



FOOTHILLS

PRESBYTERY

Caring, Empowering and Celebrating the churches in Foothills Presbytery

Newsletter

March 12, 2020

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

Upcoming Events

March
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& ASMM
Search Com
17 CSM
19 Exams
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Retreat & Lay
School
23 ASMM
Search Com
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Stewardship
& CPM
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Leaders

[FP Calendar](#)

Next Stated

Coronavirus, Anxiety and the six Rs

A letter from Debbie Foster –

Coronavirus, Anxiety and the six Rs:

Readiness, Resources, Response, Realities, Responsibilities, and Reason

If you drive in and out of Greenville, you know how the [85-385 gateway project](#) can keep you from getting where you want to be. The daily updates and social media posts are meant to help us through a maze of construction, closed ramps, new traffic lights, and re-routes. It should make the traffic nightmare a little easier to bare, but not always. There have been many days when my [anxiety](#) was high.

No matter how many ways the [DOT](#) tries to provide alternative routes to travel, and update us on the latest news, I witness an accident, just about daily. Yet, I continue to find new ways to navigate the maze and reach my destination.

Now, I can't give anyone advice on how to redirect traffic or how to build new bridges for transportation infrastructure. I can, however, connect people with people, and resources for sound, expert advice.

Without a doubt, many of our congregations have made connections and found support for questions created by the spread of the [Coronavirus](#). Some of you have graciously shared those resources with each other, and the Presbytery. Last week, we rolled out the article from [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#) and a resource from [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#). I am including them again in the resource list below.

[Click here to read the entire letter](#)



Walker's Chapel

**Presbytery
Meeting**

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

[Click here for a
list of 2019-20
Stated Meeting
Dates &
Resources](#)

Quick Links

Board of Pensions

**Employment
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S.C.**

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Resource Center

Special Thanks to Walker's Chapel

for sharing a photo with us from their Celebration of Black History Month!



SC5 Leader of Leaders - POSTPONED!



Leader of Leaders

S.C. Inn at
Montreat

The Thoughtful
Christian

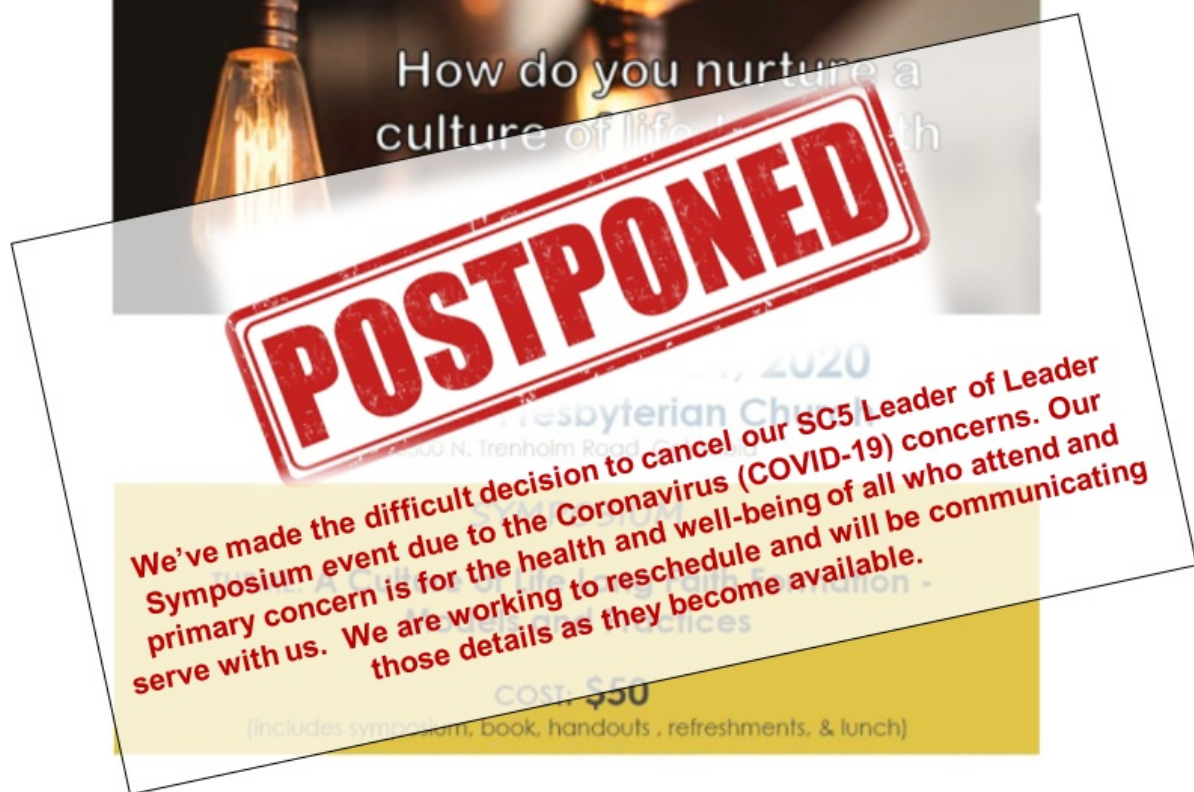
**Foothills
Presbytery Office
Hours**
9:00am - 4:30pm
Monday - Thursday
Office Closed
on Friday.

