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“Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.”

- Psalm 32:6 & 7

“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

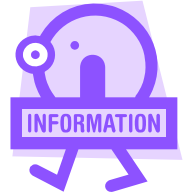
- Acts 2:44-47

This weekly update provides timely information about the Presbytery of Charlotte for the coming week and advance notice of deadlines and upcoming events. Visit us online at www.presbyofcharlotte.org for detailed information and resources for ministry.

Updates...

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE:

❖ **Program Packets** are now available [online](#). Shortly after each Presbytery meeting, these program packets are distributed. They contain programming information such as event flyers, brochures, newsletters and other publicity type items. This third packet also contains highlights of the Presbytery Meeting that just took place.



Please review the materials in the program packet. Post items on your church bulletin boards, distribute them to appropriate committee leaders, include announcements in your bulletins or from the pulpit, etc. **Let your church members know about the numerous opportunities that are available for training and service!**

PRESBYTERIAN MEN NEWS:

❖ **The Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic** announced the appointment of two locals to fill vacant posts during its annual conference, **July 17-19, 2009**. The conference is hosted by the Massanetta Springs Conference Harrisburg, VA. The theme for this year’s conference was “Passing It On.” Wendell Hill, a long time active participant at local, synod, and national levels will serve as conference leader 2011 and shall have full responsibility for the planning and execution of the annual event. Larry U. Anderson will serve Charlotte Presbyterian Men organizations at the local, Synod, and national levels. If we strive to be viable, visible, and enthusiastic spokesmen and advocates for men’s ministry, we need to develop and organize an effective local council. To do these things we need energetic and enthusiastic men to implement Christ-centered, men-oriented programs. **All men of the Presbytery of Charlotte are asked to step forward, evaluate the possibilities, ask questions, and commit to developing and promoting Presbyterian Men organizations at all levels.** You may contact, Larry U. Anderson at 704-449-1360 or memorial@infionline.net if interested.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

❖ **Teacher Training Workshops** are accessible to your teachers in both location and content. We will look at what are the unique challenges of teaching in smaller congregation. Participants have the choice of attending training for teaching children or youth or adults at each location. Call Nancy Youmans to reserve your spot today, 704-535-9999, ext. 205. For details, [see the flyer](#). *Don’t forget to share it with all the Sunday school teachers in your congregation!*

❖ **Mark Your Calendars!** This coming **January 9, 2010**, the Leadership Development Committee presents **“Finding New Paths: Map Included.”** Keynote & roundtable discussion will feature Dr. Thomas G. Bandy, Author and National Church Health Consultant, www.ThrivingChurch.com. Workshops will be in the areas of the eight characteristics of a healthy church developed in the Presbytery of Charlotte’s Strategic Plan. More information to come! See the [flyer](#).

MISSION AND JUSTICE NEWS:



❖ **Anti-Human Trafficking Training: Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery: Practical Tools for an Effective Response** is a comprehensive training designed for people on the front-lines of meeting potentially trafficked or enslaved people. If you are a service provider, medical professional, religious leader, translator, law enforcement, immigrant advocate, Department of Labor employee or a person concerned with the growing problem of human trafficking, slavery and exploitation, this training will equip you to become a community partner in assisting victims and addressing these terrible crimes. This all-day training will take place at Mulberry Presbyterian Church on **Thursday, September 3, 2009**. [Find out more](#).

❖ **Sue Hudson sends her final missionary correspondence letter** with profound gratitude for all the prayers that have been offered up for her and her family for the past two years. She is thankful for tons of generous support and heartfelt prayers, and considers it “a joy beyond words” to have served Christ as Regional Liaison for South Asia, residing in India. [Read her final letter now](#).

Updates (cont'd)...

