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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:

❖ **Installation & Ordination Services:**

- **Jane Fobel** – Installation Service @ Sardis PC – **Sunday, August 30, 11am**
- **Hansen Wendlandt** – Ordination & Installation Service @ Providence PC – **Sunday, August 30, 4:30pm**

May God bless you in this new step in ministry!



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](#). *Share it with all the Sunday school teachers in your congregation!*

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](#).

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 crimes. This all-day training will be at Mulberry Presbyterian on **Thursday, September 3, 2009**. [Find out more](#).
- ❖ **PDA Now Allows 16 year-olds:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has now lowered the age of youth who may stay in the [Presbyterian Volunteer Villages](#). They hope the new age limit will encourage renewed interest and participation in [volunteer mission work teams](#). Port Neches, Texas is in desperate need of volunteers to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Ike. Consider them for your next mission destination.
- ❖ **Gleaning Opportunity with the Society of St. Andrew:** Interested in one of these gleanings: Corn Patch in Concord, NC or Tomato Time in China Grove, NC? All ages and skill levels are welcome on **Thursday, August 20th at 8:00am**. If you are available, please email Kristen Shaben (gleanclt@endhunger.org) with your **name, farm where you wish to glean, and phone number** where you can be reached the day of the gleaning, and she will provide you with full details and directions.
- ❖ **World Mission Celebration:** Hundreds of Presbyterians passionate about mission will gather in Cincinnati **October 22-24** for the **World Mission Celebration '09**. Meeting under the theme "Branches of the Same Vine," the conference will seek to connect Presbyterians with others who have similar mission interests, enable mission learning through presentations and mutual sharing among attendees, and send participants forth to embrace their calling to mission service and support, says Lis Valle, Presbyterian World Mission's associate for equipping the church for mission involvement. [Registration for the event is available online](#).
- ❖ **CMS Parent University Re-launching & Seeking More Partners:** Parent University began last year, as a free opportunity for parents to hone their skills and knowledge through a plethora of parent-oriented classes. According to Executive Director, Jerri Haigler, community partnerships were the underlying impetus for last year's successful program. Yet more help is needed from local businesses, houses of worship and nonprofits willing to donate space for classes. *“To make it as convenient for parents as possible,”* Haigler said, *is the goal and requires community support. “Instead of saying we want you to come to us, we tried to go where parents already are,”* she added, noting the convenience of area worship centers. [Read more from the Carolina Weekly](#).

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- ❖ **Join in the Fight to Stop Hunger!** Charlotte will step out on **Sunday, October 4, 2009** at 2:30pm at the Grady Cole Center next to Memorial Stadium for the 31st CROP Hunger Walk. **Recruiter Rally and education** takes place at St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne La. Charlotte NC on **Sunday August 23rd**. at 2:30 PM. All the information and inspiration you need to get your walk team going will be available then! To register or for more information call 704-333-9255 or go to www.cropwalk.com.



Churches in Cabarrus County will be walking on October 4th! Education and rally will be at Calvary Lutheran church on **August 27 from 5-7pm**.

For more information call CCM at 704-786-4709. To find out where the closest walk is to your church and community go to www.cropwalkonline.org, or call 704-333-9255.

Throughout the presbytery churches are coming together to fight hunger one step at a time, 'around the walk and around the block'!

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, & LOCAL EVENTS:

- ❖ **Rural Ministry Conference:** Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA will host **"Rural Ministry Today: Retooling the Toolbox"** on the seminary campus **September 22-24**. Program registration is \$165 and includes two lunches. Limited housing is available on campus. The conference will feature keynote speaker Betty Grit, program manager of the Worship Renewal Grants for the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, MI., and a lecture by Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia. Workshop leaders include Kimberly Bracken Long, assistant professor of worship and coordinator of worship resources for congregations, Columbia Theological Seminary; Trace Haythorn, president, The Fund for Theological Education; Bonnie Orth, 2009 Rural Ministry Fellow; and Tom Tewell, executive director, Macedonian Ministries. **Registration is due by August 22. Find more information online.**
- ❖ **The Fall Family Conference at Massanetta Springs**, taking place **October 9-11**, is a wonderful time for families to reconnect with one another, to engage in rich study, enlivening play and creative activities, and to be in community with other families of faith. This year will feature a powerful speaker for adults, as Wynn McGregor will come to help parents confirm their roles as faith formers. Young adult and collegiate staff will be with children and youth while parents are with Wynn, but for most of the weekend, families will be together. The opening *Faith Fair* kicks things off Friday evening and the weekend energetically unfolds from there. Don't miss this time of fellowship, faith building, and fun.....great food, making apple cider, and intergenerational worship wrap the weekend in joy. **For more information, click here.**
- ❖ **The Charlotte Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)** is sponsoring a free Mental Illness Family Education Class which is open to the families of persons with mental disorders. The class will meet once a week at Sharon Presbyterian Church at **6:30pm** on **Thursday evenings**, and **beginning September 3, 2009**. To register or learn more, please call Betty Cobb at 704-583-0845.