ONE GREAT
HOUR OF
SHARING
OFFERING

**Thornwell Home
for Children**
www.thornwell.org

**Stewardship of
Creation
Enabler
Connections**

**March - April
Newsletter**



CROP WALK



2020 Upstate CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, March 22

(Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

WHAT is the CROP Walk?

A 5K family walk-a-thon bringing the community together to raise money and awareness for hunger relief - locally and around the world. About 1,000 CROP Hunger Walks happen every year in the United States raising millions of dollars for hunger relief. This the 34th year for the Upstate walk!

WHEN?

The Upstate, SC walk will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 beginning at 2:30 PM. (Registration/sign-in opens at 1:30 PM.)

WHERE?

Greenville Technical College (Barton Campus - 506 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville) Take first right at main entrance; go to parking area next to University Transfer Building #104.

WHO gets the money?

One-fourth of the funds raised stays in Greenville to support local hunger and poverty fighting programs. The 2020 walk will support the work of Loaves & Fishes of Greenville. The remaining money is used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger in poor communities throughout the world.

In addition to assisting hungry families in the Greenville area, CROP helps families in

WHO is helped?

the United States and around the world who are victims of disasters like the recent Hurricanes in NC, SC, and FL. It also helps with emergency assistance to refugees fleeing war or famine in Syria and Africa. CROP also helps fight hunger in the world's poorest communities with self-sufficient programs like agricultural training, health clinics, micro-businesses, schools, and fresh water wells in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

WHO should participate?

EVERYBODY! CROP Hunger Walks are community events involving everyone who wants to fight hunger around the block and around the world. The Upstate walk encourages teams and individuals from public and private schools, civic and cultural groups, area businesses, and all faith groups.

COST?

NO FEE to participate. All donations are helpful. Each walker is encouraged to raise \$100 or more. Contact us for registration materials or sign up online at www.crophungerwalk.org/greenvillesc.

Contact Kevin McCoy at kmccoy@cwsglobal.org. (Cell: 704-533-0951) for more information.

Music Ministry Leader's Gathering

**Calling all Music Ministers & Directors!
JOIN US
for a
MUSIC MINISTRY LEADER'S
GATHERING**

Get updated, share questions and answers,
and connect with others!

**10:30 am
Monday, March 30
at Westminster Presbyterian Church
2310 Augusta Street, Greenville, SC 29605**

Questions?

