

Annual Mother's Day Offering Provides Much Needed Care. Mother's Day has traditionally meant a special offering in our churches to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, which serves older adults at 6 retirement communities across the state. The Mother's Day Offering provides charitable care to residents who have outlived their life's savings due to old age or costly medical bills, so that they can continue to call PCSC "home." Although our churches cannot gather for worship due to the coronavirus pandemic (and thus the Mother's Day materials were not distributed), the need of these residents for financial assistance remains. Please visit www.prescommunities.org and click on the "Mother's Day Offering" tab to learn more and to donate online, and encourage your congregation to do so. Please call Franklin Fant at 803-772-5885 or email him at franklin.fant@prescomm.org if you have questions or need help promoting the offering in your congregation.

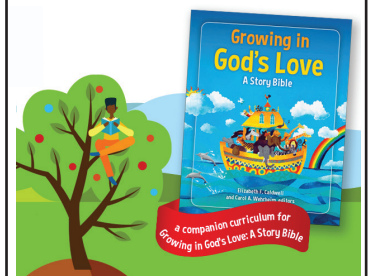


General Assembly 224 to be held Virtually June 19, 26 and 27. The 224th General Assembly (GA224) will be held online June 19 and 26th-27th. Up to the minute information is available on <http://oga.pcusa.org/>.

Do you have a Fall 2020 College Freshman in your home or church? A group of campus ministers have organized a Zoom orientation for potential Freshmen to join them and get an idea of what campus ministry can offer students when they transition to college. The first Zoom orientation will be held at 6:30PM on June 7, 2020. Several schools are participating and each school will have their own Zoom Room (so don't worry if you see University of Georgia on the primary page--there will be a place for you to choose your school after you click on the "Register for New Student Orientation" button. Register online at <https://www.pscuga.org/bridge> (Clicking the registration button will allow you to enter your school) Questions? Email Michael Sanchez at michael.sanchez@forthillchurch.org

Are you Ready for Hybrid Online/In Person Worship? When churches decide to resume in-person worship, it seems clear that a lot of people may continue to watch from home. These include: People who would exceed the reduced capacity limits; People in high-risk groups; People who are anxious about going out; and People who've simply decided they prefer online worship. [Read the article](#) to see what items you should consider in order to accommodate the at home and the in sanctuary worshippers.

Coming July 2020—a new children's curriculum, Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum. This relationally focused curriculum explores the stories from Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible. There are four intergenerational and home ideas for each session within a unit along with a full lesson plan and resources pages. This curriculum is easily adaptable for use at church, in the home, or even for an online setting. Learn more about this new curriculum on the [PC\(USA\) Church Store website](#), where you can [download a sample session](#), see a list of stories and biblical references and even [sign up for an exclusive newsletter](#) to receive updates and special offers.



FREE Festival of Homeletics to be Held Online May 18-22. [Reserve your place today for the May 18-22 Festival of Homeletics.](#) 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.

The Lectionary Group is Still Meeting! Have you been thinking of joining Providence Presbytery's Lectionary Study Group--but just never got around to it? Now is the time to join us. We're meeting via Zoom at 1PM on Tuesday afternoons. We've been meeting digitally for a couple of weeks and would love for you to join in. [Contact Jason Myers for the meeting ID and password.](#)

Looking for ideas for remote Christian Education? APCE (the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) has accumulated lots of good resources by age group. Check them out: <https://apcenet.org/remote-ministry-resources/>

Growing in God's Love Curriculum Webinar Scheduled for May 12. Webinar offered about the new Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum. We are going to take a look inside this new curriculum and learn all about it. This is a great webinar to share with Sunday school teachers and Christian education or faith formation committees or team members. [Sign up to attend the new curriculum webinar](#) on May 12 at 7 p.m. EST.

PC(USA) Resources for Congregations and Members. Along with our brothers and sisters all around the world, we're coming to terms with the "new normal" brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. It is our hope and goal to equip churches and worshipers with useful information and resources during these trying times. <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/> NEW RESOURCES ARE IN RED. If you have ideas or resources that might be of interest to the wider church, we invite you to email them to us at connected@pcusa.org.

Can you feel it? Can you sense this sentiment rising in our churches? In our coaching and learning experiences, as well as in our team's own experience, we are noticing this growing desire within God's people to return to normal church. We are also hearing church leaders express the fear that all the innovation, experimentation, and adaptation will go the way of all things. They recognize this desire for normalcy could overwhelm the tremendous paradigmatic growth we are experiencing as churches. We are living in the tension between to poles; the clear opportunity to maximize the exceptional innovation of these days versus the very real desire for normalcy in our church experience. [READ Mark Tidsworth's The Great Church Snapback of 2020](#) here for three clear strategies leading to healthy living in this tension. [Pinnacle Leadership](#) is also offering **FREE Emerging Church Practice Roundtable discussions on Tuesdays at 11 EST.** (Space is limited to 100 registrants so register early for next week's event.) You can also view recordings of the Free Emerging Church Webinars that you have missed at [this link](#).

FREE Resources at PC(USA) Church Store. Every day we're learning the importance of community. And while our communities are looking and interacting differently, we see how strong each of you are in the face of all the sacrifice and, at times, pain. Thank you for your ministry and service. [In this link are new resources as well as resources we've shared over the past few weeks.](#) We hope these help you continue your ministry throughout this time and prepare for when all of us are able to greet one another in person.

2020 Presbytery Meeting Schedule. March 19--CANCELLED --Lancaster First Presbyterian; May 15-16-POSTPONED-Presbyterian College;; August 9--Uriel Presbyterian; October 11--Bethelwoods. [Check out the website.](#)

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Date	Event	Time	Location
4/1-5/15	Out of an abundance of caution, all face to face meetings have been cancelled for the next several weeks. Check with your committee moderator as to whether you will be meeting digitally. Information on using Gotomeeting and Zoom are available at https://providencepres.org/covid-19/ .		
5/5	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
5/12	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers

The Presbytery Office (including the Resource Center) is closed until further notice. Presbytery Staff is available and working from home.

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