RESOURCES:

- ❖ **Prepare for Theological Education /Seminary Sunday: September 20** is Theological Education/Seminary Sunday – a great time to undergird the dynamic work of our PC(USA) seminaries with prayers and support through the **Theological Education Fund**. Invite a student, administrator, faculty member or graduate of a PC(USA) seminary to participate in worship and use these **online resources** to help plan. You may also wish to use the **liturgy prepared for Theological Education/Seminary Sunday**. For a more detailed explanation of the Theological Education Fund, **click here**. To see how these funds are used in the seminaries, **click here**. For more information, contact the POC's theological fund representative, Rev.Ed Newberry, 704-392-4752 enewberry@infionline.net.
- ❖ **Sabbatical Grants Available:** Louisville Theological Seminary awarded 48 sabbatical grants to pastoral leaders in 2009. They are again offering the opportunity for those who are interested in obtaining assistance in taking sabbatical leaves. **Grant applications are due by September 1, 2009** and the sabbatical must be taken between March 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010. Information is available at www.louisville-institute.org. In addition, study grants are also available. **Those applications are due by September 15, 2009.**
- ❖ **Free Worship Resources from the North Carolina Council of Churches** are available for **August 30, 2009**, with the theme, "Support for Workers." **Click here** for **"But Be Doers of the Word and Not Merely Hearers."** The focus text is James 1:17-27. This material includes scripture commentary and a pastoral reflection by The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Additional resources include responsive readings, prayers, personal stories, suggested hymns, key facts, and contact information for a variety of organizations working on issues related to workers and union organizing.

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. **All men of the Presbytery of Charlotte are asked to step forward, evaluate the possibilities, ask questions, and commit to developing Presbyterian Men organizations at all levels.** You may contact, Larry U. Anderson at 704-449-1360 or memorial@infionline.net if interested.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES AND MORE:

❖ **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)

22nd - Davidson Express

29th - Dixie Pharoahs

Bring 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.

❖ **First United PC, Charlotte** invites you to praise with the **Imani Gospel Choir** as they celebrate their **15th Anniversary** in their "**Lord, You Know You've Been So Good**" **Concert** on **Sunday, August 23, 2009** at **3:30pm**. Come out and celebrate what the Lord has done for you in song and dance with the Imani Gospel Choir and other guest choirs. For details, see the [flyer](#).

❖ **CN Jenkins Memorial PC** has a **Community Fine Arts & Education ministry**, and welcomes everyone in the community who is interested to participate in the program, which includes drama, dance, steel drum band, Spanish, and SAT prep. For details, click [here](#).

❖ **Employment Opportunities:** Note the newest job opportunity on our website:
▪ **Meadowlake Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC) – P/T Childcare Provider**
To learn more about these available positions, and others in our area, please visit the [Employment](#) section of the website.

Joys & Prayer Concerns...

- ❖ **Debbie Wilkinson (Staff)**, recovering from knee surgery
- ❖ **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. 19 – Wed.	10:30am-12:00pm	Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee Meeting
	3:00pm	Committee on Representation Meeting
Aug. 20 – Thurs.	2:00-4:00pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting
Aug. 27 – Thurs.		Office Closed - Presbytery Staff Retreat
Aug. 28 – Fri.	11:00am	Key Church Communicators – S. Meck Cluster Churches @ Albemarle Road PC
Aug. 30 – Sun.	11:00am	Jane Fobel's Installation Service @ Sardis PC
	4:30pm	Hansen Wendlandt's Ordination & Installation Service @ Providence PC