Please contact either Margaret MacKay (Fort Hill) margaret.mackay@forthillchurch.org, or Mandy Davis (Central) mdavis@centralpresby.com

Cents-Ability**"Put Your
Two Cents In"**

**We want to invite you to
"Put Your Two Cents In"** and to put
it where it can make a difference in
the effort to relieve hunger and
poverty. What began in 1976 as 'two
cents a meal', is now known as 'Cents
Ability', asking people to contribute a

few coins at each meal as an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received.
The offerings are then brought to church on a designated Sunday and combined with



the offerings of others. It adds up: one person contributing 2cents per meal will contribute \$1.80 a small amount. Until it is combined when added to the offerings of 99 others, that is \$180 a month or \$2,160 in a year.

Some congregations in Foothills are already participating in this effort.

In 2018, congregations donated almost \$12,000 to this mission and 13 hunger relief ministries each received \$900.

In 2019 the amount of this offering dropped to less than \$6000 and 14 ministries received \$400 each.

Hunger relief efforts are still incredibly important. According to statistics (Feeding America) 1 in 7 people and 1 in 5 children in South Carolina struggles with hunger. We can make a difference. We can join these congregations in contributing to Cents-Ability and our combined efforts can make a significant difference.

We are encouraging every congregation, not already participating in this effort, to take this information back to your Session. We have posters, stickers and a sample boxes at the Presbytery office. To be successful, the effort needs a home; a group or committee who will keep the effort in front of people. It could be a class or a Bible study group, Presbyterian Women, a Men's group or the children's Sunday school department. Children learn best by 'doing' and this is a wonderful way to have children become involved in ministry - decorating containers, collecting the donations on the designated Sunday, and especially by contributing their own coins as they share meals with their families.

Donations are sent to the Presbytery office and combined with others to be distributed to hunger relief ministries across the five counties of Foothills Presbytery.

So put your penny in or your nickel - the amount is not as important as the awareness that others are hungry and we can help. We remember that when Jesus' disciples looked out and saw the great crowds and knew they were hungry, Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."

Thank you for putting in your 2 cents,

Committee on Shared Ministry
Mission Sub-Committee

Foothills Presbytery Resource Center



*Lent &
Easter Resources for
Children's Educators*

[Click HERE](#)

To visit the
Resource Center
Home Page



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"**



This retreat will examine speech in the Bible, from the prophets to the sages to Jesus himself. 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](#)

Youth Ministry Leaders Roundtable

Youth Leaders Roundtable!

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

12 noon*
Tuesday, April 7
at Foothills Presbytery office

RSVP to LWhite@foothillspresbytery.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.

Presbyterian Women



"Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women"

was the theme of the U.S.A. Mission Experience to the Finger Lakes Region of New York last July. Participants explored how this region and its people have shaped our culture and the way we relate to one another, particularly through the abolition and women's suffrage movements.

The 2020 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." This theme and the trip remind us that our opportunities and rights were nurtured by visionaries who came before us and sometimes still stand beside us.

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise" -Proverbs 13:20

2020 March/April
Horizons Digital Version is now available!
Learn More

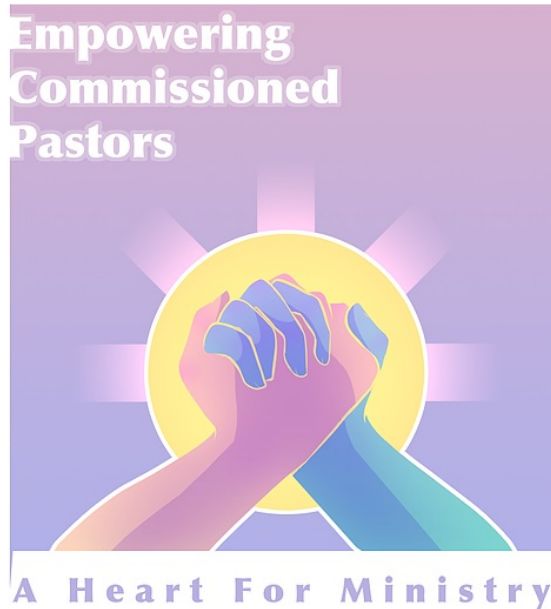
Presbyterian Women



You may also [Download the Fourth-quarter PW newsletter HERE](#)



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

Casita Ebenezer, Puerto Rico

Mission Opportunity

Peace of God be with you!

