

Caring, Empowering and Celebrating the churches in Foothills Presbytery

Newsletter

February 13, 2020

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

A letter from Debbie Foster, Presbytery Leader & Stated Clerk

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Greetings my friends,

God is coaxing us into a new decade! So, as we finish up week six, I can't let another day go by without saying thank you for the opportunity to be your new Presbytery Leader and Stated Clerk. I am humbled and so honored to be in this presbytery and work along each and every one of you. I am grateful for the faithful renovation work of the last six years, and the spirit infused in the new way we live out our mission in this presbytery.

As we look toward the future of our mission and ministry together, we still have quite a few challenges before us. If you take a snapshot of every congregation in the presbytery and create a "challenge list," there will be some common themes, and there will be some items unique to each context. I believe that the renovation and ... <u>Click here to Read More</u>

Stated Meeting #112

Please join us



FP Calendar

Next Stated Presbytery Meeting

The next FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY Stated Meeting #112 Tues, Feb 18 at Central Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC

<u>Click here for a</u> <u>list of 2019-20</u> <u>Stated Meeting</u> <u>Dates &</u> <u>Resources</u>

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Foothills Presbytery Stated Meeting #112



Central Presbyterian Church

1404 North Boulevard, Anderson



February 18, 2020 at 10:00 am (registration at 9:30 am) Guest Speaker for Worship & Special Order: Olanda Carr

Olanda Carr, Jr. is the Ministry Relations Officer (MRO) serving the East Region. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowments committees.

Olanda shares his call to the Foundation - "God calls us each day to do new and exciting things. I believe my service with the Foundation is such a call, as it provides me with am opportunity to further God's kingdom and the mission of the PC (USA)."

Sermon: Stewardship

• Psalm 23

• John 10:11-15

Special Order of the Day: Living Out of Abundance

Spring Lay School

Lay School of Theology

The next session of the SC Lay School of Theology will be held March 20-22 at Presbyterian College. The Lay School has classes for those who feel called to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor as well as for anyone who wishes to learn more about the Bible, Theology, Church History, Polity, or Worship AND enjoy great fellowship with Presbyterians from across the state!

You can find out more information by downloading the **<u>REGISTRATION PACKET HERE</u>**.

The deadline to register is February 24.

Local Ministries & 2 Cents a Meal

Sharing Good News in the fight against Hunger



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Presbyterian <u>Women</u>

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Thornwell Home for Children www.thornwell.org

Stewardship of Creation Enabler Connections

<u>Current</u> <u>Newsletter</u> Local Ministries across the 5 counties in Foothills Presbytery were the recipients of the annual Two-Cents-A-meal Offering.

14 agencies across the Eastern, Central and Western Regions of Presbytery received, \$414.64 each (\$5,804.96 total) from the 2 Cents a Meal offering:

- 1. Project Host Soup Kitchen,
- 2. Spartanburg Soup Kitchen,
- 3. Daily Bread Ministries,
- 4. South Main Chapel & Mercy Center,
- 5. United Ministries of Greenville,
- 6. Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund,
- 7. Clemson Community Care,
- 8. Anderson Interfaith Ministries,
- 9. Harvest Hope Food Bank,
- 10. Salvation Army of Gaffney,
- 11. Faith Pres Food Bank,
- 12. Presbyterian Church (USA) US Disaster Assistance,
- 13. SHINE Soup Kitchen,
- 14. Operation Hope (Landrum)

Cents-Ability originated in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. Over the years, presbyteries have developed similar programs entitled Pennies for Hunger, Nickle-A-Meal, etc. Many of these programs benefit local hunger ministries as well as the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. (PHP). To read more...<u>https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/nationaldevelopment/what-cents-ability/</u>

SC5 COM-CPM-PDA-PJC Retreat

FEBRUARY 2020

Five SC Presbyteries



Statewide COM-CPM-PDA-PJC Retreat

Providing Education and Training for Ministry Effectiveness

Statewide COM-CPM-PDA-PJC Retreat for the Five SC Presbyteries

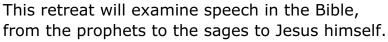
- WHERE: Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA) 1715 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
- WHEN: 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020
- COST: \$35 per person for materials, lunch, and speakers



SC5 Minister Educator Retreat

South Carolina Presbyteries Minister/Educator Retreat October 26-28, 2020

"'A Word in Its Season': Effective Speech in the Bible and Our Fractured Political Moment"





We will look at different forms of speech and how the biblical authors discuss effective rhetoric, especially the prophets and ancient sages responsible for wisdom literature. Then we will consider our current moment of polarization and how church leaders might engage complex, difficult issues. A session will also be devoted to online speech and how one might be a faithful witness to the Gospel in the age of social media.

