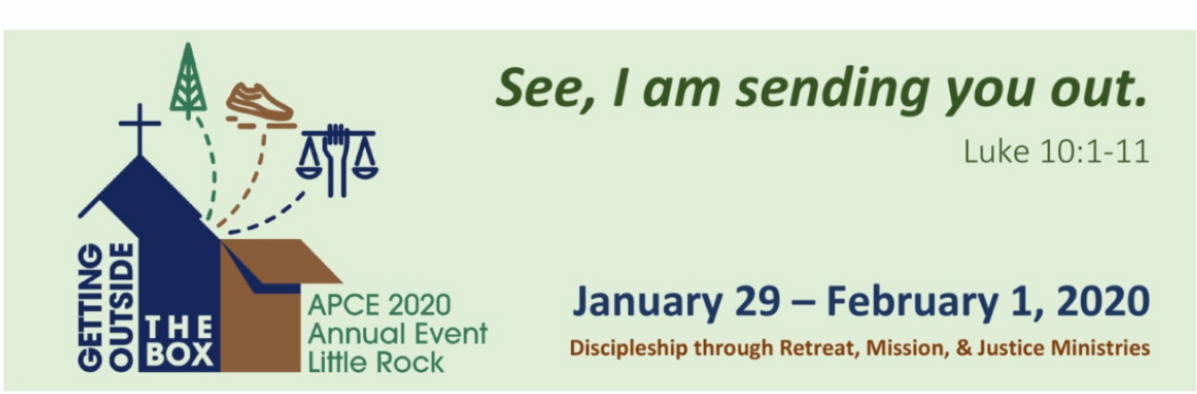

It is now time to register
for the
2020 APCE Annual Event
(Association of Presbyterian Church Educators).

Registration is now available online at **www.apcenet.org** and we encourage you to do it now before the December 6 early bird registration deadline.

You can apply for several Scholarships including Regional, Small Church, Retired Educator, etc. at **http://www.apcenet.org/scholarships** before October 15.

Additional Scholarships:

- **The Martha May Holman Scholarship Fund** was established in 2002 by the SOAP (South Atlantic Puerto Rico) Region of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) to honor the life and ministry of Martha May Holman. To apply, complete the linked application above and return it to Zeta Hastings at **zetah.lmpchurch@gmail.com** no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2019.

- **The Foothills APCE Scholarship.** We try to pay up to the $330 registration fee as much as possible for those who work in our churches in the area of education or youth ministry and want to attend. The deadline is Nov 12, 2019

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Angst Movie & Discussion

IndieFlix Shines the Light on Anxiety with Must-See Documentary,

https://angstmovie.com/

Producers Scilla Andreen and Karin Gornick have one goal: to start a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Through candid interviews, they utilize the power of film to tell the stories of many kids and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impacts on their lives and relationships, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. The film also includes a special interview with Michael Phelps, a mental health advocate and one of the greatest athletes of all-time. In addition, the documentary provides discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, along with the help, resources and tools available to address the condition.

Two Opportunities for Movie & Discussion Panel:

Sunday, September 29, 5:00 pm at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church will hold a special screening of the documentary to open up a dialogue between local families, community leaders and experts. The event will feature a viewing of the 56-minute film, followed by an informative panel discussion of experts: **Read More**

- Dr. Frank Alexander Clark
- Brittany Clow
- Robyn Ellison
- Mollie Murphy

(**Click here for detailed Information on panel guests**). **Free tickets are now available and space is limited!**

Sunday, October 13, 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 739 N Main Street, Mauldin

Fall Lay School Registration Open

Lay School of Theology
Presbyterian College
October 11-13, 2019
Sponsored by the Five Presbyteries of South Carolina

FOR WHOM: Lay persons who wish to
1. Participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History

2. Be trained as a Commissioned Teaching Elder.
3. Better prepare themselves to teach the Bible or Church School.
4. Serve as Directors of Christian Education.
5. Be certified by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators.