My name is Danilie C. Hilerio Villanueva. I'm Long Term Recovery Coordinator at Presbiterio del Noroeste in Puerto Rico. This email is to provide information on recovery efforts through volunteer experience in Northwest Puerto Rico.



CASITA EBENEZER
PDA VOLUNTEER VILLAGE

If your synod, presbytery or **congregation would like to plan a mission trip to Puerto Rico, don't hesitate in contacting us**, or other presbytery leadership. Coordinating through PDA and local presbyteries will provide local support for schedules, accommodations, transportation, work sites and guidance on supporting initiatives for on-going projects.

[Click here for a link](#) to contact info and a brochure for our local host site, Casita Ebenezer. Please share this information with presbytery mailing list.

Peace,

Danilie

Danilie C. Hilerio Villanueva

LTR Disaster Coordinator- Presbiterio del Noroeste

pdapno@gmail.com

Presbytery's Office (787) 891-7734 / Mobile (787) 510-6658





Assoc of Musicians Conference

The logo features the title 'A GREAT CLOUD of WITNESSES' in a large, stylized, golden-yellow serif font. The words 'A GREAT' and 'CLOUD' are on the top line, 'of' is in a smaller script font on the second line, and 'WITNESSES' is on the third line. The text is set against a dark blue background with a large, stylized, swirling cloud graphic in a lighter blue-grey color. Small golden-yellow stars are scattered within the cloud. Below the title, the text 'PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS' and '2020 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCES AT MONTREAT' is written in a smaller, white, all-caps serif font.

Week 1: June 21 - June 26

Week 2: June 28 - July 3

A portrait of a Black man with short hair and glasses, wearing a black clerical shirt with a white collar, smiling.A portrait of a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a blue top, smiling.A portrait of a man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bow tie, smiling.A portrait of a woman with short white hair, wearing a blue top, smiling.

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.presbysmusic.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 an
exhibit of the**

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

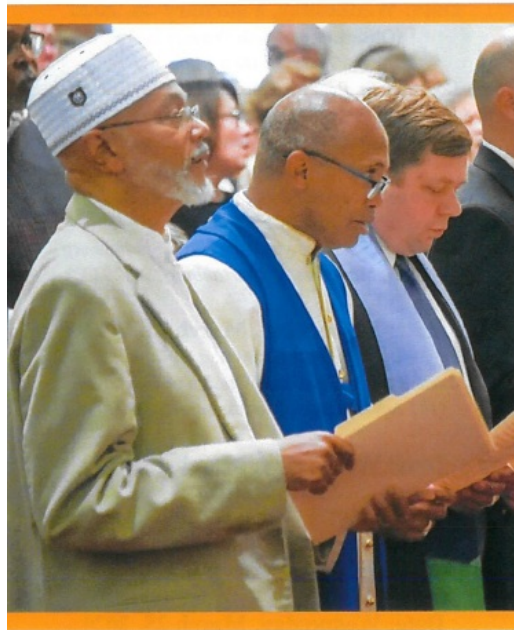


The SC Inn, Your Home in the Mountains, is only 20 minutes from the Biltmore and we invite you to come stay with us while enjoying the exhibit. Now, during non-conference season, you may have your choice of a room or an apartment at a very affordable price. With 10 or more you may enjoy a lovely country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

Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance



**SPARTANBURG
INTERFAITH ALLIANCE**



**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!**

**[Click here for the
2020 Schedule of Events
Brochure](#)**

Annual Meeting of PCSC Ambassadors



PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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 (cathy.jackson@prescomm.org; 803-461-7832) know if you plan to attend.

Festival of Homiletics

**Festival of
HOMILETICS**



**Atlanta
May 18-22, 2020**

Preaching a New Earth:



Teaching 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 co-

moderator), 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.