Click here for more information

SC5 Leader of Leaders





Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

6500 N. Trenholm Road, Columbia

SYMPOSIUM

THEME: A Culture of Life Long Faith Formation -Models and Practices

COST: **\$50**

(includes symposium, book, handouts , refreshments, & lunch)



Speaker John Roberto Vibrant Faith is pleased to announce the 2019 Faith Formation Symposium program on Effective Practices & Promising Innovations in Faith Formation.

Throughout 2019 Vibrant Faith will be conducting research in congregations to identify the most effective practices in promoting lifelong Christian discipleship and faith growth.

The SC5 Leader of Leaders attendees will be the FIRST group to hear the results of this research!

So what will we discuss at SYMPOSIUM 2020?

Register Here: <u>www.foothillspresbytery.com/events/sc5</u>

Mini-Montreat - Sr. High Retreat!!





Foothills Presbytery High School Retreat Montreat, NC March 20-22, 2020

Keynoter Speakers:

Pressley Cox Pastor Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Simpsonville

Sarah Dianne Jones Director of Children's Ministries Sardis Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Music Leaders: All the voices!

Come join us in beautiful Montreat, NC for a weekend filled with JOY! Pressley and Sarah Dianne will engage us in ways that we can experience JOY in a world filled with chaos. There will be singing and dancing, playing and praying! We hope to see you there!

COST: \$125

(Includes all meals on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, lodging, programming and t-shirts)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 19, 2020 at 12 noon

Click here for Registration Packet!

PDA - Puerto Rico

Earthquakes have been rolling through Puerto Rico since December

28th, the largest of which was a 6.4 magnitude in the early hours of January 7th. As the island is still in the process of recovery from Hurricane Maria and many of its residents still are experiencing post-traumatic effects, the earthquakes will likely intensify the effects on many.

Power is out on most of the island and initial estimates put damage from the earthquakes at more than \$3.1 billion. In Guanica alone, at least 148 homes



have been impacted, from structural damage to complete collapse. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground assessing the situation and is processing an initial grant request. Please join PDA by supporting this response with gifts to DR000015-<u>GIVE NOW</u>.

Read more about the situation here.



Youth Ministry Leaders Roundtable



Youth Leaders Roundtable!

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

12 noon* Tuesday, March 3 at Foothills Presbytery office

RSVP to LWhite@foothillspresbyery.org so we can order lunch.

One Great Hour of Sharing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

February 26 - April 12

One Great Hour of Sharing- Have you received your promotional materials for this special offering? This offering goes to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. If you need materials go to www.pcusa.org/oghs

One Great Hour of Sharing is usually promoted during the season of Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 26) and received Easter Sunday (April 12). The promotional materials include bulletin inserts, offering envelopes, posters, and fish bank coin banks.

Statistical Reporting!



It is time to complete your 2019 Statistical Report! Deadline is Feb 13!

- The Statistical Report can be completed at: <u>https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/soc/AdvancedSearch.aspx</u>. Once you log in using your User Name and Password, click on the Statistical Reporting tab at the top to begin work.
- Please remember, the program works best using one of the following web browsers: Firefox, Safari, or Chrome.

We urge you to complete your report by the first of February to avoid long waiting times when you log on.

THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ENTERING STATISTICS IS FEBRUARY 13, 2020.

Thank you so much for working through this report and getting it completed on time. Please let us know if you have any questions at all!