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❖ **Hope for the Unemployed:** The Community Disaster Response Team is sponsoring a FREE Lunch & Learn event for those who are unemployed, titled, *“From Stress to Success: Surviving The Emotional Roller Coaster of Unemployment”* on **Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 10:30am-1:30pm** at First Pres, Kannapolis. [See the flyer](#). Pass along flyers to those for whom this might be helpful and encouraging. Lots of groups are focusing on the how-to's of finding new work but we believe the church has a call to minister to the emotional and spiritual concerns of those who are unemployed and their families. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hyland, 980-622-5780.

❖ **Opticians Needed for Service!** The Remote Area Medical [RAM] Massive Health Care Outreach Program will be offered in Buchanan County, Virginia on **October 3-4, 2009**, and they are **in need of opticians**. If you know someone who is an optician, or if you have these skills, please consider this opportunity. **For those who live outside of the area, housing and meals will be provided.** The event will take place at Riverview Elementary and Middle School, so the work will be done inside in air conditioning. RAM is a non-profit program which provides *free* health care services for residents of Buchanan County, as well as the surrounding counties of southwest Virginia and southeastern Kentucky. This Massive Health Care Outreach Program assists the uninsured, unemployed, and those who cannot afford to pay for health care services. For additional information please contact Frannie Baxter Minton, RN at 276-935-2880; or Rev. Jeff Porter, pastor at Buchanan First Presbyterian Church in Grundy, VA, at 276-935-2293 or jesbne06@yahoo.com.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

❖ **Property Available for Ministry:** The CDC is currently accepting proposals for the Eastfield property located at 11800 Eastfield Rd in Huntersville. Those interested must submit a business plan by September 1, 2009, and include an explanation of how the monthly mortgage payments will be met. For further details, [click here](#).

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, & LOCAL EVENTS:

❖ **The Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau** (sponsored by United Family Services & Women's Commission) is featuring a special workshop on **August 12, 6:00-7:30pm**, on **“Working with Muslim Victims.”** The event will take place in room 376 of the Child & Family Services Center at 601 East Fifth Street in Charlotte, NC. [View the flyer](#).

❖ **Immigration Conference:** Come **August 18, 8:30am-12:30pm** for this Immigration Conference, sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte, with the support of HELP (Helping Empower Local People). All pastors, church leaders, other leaders within the faith community are invited. A continental breakfast will be served. Spanish translation will be provided. To find out more about this event and the presentations, [click here](#).

❖ **Mark Your Calendar for the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering:** This year's fall gathering will be taking place at Marks Creek Presbyterian Church in Hamlet, NC on **Saturday, September 12, 2009**. Registration starts at 8:30, and the program starts at 9:00. Hear Rev. Betsy Williamson speak about “Joshua: A Journey of Faith,” and grow in your own faith! View the [flyer](#), and share it with your Presbyterian Women Circles.

❖ **Will Your Church Join in Praying for Peace?** Each year, as part of the **International Day of Prayer for Peace**, more individuals, groups, congregations and communities throughout the world are recognizing the significance of committing to **One Day of Peace** through prayer, meditation and other forms of spiritual observance. The North Carolina Council of Churches endorses and promotes this observance. **The International Day of Prayer for Peace** offers an opportunity for churches, other faith communities, and interfaith organizations in all places to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, in families, in neighborhoods and societies. Faith communities worldwide are invited to pray together for peace on **Monday, September 21, 2009**. [Find out more](#).

❖ **Montreat Conference for CLPs:** Join other Clergy Lay Pastors for a time of renewal and refreshment as you build your skills and knowledge in the area of prayer and worship at a continuing education event at Montreat just for CLPs. *“The Place of Prayer in Reformed Worship”* will be held **October 21-23** at Montreat Conference Center. For more information, [click here](#).