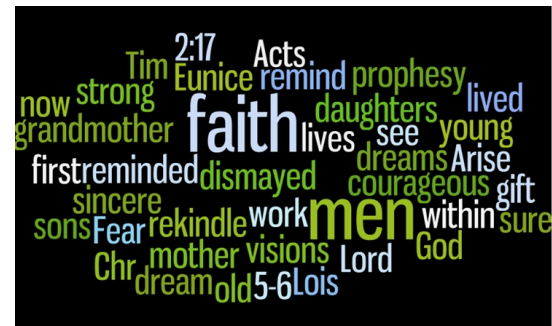
Older Adult Ministries



April 30 - May 1, 2020

This conference is for you if:

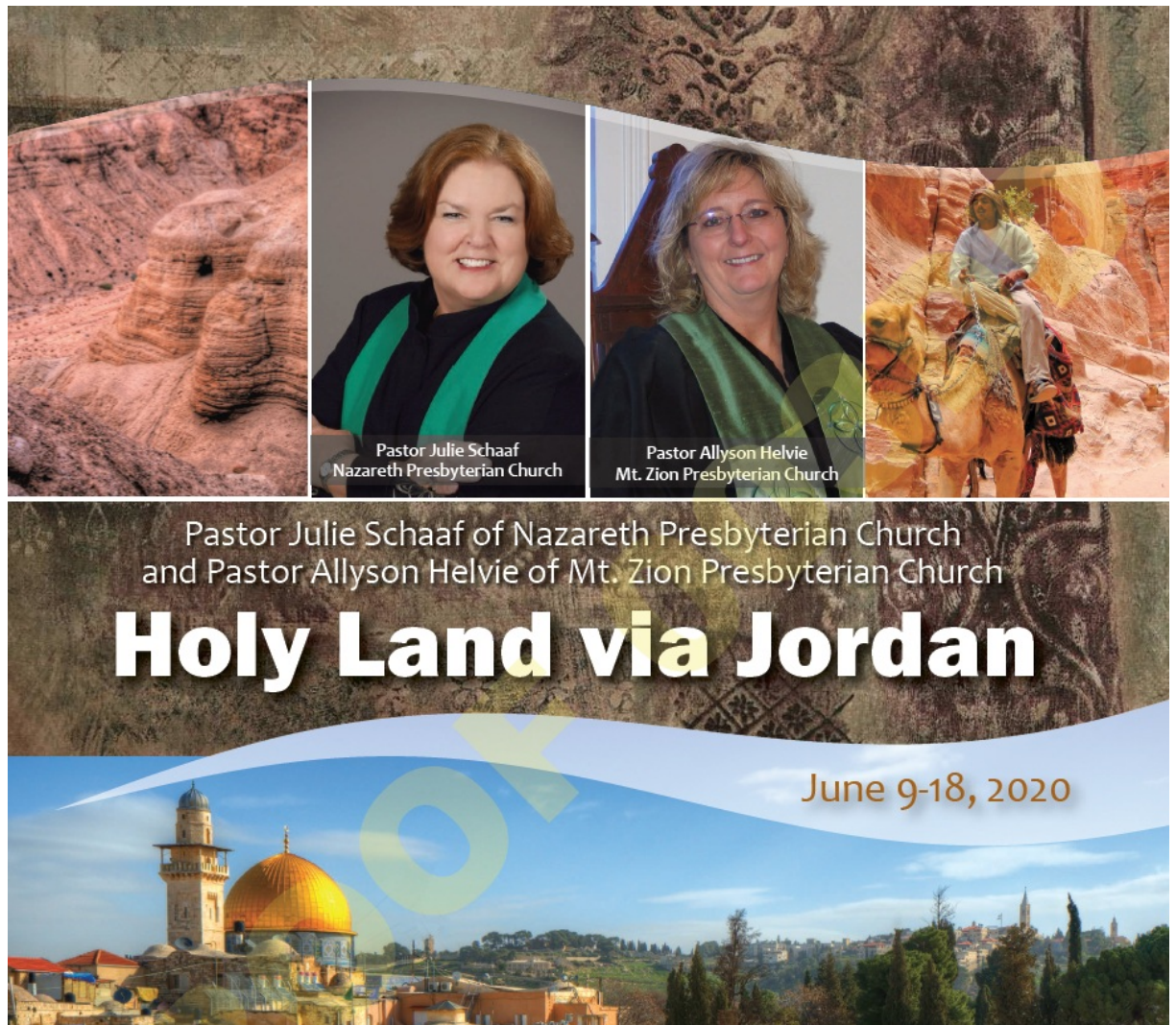
- you work with older adults in your congregation (lay or clergy);
- you want to build relationships across generations;
- you seek to thrive after 55 in body, mind, and spirit;
- you seek the latest on current issues of aging and the church;
- you are a retired church professional.