LeAnne White

Foothills Presbytery

Foothills Presbytery Resource Center

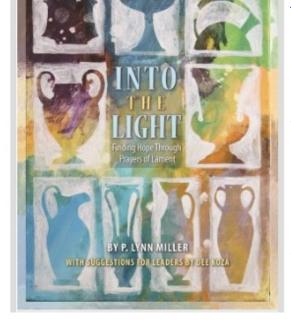


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Presbyterian Women



Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament



Suggestions for Leaders by Dee Koza

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament. In this ninelesson study, Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment-the injustice, the loss still exists-the lamenter

is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

2020 January/February Horizons Digital Version is now available! Learn More

You may also <u>Download the Fourth-quarter PW</u> <u>newsletter HERE now.</u>



Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs)



Empowering Commissioned Pastors Conference PC(USA)

Co-Moderators Rev. Cindy Kohlmann and RE Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri in Plenary Sessions May 13-16, 2020 Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, Richardson, TX

www.synodsun.org/ecpc

Assoc of Musicians Conference





Byron Wade Worship Leader



Jessica Tate Worship Leader



Eric Nelson Adult Choir



Mel Bringle Routley Lecturer

Featured Classes and Seminars:

Wind and Fire: the Holy Spirit and the Christian Life | Drama/Worship Cookbook
Photography: Finding the Perfect Light | Bible Study: Witnesses in the Old Testament
Social Justice Seminar: Can I Get a Witness? | Prayer: The Source of an Abundant Life
Vocal Techniques: Expanding the Choral Cloud of Witnesses | Morning Yoga
Art Workshop: Art in the Liturgical Arc | Bearing Witness in the 21st Century

For more information, please visit www.presbymusic.org/montreat Scholarships available for all ages!

SC Inn Announcements

The SC Inn at Montreat has a project list for needed improvements both large and small. If you have a group in your church who enjoys working on projects and fixing things as a team, we would love for them to consider a few days in retreat here at the Inn. We will provide lodging and a full breakfast in return for some needed help around the property both inside and out.

Please contact Beverley Keely at bevkeely@gmail.com or #803-417-3734 for

information.



Downton Abbey and the SC Inn at Montreat invite you to come see <u>an</u> <u>exhibit of</u>



the smash British series on display at the Biltmore House through April 7.

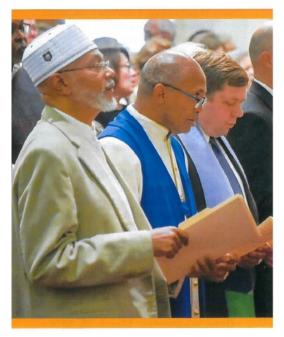
The SC Inn, Your Home in the Mountains, is only 20 minutes from the Biltmore and we invite you to come stay with us while enjoying the exhibit. Now, during nonconference season, you may have your choice of a room or an apartment at a very affordable price. With 10 or more you may enjoy a lovely country breakfast during your stay. Contact the innkeeper, Emily Cameron at 828-669-7460 to make a reservation.

Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance





2020 Schedule of Events



Join us to network with fellow clergy, lay leaders, and faith communities, and learn how we can work collectively to improve the lives of Spartanburg County residents!

<u>Click here for the</u> 2020 Schedule of Events <u>Brochure</u>

Assoc of Smaller Churches



Conference Year 2020 - We're Back At Saint Simon's

Join us and re-energize with worship, relaxation, & prayer at our 33th Annual Conference & Retreat!

Association of Smaller Congregations Sponsored by the Synod of the South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Dates: March 13-15, 2020 Mission: Small Tents, Big Mission Key Scripture: Matthew 16-28



Annual Meeting of PCSC Ambassadors





2020 Annual Meeting of the PCSC Ambassadors in Foothills Presbytery Thursday, March 26, 10:30 am at the Foothills Presbyterian Community

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina invites Ambassadors and pastors from the churches of Foothills Presbytery to the annual PCSC Ambassadors meeting held at The Foothills Retirement Community (205 Bud Nalley Drive, Easley, SC 29642) on Thursday, March 26th at 11 am.

Those attending will hear reports on PCSC's ministry to older adults from the CEO and the Director of Church Relations. Lunch will be served and tours will be offered afterwards. Registration begins at 10:30 am.

Please let Cathy Jackson (<u>cathy.jackson@prescomm.org</u>; 803-461-7832) know if you plan to attend.

Festival of Homiletics

Festival of HOMILETICS



Atlanta May 18-22, 2020

Preaching a New Earth: Climate and Creation

Be inspired by God's Word proclaimed by some of the nation's finest ministers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of hundreds of preachers. Learn and worship in an atmosphere that is dynamic, friendly, nurturing, and prophetic. Come renew, refresh, and recharge your spirit.