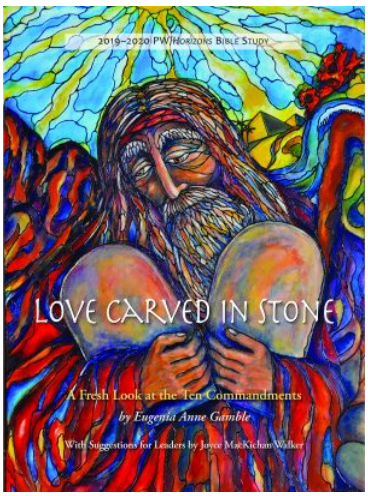
PLEASE NOTE: These courses are not for ministers, candidates for the ministry, or those considering changing denominations to the PC (U.S.A.).

Click here for More Information and for the Lay School Packet

Presbyterian Women

Love Carved in Stone:
A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments
By Eugenia Anne Gamble

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world.



"Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community." Love Carved in Stone is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Why the Ten Words? The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for "commandment" appear. She says, "In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: 'words.' I've chosen to use the term 'Ten Words' because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways."

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

Click here for More Information

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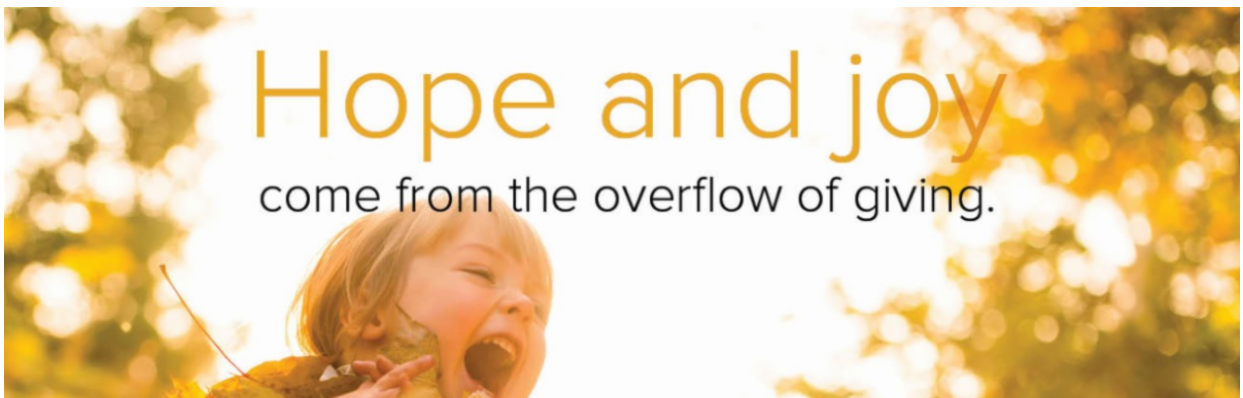
Thornwell Emphasis Month



Click here for More Information

Sustainable Young Adult Ministry

10:30AM-1:00PM
COST: $5 FOR LUNCH

Fourth Presbyterian Church
703 E Washington St
Greenville, SC 29601

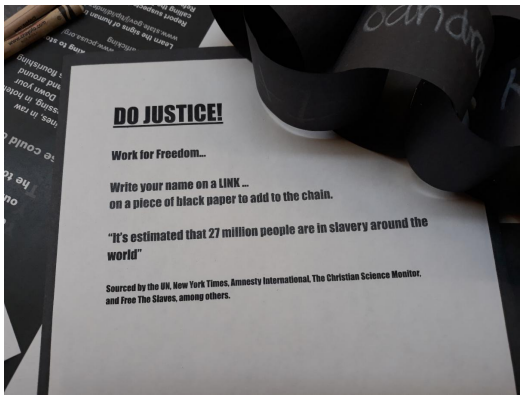
In preparation for the event,
please read the book
Sustainable Young Adult Ministry:
Making it Work, Making it Last
by Mark DeVries and Scott Pontier.
We will use this book as the foundation
for our event in order to explore
practical ways to breathe new life
into young adult ministry
in our particular contexts.