RESOURCES:

❖ **The Presbyterian Leader.com:** Find useful tools and research materials for preparing meaningful worship experiences, learning about practical and spiritual aspects of leadership in the church, and forging a deeper understanding of basic Presbyterian beliefs and doctrines. Check out The Presbyterian Leader [website!](#)

❖ **The Network of Presbyterian Women in Leadership 2009-2010 Bible Study on Joshua** is available online. Read more about this Joshua Bible Study entitled *“Living Into God's Design: Life Lessons for the Journey”* on the [NPWL website](#), and share this [flyer](#) with the women in your church.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES AND MORE:

- ❖ **Davidson College PC** will be presenting *“Just and Sustainable Living: Faith and the Environment,”* a two-night summer series for adults and youth, on **Monday, August 10,** and **Tuesday, August 11,** in the Congregation House, 218 Concord Rd. All are welcome to attend as DCPC explores the connection between faith, justice, the environment, and everyday life. Being “green” is popular right now, but what does it really mean for people of faith? Each evening will begin at 5:45pm with a catered supper, and the program will end at 8:15pm each evening. For more information, [click here](#). *Register by August 6th.*
- ❖ **Bethpage PC, Concord Events:**
 - A **“Back to School” Carnival** will be held on **Saturday, August 8** from **11:00am-4:00pm** on the church grounds. [See the flyer](#).
 - **“Education Sunday”** will be celebrated on **August 9** during the morning worship service at **11:00am**, with Mr. Benjamin Dupree, a retired Kannapolis City Schools educator, as the guest speaker. Current and retired educators and school workers will be recognized during this service.
- ❖ **Cornelius PC** (corner of Catawba and Church St., Cornelius, NC) announces the Second Annual **“August Bluegrass Saturdays.”** Admission is free. Visit www.corneliuspcusa.org for pictures, information about the bands, and directions to the church. The **August Saturdays** are: (Times each Saturday are 11:30am - 1:00pm)
 - 8th** - The Griggs Family
 - 15th** - Rusty Knox
 - 22nd** - Davidson Express
 - 29th** - Dixie PharoahsBring family and friends to enjoy North Carolina Bluegrass at its finest. Refreshments will be for sale and all proceeds go toward mission endeavors in the community.
- ❖ **Henderson Grove PC** is having a **Revival** on **August 10-12, 2009, 7:30pm**, nightly. The theme will be: Come on, Make up Your Mind! Featured speakers include:
 - Monday – Dr. James Thomas, Sr., Clanton Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC
 - Tuesday – Minister Vernell Lyles, New St. John Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
 - Wednesday – Minister Michael Marsh, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Indian Trail, NC
- ❖ **Clanton PC** will be holding a **Back To School Concert** on **August 15, 2009 at 4:00pm**, featuring the K. B. Waymer Mass Choir. This concert is free! For details, see the [flyer](#).

Joys & Prayer Concerns...

- ❖ **Congratulations to Rev. Wes Barry & his wife Lindsay**, on the birth of their triplet sons, Thomas, James, and Jack Barry!
- ❖ **Flooding in Louisville**
- ❖ **Rev. Edward Newberry & Family**, after the passing of his sister, **Beucenia Newberry Dodd** (member, Memorial PC)
- ❖ **Bettye Cannon** (member, Covenant PC-Kannapolis), health concerns
- ❖ **Rev. Gregory Green** (Army Chaplain), serving in a Taliban stronghold by the Southern Afghanistan/Pakistan border
- ❖ **Rev. Ivan Lowery**, health concerns

All prayer requests will be listed for a maximum of three weeks. If you would like to add to the list, change a listing, or keep any requests on for a longer period of time, please call 704-535-9999, ext. 200, or send an e-mail to jennifer.kroitor@presbyofcharlotte.org.

Presbytery Calendar...

Aug. 6 – Thurs.	12:00pm	Committee on Representation Meeting
	3:00pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
	3:00pm	Church Development Committee Meeting
Aug. 11 – Tues.	6:00pm	Multicultural Festival Planning Mtg. @ Sugaw Creek PC
Aug. 12 – Wed.	10:30am-1:30pm	Unemployment “Lunch & Learn” @ First PC, Kannapolis
Aug. 13 – Thurs.	2:00pm	Alzheimer’s Care Group Meeting
	4:00pm	CPM Meeting
Aug. 16 – Sun.		Higher Education Sunday