Scripture's first description of God is as creator. God brought the world into existence and all that makes up the world as we know it. But God realized that caring for creation could never be a sole endeavor. We are charged with that co-tending, and preachers are challenged with imagining and preaching about an ecological God. Our God is committed to, dependent on, and immersed in all the Earth provides, sustains, and yet, needs our help to bring the fullness of God's creative work to bear. Our God needs our help to speak the truth about where and how God's Earth groans for renewal, even resurrection, how our very climate changes are God's cries for help. The 2020 Festival of Homiletics theme invites preachers to imagine their own role in God's creative work, to be courageous in preaching about God's creative activity, and to claim boldly our role in caring for God's creation, when God's very creation is at stake.

Video:

https://youtu.be/tdn0prpgyoo

REGISTER

Outlook Special GA Subscription



Presbyterian Outlook Special General Assembly Subscription Offer

In order for you to be well informed about what's coming to and what's coming out of Baltimore, the Presbyterian Outlook magazine is offering a special subscription offer. For \$12.95 you will receive 8 of our 18 annual issues, each with content dedicated to the 224th General Assembly.

You will be introduced to those standing for moderator (or comoderator), get a round-up of overtures, read stories that offer background on complex issues like climate change and immigration, and learn about ministry initiatives happening in our denomination.

Next Church National Gathering!



2020 NATIONAL GATHERING

2020 National Gathering Cincinnati, Ohio



WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?

Witness, Power, and Hope Cincinnati, OH March 2-4, 2020 Joshua 4:1-9

REGISTER NOW!

Playology



An experiential ministry which aims to uplift, teach, and delight.

The Art of Play

We love playing. We love art. We love God. Playology is a perfect storm of those three things, as well as a word we made up to capture our full-day recreation-related workshops that happen all across the country.

Playology: Experiencing God through the art of

play

Saturday, March 14 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Union Presbyterian Seminary**

Richmond, VA Campus

Just \$35/person before February 15!

Download this handy flyer!

REGISTER

Older Adult Ministries



Stronger Together: Faith in Action Across Generations

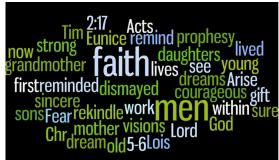
A regional, day and a half conference sponsored by POAMN

Montreat Conference Center 401 Assembly Dr, Montreat, NC 28757

April 30 - May 1, 2020

This conference is for you if:

- you work with older adults in your congregation (lay or clergy);
- you want to build relationships across generations;
- you seek to thrive after 55 in body, mind, and spirit;
- you seek the latest on current issues of aging and the church;
- you are a retired church professional.



<u>Click HERE for more information or to register.</u>

Click here for the POAMN 2020 Winter Newsletter

Holy Land via Jordan!





Rev. Julie Schaaf and Rev. Allyson Helvie are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and this includes a 3 day journey into Jordan on

June 9-18, 2020. The cost is \$3846 and includes:

*Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing *Roundtrip Airfare *Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees *Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches with wifi *First Class Hotels & much more!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Julie or Allyson ASAP.Julie Schaaf:864-421-4750Allyson Helvie:864-245-3709

julie@nazarethpresbyterian.org

allysonhelvie@gmail.com

We have 17 slots left.

2020 Mosaic of Peace

Presbyterian Mission Presbyterian Peacemaking Program



A Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine

March 15-28, 2020

<u>Click here for More Information</u>

Mediation Skills Training



Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI)

When: March 23-27, 2020

Where: Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC

Who: Designed for clergy and other church leaders who wish to learn skills that will help them deal more effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict.

We would appreciate any assistance you could provide in spreading the word about this popular and practical workshop. You may wish to post this sample ad suitable for inclusion on a denominational website, regional newsletter, or church bulletin.

Please note that those who register no later than February 21, 2020 will **receive a \$200 discount off their tuition.**

For more information about the mission and programs of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, we invite you to visit <u>Impeacecenter.org</u>.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope





Save the Date!

Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2020 - Currents of Faith: Stewardshift

STAY TUNED! (and get ready)

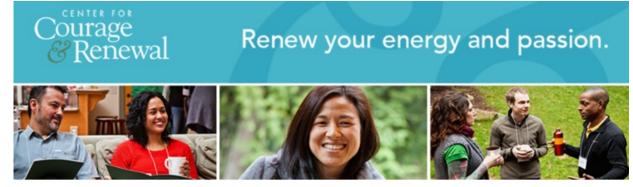
While we can't unveil all the details just yet, we can say...