RSVP TO JACKIE@FOURTHPRES.COM

Prayer Room at Faith Church

DO JUSTICE: Prayer Experience

God, through the prophet Micah, tells us what we already know, "[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
(Micah 6:8 NRSV).



As a help for all of us to pray for and understand more deeply issues of justice, a prayer room has been set up in the fellowship hall of Faith Presbyterian Church in Williamston. Each of the thirteen prayer stations gives individuals the chance to learn more about specific justice issues, a focus for prayers, or tangible ways to commit to doing justice. Those who attend are asked to take whatever time they need to prayerfully consider the issue or activity presented. Issues range from access to basic needs like food and water to systemic issues like modern slavery.

The Prayer Room will be open during the Sundays in August or by appointment. If you are interested in experiencing the prayer room for yourself or as a group or would like more information, please contact the Rev. Aaron Ochart by phone at (864) 979-1071 or by email at

revochart@1791.com.

You can take a video tour through out YouTube channel here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdOLMGnmmPM

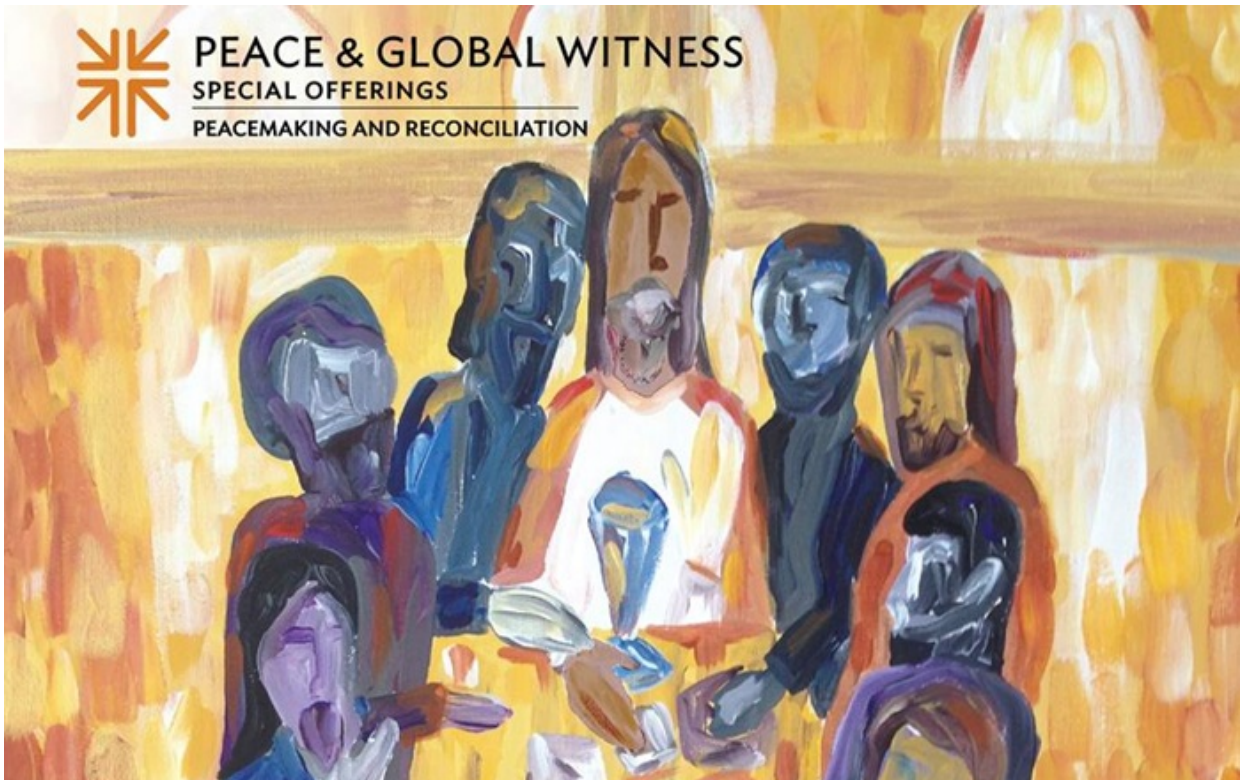
Peace & Global Witness

The Peace & Global Witness Offering invites the whole Church to become active peacemakers, in your neighborhood and around the world.

Many congregations take this offering throughout the Season of Peace - beginning on September 1, and culminating on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

Download the Leaders Guide

Read More Here



When Faith Hurts Conference

Monday, September 30, 2019 at 8:00 AM
- to -
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 2:30 PM (EDT)
First Baptist Greenville
847 Cleveland Street
Greenville, SC 29601

When Faith Hurts: Equipping the church for faithful response to child abuse and it's implications for congregational care

This conference prepares participants to recognize and respond to cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse and neglect. Conference sessions will discuss in detail the impact of child abuse on a victim's sense of spirituality and will offer concrete suggestions for working with medical and mental health professionals to assist a child in coping with maltreatment. Participants will learn ideal child protection policies for a faith based institution, including handling a situation in which a convicted sex offender seeks to join a congregation. The conference includes a review of various child abuse case scenarios and a discussion on appropriate and inappropriate responses.

Please click here for tickets, full conference schedule and session descriptions.

