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Worship and Spiritual Formation

Though mainly focusing on planning worship for Presbytery meetings, the division is willing to help churches and individuals with resource needs pertaining to worship, music, or spiritual formation.

Participation in the Montreat Spiritual Formation and Worship and Music Conferences is encouraged.

Presbyterian Men

The 2008 Fall Conference will be at Grandview Presbyterian Church, Chesterfield, October 19. The focus is on "Gang Violence: Prevention-What Measures Can We Take?"

The 2008 Golf Outing, scheduled for May 31, is being planned.

Presbyterian Women

Highlights of the October, 2007 Synod Gathering included worship, with communion; words from the Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel, author of the 2007-08 Bible Study; workshops; and the bookstore. Many churches participated in the Thank Offering, which encourages women to give \$1 over their normal offering. The money is then granted to an outstanding missionary project.

The Search Committee is looking for officers to serve on the Presbytery Coordinating Team.

Administrative Council

Due to the ongoing capital campaigns of Presbyterian College and the South Carolina Home at Montreat, the council has deferred acting on the Thornwell Home for Children campaign until 2009.

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Director of Camping Ministries Search Committee to extend a call to Matthew Riley as Director of Camping Ministries.

Future meetings of the Presbytery will be May 13, at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Kingstree, and October 14, at the First Presbyterian Church, Loris.



Presbytery of New Harmony
Nurturing Churches and People



Sixty-First Stated Meeting Summary

The Rev. Dr. Ella Busby elected Presbytery Moderator



Dr. Busby, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alcolu, assumes the duties of moderator of the Presbytery of New Harmony. Her term began with the February 9 meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach and will continue until the February,

2009 meeting.

Matthew Riley called as Director of Camping Ministries

Growing up in a Presbyterian camp run by his parents, Matthew Riley experienced a strong relationship with God in his family. The process of dealing with challenges to his faith, in both high school and college, produced a faith that he could call his own and a realization that God was to be trusted and relied upon to provide for his every need.



Riley graduated from Geneva College. For the past year he served as program director at Dwight Mission, a Presbyterian Camp in Oklahoma.

His journey continues as he accepts the position as Director of Camping Ministries for the Presbytery of New Harmony. His duties include the camping program, youth and older adult ministries.

Lisa Baroody Culpepper called to Marion Presbyterian Church

Lisa Culpepper is not a stranger to the Presbytery of New Harmony. Growing up in the First Presbyterian Church, Florence amidst a "multitude of relatives," her faith was nurtured through

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her baptism, confirmation, marriage, ordination as an elder, and accepting a call to ministry.

She has completed six years of academic and spiritual pursuit at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. This included an internship in pastoral ministry at the First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville. She begins her work in the Marion congregation looking forward to this place of ministry that is "beyond her hopes and dreams."



Carol Pagelsen, honorably retired, accepted into presbytery



Carol grew up Southern Baptist, worked at a Baptist assembly in the summer and attended a Baptist college. She experienced life changing events including marriage and divorce. She felt the grace of God through the embrace of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida. She became Presbyterian. Ultimately, Carol attend Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

She has served as a psychotherapist, pastor of seven churches, interim pastor, and associate pastor. She is Honorably Retired, married, and eager to be a supportive member of the Presbytery.

In other business the presbytery approved...

- Francie King as Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of presbytery,
- second reading the deletion from the manual the letter sent to host churches of a presbytery meeting,
- the second reading of the 2008 proposed operating budget of \$1,429,602,
- the first reading of a gift policy for the presbytery, and
- designating March 9 as P.A.D.D. Sunday with churches taking a special offering.

Divisions at Work

Camping

Approximately 60 persons turned out for "Spruce Up Camp Pee Dee Day." Renee Weaver, on site assistance, and Kristen Nicholson, part-time program director, will continue to serve through May.

The new camping schedule is available at www.camppeedee.org. Four acres of cleared pasture will be seeded for grazing. Jason Steen, facilities director, and Mike Smith, maintenance staff attended the PCCCA Maintenance Connection. Allison Summey, equestrian direction will attend the NARHA Conference in March.

Congregational Development

The division has approved aid-to-field to four churches for 2008. They also provided an emergency grant for repairs to the historic Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church.

Education and Nurture

The Ephesians Event, "Lives More Pleasing to God," keyed by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble and held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Surfside Beach was, by all accounts, a successful event.

One \$400 scholarship was awarded to a participant in the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators meeting in February.

In March, participants from 5 presbyteries will gather for a Leader of Leaders event at the First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville.

Mission

The division encourages local congregations to form partnerships with congregations in the Presbytery of South Louisiana to work together toward disaster recovery. Several young adults have volunteered to spend a year there on Project Homecoming.

Local congregations in the Myrtle Beach area are encouraged to participate in the Perspective Event, a multi denominational ministry to train members in building enthusiasm for missions.

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