SAVE THIS DATE September 21-23 2020

Cincinnati, OH Registration will open on March 1, 2020!

We hope to see you in Cincinnati!

Center for Courage & Renewal



FLOURISHING IN MINISTRY

Poet Mary Oliver writes, "Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous to be understood...Let me keep company always with those who say, "Look!" and laugh in astonishment and bow their heads." (Mysteries, Yes, by Mary Oliver)

Too often the contexts of ministry are full of struggle, uncertainty and pain.

The Center for Courage & Renewal seeks to help those called to serve faith communities to affirm the joy and mystery of faith, ministry and leadership. After over a decade of working with clergy and ministers across the religious spectrum, we are excited to offer 5 different Flourishing in Ministry series for authorized leaders.

For more information - go to **Flourishing in Ministry webpage** or contact Program Director Winton Boyd (winton@couragerenewal.org or 608-334-4794).

POAMN Conference

Save the dates! April 30-May 1, 2020 At Montreat Conference Center

A regional, day and a half conference sponsored by POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network)

> Stronger Together: Faith in Action Across Generations An Older Adult Ministry Regional Conference not to be missed!

> > Featuring outstanding leadership



Dr. Eileen Lindner Rev. Jon Brown Rev. Cindy Kohlmann Carla Karst

Worship, keynotes, fellowship, workshops This conference is for you if:

- You work with older adults in your congregation (lay or clergy)
 - You want to build relationships across generations
 - If you seek to thrive after 55 in body, mind, and spirit
- You seek the latest on current issues of aging and the church
 - You are a retired church professional

Don't delay! Beginning in November, you will be able to register on-line. Details available through the POAMN website, <u>www.poamn.org</u> and at <u>www.montreat.org</u>.

"With All" Women's Retreat at John Knox

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22: 37-38

Jesus said the commandments of God can be boiled down to two - loving God and loving your neighbor with all your heart, soul and strength. At our "With All" women's retreat we will explore what it looks like to live out these great commandments through discussion, worship, breakout sessions and a group service activity.



We are also putting this call from Jesus into action by partnering with a local nonprofit, Jasmine Road, who offers a path to freedom and a safe place for healing to women who are trapped in a cycle of sexual exploitation and addiction. At our **"With All" Women's Retreat** we will work together to support one of their social enterprises that provides vital resources to women in the Jasmine Road program.

Please join us on Saturday, February 29 from 9am to 3pm for a day of growth and service. Childcare will be provided.

Click here for more information and registration.

2020 Stated Presbytery Meetings



2020 PRESBYTERY STATED MEETINGS:

Tuesday, February 18

@ 10:00 am Central Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC

May Stated Meeting, May 15-16 SC5 Convocation - A GATHERING OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIANS

Presbyterian College and Thornwell Home for Children

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15

3:00 - 4:00 pm Tours of Thornwell Campus & Presbyterian College

3:00 - 5:45 pm Registration

5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner at Presbyterian College

7:00 - 8:30 pm Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II - *Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

8:45 - 10:00 pm Reception and Celebration of our Presbyterian Community

Saturday, May 16

7:00 - 8:15 am Breakfast in Greenville Dining Hall, Presbyterian College
8:00 - 8:30 am Registration for meetings of the five SC presbyteries
8:30 - 9:00 am Morning Plenary
9:15 - 12 pm STATED SPRING MEETINGS OF SC PRESBYTERIES
12 - 1:30 pm Lunch

More Details Coming Soon

Tuesday, November 10 Location TBA

Calendar

Dates to Remember

February
4 Called Coordinating Council meeting
6 Committee on Ministry meeting
9 PYC meeting
10 ASMM Search Com



- **11** Youth Ministry Roundtable
- 13 Transition Think Tank meeting
- 17 ASMM Search Committee meeting
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PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING: Tuesday, February 18

10:00 am @ Central Presbyterian Church, Anderson, SC

- 20 Exams Commission meeting
- 24 ASMM Search Committee meeting
- 27 Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting
- 28-29 SC5 COM-CPM-PDA-PJC Retreat

March

- 2 ASMM Search Committee meeting
- 3 Youth Ministry Roundtable
- 5 Committee on Ministry meeting

<u>Click here for the Foothills Presbytery Calendar</u> 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!

Directory Updates!



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

You can email changes to LeAnne White at

LWhite@foothillspresbytery.org. Thank you!