[Click HERE for more information or to register.](#)

[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: 864-421-4750

Allyson Helvie: 864-245-3709

julie@nazarethpresbyterian.org

allysonhelvie@gmail.com

We have 17 slots left.

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 Impeacecenter.org.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope



Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2020 Registration is Open

Over 40 workshops, networking, and learning with stewardship experts

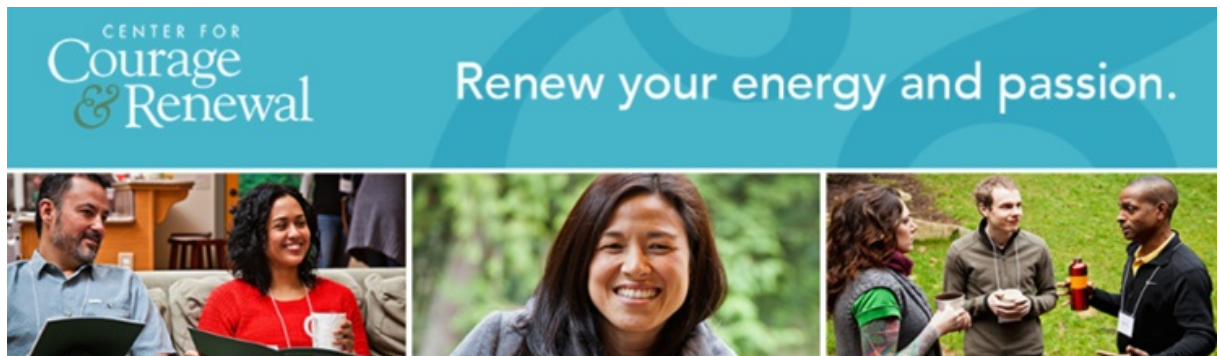
Early bird pricing and group discounts are available starting with just 2 attendees! The impact you can have for your church is greatly expanded if you have a team - so this year we have group discounts to make it easier to bring more people.

Join us September 21-23 in Cincinnati for inspirational speakers and over 40 workshops.

Registration is now Live!

See more at StewardshipKaleidoscope.org

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).

Pickens Concert Choir at Pendleton Church

**The Pickens Concert Choir will be performing
a free concert of sacred music at Pendleton Presbyterian Church
on Friday, March 27 at 7:00 PM.**

The concert will last about an hour and include works by Haydn, and Mendelssohn as well as a new work by our director and finish with the Requiem by John Rutter. We will have a small instrumental ensemble accompanying us and there will be a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

Pickens Concert Choir

Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music!



2020 Stated Presbytery Meetings



2020 PRESBYTERY STATED MEETINGS:

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



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

March

- 12** Transition Think Tank meeting & Christian Educators gathering
- 16** Foothills Presbytery Staff meeting & ASMM Search Committee meeting
- 17** Committee on Shared Ministry meeting
- 19** Examinations Committee meeting
- 20-22** PYC Sr. High Retreat & Lay School
- 23** ASMM Search Committee meeting
- 26** Finance & Stewardship Committee meeting & Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting
- 30** Music Ministry Leader's Gathering

April

- 1** Scholarship Committee meeting
- 2** Committee on Ministry meeting
- 7** Youth Leaders Roundtable & Council meeting
- 9** Transition Think Tank meeting

[Click here for the Foothills Presbytery Calendar](#)
including links for registrations and detailed information

Job Opportunities



Employment 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 updates for your church
or staff contact information!

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