Continuing Education Credits are approved for Licensed Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists. Credits for Victim Service Providers and Social Workers are pending.

2019 Fall Adult Retreat at Camp Fellowship

2019 FALL ADULT RETREAT

"SAY WHAT?!"

RECLAIMING THE PROPHETIC VOICE:
from 8th century prophets to the church of today

DATE
October 25 - 26, 2019

Join us for a weekend of rest and relaxation, fellowship and learning, worship and inspiration!

Click here for more information!

First Aid & CPR

Friends of Camp Fellowship,

The health and well-being of our congregations and friends is of upmost importance and it is vital to be well-equipped and prepared to handle an emergency situation. To assist you in preparing for these situations, Camp Fellowship will be hosting an **Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED training event on Monday, October 28th from 9:00am-4:30pm.**

We are excited to have Red Cross Instructor, Andrea Paschal facilitating the event. Course components & certification includes: **Adult & Pediatric First Aid, CPR, AED, Anaphylaxis/Epi-Pen, and Asthma/Inhaler.**

This is an all-day professional development event. Fee is $75 and includes lunch & refreshments.

Space is limited! Register for this event online at www.campfellowship.org.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Stewardship Kaleidoscope
Real Tools for Real Ministry

Click here for Registration, Scholarships, & Grant Information

Princeton Sem Women in Ministry Conf

Leadership in a Time of Division and Fear

October 23 - 25, 2019
Women in Ministry Conference

The Women in Ministry Initiative of Princeton Theological Seminary is pleased to offer a conference for women leaders of the church, both clergy and lay, who work within the church and beyond. We will gather to worship, to study, and to encourage one another. Keynote presentations, sermons, informal discussions, and workshops will provide an opportunity to develop and strengthen talents and skills for leadership in the church and world to which we are called.
Register today to take advantage of discounted pricing:

- Now - Aug. 1: $175
- Aug. 1 - Oct. 18: $195

Registration includes program and meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, and reception; lodging not included. **CLICK HERE for more information or to Register.**

Older Adult Ministry

2019 POAMN National Conference

October 15-18, 2019
Laws Lodge
Louisville Presbyterian Theological

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
1044 Alta Vista Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40205

Click here for FULL BROCHURE

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: To receive an application, email Ginny Nyhuis: gnyhuis@frontier.com or call 615.426.1545. Deadline for completed applications is September 1, 2019.

