

Attention all Providence Presbytery Choirs, Quartets, Blue Grass Bands, Praise Bands, Youth Bands, Opera Singers, and All Others with Musical Talents: One thing the CoronaVirus can not take away is the ability to share love and joy through song. We would like to put together a **Virtual Music Festival** aimed at displaying the diverse musical talents of our great congregations and celebrating the God who created all. We would like videos (likely to be recorded through Zoom or GoToMeeting or other online meeting platforms) of your musical groups performing their favorite hymns, praise and worship songs, gospel classics, etc. We know the sound won't be perfect, but we know it will lift the spirits of all of those in our Presbytery. We are asking for videos to be submitted by May 22nd. You may share your video via [dropbox](#) or send the link to your google drive file or youtube video url to jill@providencepres.org. Please message jill@providencepres.org with your church, group name and a contact person's email address when you upload a file to dropbox. Thanks so much for participating in our Virtual Music Festival! —Providence Presbytery LUCKY Team



Churches across the Country are Thinking About How to Resume Ministry in Person. As you begin to think about what your worship services will look like in the coming months, the PC(USA) has some resources for you to consider at [PC\(USA\) COVID-19](#). Check out these resources from David Gambrell and others in PMA's Theology, Formation, and Evangelism ministry area, in consultation with colleagues in OGA and ASG: [Beginning Conversations for Re-Entry](#) and [Returning to Public Worship: Theological and Practical Considerations](#).

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

The Gifts of a Small Church During a Pandemic. Our small churches today continue to exist because of deep relationships that draw people in and form them in community. During the pandemic, I've been captivated by the stories of leadership I'm seeing in small churches. Pastors who print weekly devotionals and Bible studies and deliver them to parishioners -- a friendly but physically distant presence waving at members through the window, reminding them they are not alone. [Read the entire article on Faith and Leadership](#). Read this and other articles for church leaders responding to the pandemic [here](#).

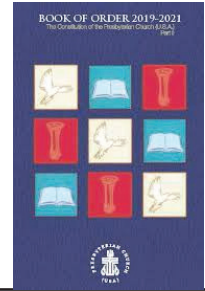
FREE Festival of Homeletics to be Held Online May 18-22. [Reserve your place today for the May 18-22 Festival of Homeletics](#). Preaching a New Earth: Climate and Creation--Be inspired by God's Word proclaimed by some of the nation's finest ministers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of hundreds 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/>

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.

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.](#)

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/ .		
5/12	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
5/19	Administrative Ministry Team	11AM	GotoMeeting: Contact Olivia
5/19	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
5/26	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
6/2	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
6/4	COM Meeting	5:30-7:30PM	GotoMeeting: Contact Olivia

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