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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 cannot 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 THIS FRIDAY, 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



PAM's "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" goes Virtual! After many hours of conversation and lots of prayer, Presbyterian Association of Musicians has decided to move its annual conference that was to have been held at Montreat Conference Center during the last two weeks of June to a virtual conference June 21-26. Conference organizers say they are hoping "to draw the circle wider, to bring folks from all over the country to the conference — and to bring it to those of you who haven't been able to attend for a number of years for a variety of reasons." [Register online here.](#)

PC(USA) Church Store Offers Downloadable Resources. As many of you are continuing to navigate digital ministry, these resources help you easily share resources with your congregation at an affordable price. [Check these out and browse through all downloads to find what your church needs.](#)

Top Ten Reasons Why Your Pastor Needs a Break (A Special Message for Clerks of Sessions and Elders). This is a special message just for you, the wonderful clerks of sessions, boards, and elders out there. It's very simple: please, encourage your pastor to take a break. They are probably reading this right now thinking they don't really need one, So, in order to help you encourage him or her to take care of themselves, here is a TOP TEN LIST OF REASONS why your pastor very likely needs a break right now. I invite you each to share this list with your pastor as a way of showing them that you see them and the work they are doing, and that for all these reasons and more they should find a way to take a break. [Read the article on Sixty-Second Sermons.](#)

Watch and Learn: Lifelong Discipleship Formation Conversations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Vital Congregations has been hosting Zoom conversations on each of the seven marks of a vital congregation — creating a sense of a vital church online. [See the Vimeo Videos here.](#)

Presbyterian Foundation offers Several Services including Online Giving. Check out the full list of resources offered by Presbyterian Foundation [Online.](#)

Webinar for Help Making Sure your Church Meeting is Legally Valid. As presbyteries and sessions are meeting virtually, they may find this helpful in putting together their rules to do so. In this one-hour webinar with attorney Sarah E. Merkle, pastors, board chairs, and board members will get expert, step-by-step guidance regarding how to conduct virtual church business meetings that are legally valid. <https://www.churchlawandtax.com/web/2020/may/making-sure-your-virtual-church-meeting-is-legally-valid.html>

Share your Good News and Ministry Opportunities! Are you excited about the ways your church is experiencing ministry in these days? Have you been surprised by something new that is happening among you? Do you have ideas or a project that you would like to collaborate with others in our Presbytery? Let us know! We are excited about the ministry you are doing in your communities and neighborhoods. Let us know what God is doing in your community of faith so we can share your good news! Email us at jill@providencepres.org.

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 <https://www.pcusa.org/events/49485/224th-general-assembly-2020/>.

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.

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 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.](#)

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
4/1-6/1	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/ .		
5/19	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
6/9	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
6/16	Lectionary Group	1PM	Zoom Contact Jason Myers
6/19	General Assembly Virtual		https://ga-pcusa.org/
6/26-27	General Assembly Virtual		https://ga-pcusa.org/

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