Medicine Beyond Medication

Location:

MAHEC Mary C. Nesbitt Biltmore Campus Education Building
121 Hendersonville Rd.
Asheville NC 28803

Click here for more information

Getting in Shape Fiscally Seminar!

Getting in Shape Fiscally

A financial planning seminar

How "fiscally fit" are you? This one-day seminar is for plan members and seminarians looking to get their financial house in order. Attend and learn about:
* money danger signals and building budgets,
* terms of call and clergy taxes basics,
* debt reduction, saving, and investing, and
* estate planning basics.

Key Seminar Details:
Thursday, October 17, 2019
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, GA
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET
Click here for Full Details

Sponsored by The Center of Lifelong Learning, Columbia Theological Seminary

South Atlantic Puerto Rico Region (SOAP) - Save the Date!

For more information or to Register, please click here

please click here

Vibrant Faith Conference

October 2019

- NEW: Cultivating the Faith of Youth. Instructor: Michael Droege
- Strategies & Approaches for Family Faith Formation. Instructor: John Roberto

November 2019

- NEW: Personalizing Faith Formation. Instructors: Kathy Pittenger and John Roberto
- Faith Formation for a New Generation. Instructor: Tanya Campen

Coming in 2020
January 2020: Faith Formation for the Seasons of Adulthood
Instructor: Janet Schaeffler

February 2020: Faith Formation in a Digital Age (NEW)
Instructor: Kyle Oliver

March 2020: Generations Together: Intergenerational Faith Formation
Kathie Amidei

Tuition is $150 per course.

More 2020 courses to be announced in the Fall

For more Course Information or to Register Click Here

2020 Mosaic of Peace

Click here for More Information

2019 - 2020 Stated Presbytery Meetings

2019 - 2020 PRESBYTERY STATED MEETINGS:

2019
Tuesday, November 12
at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville SC

2020
Tuesday, February 18
@ Central Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC

May Stated Meeting will be during the SC5 Convocation at PC and Thornwell on May 15 & 16, 2020

Friday, May 15th: Fellowship and Worship: The Reverend J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Preacher
Saturday, May 16th: Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery (place TBA... either on the PC or Thornwell Campus)

Tuesday, November 10

Location TBA

Calendar

Dates to Remember

September
19 Christian Educators Gathering
23 Personnel Committee meeting
24 Representation & Review Committee meeting
26 Transition Think Tank meeting & Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting

October
1 Youth Leaders Roundtable
2 Staff Mtg & 7% Club (Pastors Under 40)
3 Committee on Ministry
8 Personnel Committee meeting & Coordinating Council meeting
9 Foothills Presbytery office will be closed -
SC5 All Staff Retreat in Trinity Presbytery, Columbia
10 Investment Committee meeting
11-13 Fall Lay School of Theology at Presbyterian College
13 Presbytery Youth Council meeting
17 Examinations Committee meeting & Finance and Stewardship meeting
18-20 Foothills Presbytery Middle School Retreat

Click here for the Foothills Presbytery Calendar
including links for registrations and detailed information

Job Opportunities

Director of Youth, Part-time organist, Office Manager, Director of Faith Formation.....many new opportunities!

Click here to see our current job openings!

Carolina Bronze Handbell Choir available

The **Carolina Bronze Handbell Ensemble** is planning our Christmas Concert Season for 2019. The following dates are available if you would be interested in hosting a concert.

Friday	December 6	7:00 pm
Saturday	December 7	7:00 pm

Donation: minimum $300.00 This is to off set our expenses.
Carolina Bronze, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible.

Please contact Jeanne Peak at **jeannepeak@gmail.com** to schedule a concert.

Directory Updates!

Please remember to email the Presbytery office with any updates for your church or staff contact information!

You can email changes to LeAnne White at **LWhite@foothillspresbytery.org**. Thank you!