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**“THE ADVOCATE”**  
**African American Ministry Newsletter**

**JANUARY 2012**

The New Year has begun and I'm now serving full-time as Associate Presbyter AND African American Advocate. The call provides me with ten hours per week to work with and serve you as Advocate. I want to make sure that our ministry together is strong and makes a powerful impact on the ministry of our churches and the presbytery. I invite you to pray for this ministry and join me in formulating a plan for our work together in 2012.

I can't quote him, but I heard Rev. Toure' Marshall preach on the first Sunday of December saying that we must have "A Passion for Possibility." Well, I believe it. Having a passion can get to and through many things. I want to challenge you to develop a passion for your ministry and think of all the possibilities there are for you going forward in 2012 and let's get to some serious work. We just celebrated the birth of the Savior, Emmanuel, God with us. And now we take the journey with the Magi's to Bethlehem with our gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Having been warned in a dream not to go back the way we came, let's set out for 'home' by another road.

FYI -

I want to stay connected to my congregations. So if your church has a calendar for the year of events or a set calendar of events for the month (i.e. monthly bible study, PW, etc) please let me know.

As you think about what your needs are, we can get training, fellowship and conversation groups, etc. going for this cluster.

## **CHURCH OF THE MONTH!!**

Name this church

Where is it located?

The church in December was Trinity Presbyterian Church in Salisbury. Trinity was organized in the fall of 1867. Rev. Olen Bruner, Pastor.



## Prayer List

Work and ministry of Salem Black Presbyterian Caucus  
Salem Presbytery, her churches, pastors and educators  
PCUSA

### Churches and Pastors

Calvary and Rev. Timothy Bates  
Grace and Rev. Toure C. Marshall  
Lloyd and Rev. Laura Spangler  
Mt. Tabor and Rev. George Goodman  
St. Paul and Rev. Samuel Dansokho

Allen Temple and CLP J C Byers  
Freedom and CLP Stedman Newsome  
Logan and Rev. Samuel Stevenson  
Mebane First and Rev. James Brown  
Reid Memorial and Rev. Brenda Tapia

Beulah and CLP Larry Bailey

Cameron and Rev. Timothy Bates  
Dellabrook and Rev. Carlton Eversley  
St. James and Rev. Diane Givens Moffett  
Trinity and Rev. Olen Bruner

Boonville First and CLP Jerry Moore  
Edward Webb and Rev. Stephen Lindsley  
Mocksville Second and CLP Fred Terry  
Mt. Vernon and CLP Emery Rann  
Shady Side and Rev. Calvin Crump

*And keep prayin'*

## *Highlights for January*

**January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Preaching, Edward Webb, 11am

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** – East Pastors gathering for Chatham & Randolph Counties –12:00

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – In the Spirit of Martin (MLKing Celebration) Surry County Museum Annex, 7:00pm – Sponsored by Edward Webb, Mount Airy

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Worship at Pleasant Grove and Griers – East Neighborhood –11am

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – The Grace Presbyterian Men will present The Twin City Choristers in concert, celebrating its **16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration**. The event will be held Sunday, January 15, 2012 (4:00 P.M.) in the church's sanctuary. Dr. Fred D. Tanner is conductor

**January 18-19<sup>th</sup> COM Retreat** at St Francis Prayer Center

**Complete 2011/2012 Statistical Report Packet**

**Select a commissioner for the meetings of Presbytery**, February 7<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian, Winston Salem (Snow Date 2/14)

Plan for your celebration of African American History

## *Church News and Celebrations!*

### NEWS RELEASE

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Coordinator/Publicity Director  
Rev. Toure' C. Marshall, Pastor

Dear Colleague in Ministry:

The Women of Faith awards, sponsored by the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women ministry area, are given during a breakfast at the General Assembly. They recognize women of accomplishment whose Christian faith informs their work. The 2012 theme is: ***Courageous Women Transforming Communities of Faith, Hope, Love & Witness***. Nominations are being sought for women who have courageously transformed and strengthened the church in its witness and ministry in a time of great transition.

Enclosed is the nomination form for the 2012 awards, which also can be found on the Web at [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women). Please share this information with those in your area of service and help us locate women whose lives give witness to their commitment to Jesus Christ. Additional copies are available by contacting Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/PW, 888-728-7228, ext. 5362, fax 502-569-8600 or email [alex.sherman@pcusa.org](mailto:alex.sherman@pcusa.org). Nominations must be postmarked by January 23, 2012.

Your assistance in this process of nominating outstanding women is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Women of Faith breakfast in Pittsburgh, PA, July 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhashell Hunter" with a small flourish underneath the name.

Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter, Director  
Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women

**TO NOMINATE: Download the form from our webpage**

***Faith, Hope, Love, and Witness***: *The PC(USA) Form of Government*—from the widely popular series *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding*—explains core affirmations and the foundations of Presbyterian polity. It acquaints Presbyterians with the basics of the new book and the theological and ecclesiastical insights it presents.

Paul K. Hooker, a polity expert who was part of the Form of Government Task Force, guides participants through the structure of the church's polity, beginning with the theological convictions that shape who believers are as Presbyterians. It is written in accessible language for the congregation to understand the changes more thoroughly.

*Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* currently consists of 17 biblically based mini-courses that provide adults with a foundational understanding of the

Reformed faith. Each six-session study addresses its subject from a Reformed theological perspective and includes Scripture, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection. Learn more about *Being Reformed* at [pcusa.org/beingreformed](http://pcusa.org/beingreformed)

Also available for preview in the presbytery office

I have had request for the 2011-12 Planning Calendars. We do not keep a supply in the presbytery office, but I will be happy to order a bulk supply (as I did for the Book of Order) if we can get an order of ten or more. Please let me know of your interest and how many.

This latest pages begin with June 2011 and end with May 2012 with planning additional space through December 2012.

\$10.75 each; \$8.50 each for 10 to 49; \$6.50 each for 50 or more; plus shipping for all orders.

### Calendar Features

- Monthly calendar pages from June 2011 through December 2012
- Lectionary for the Lord's Day and special liturgical days
- Colors for the liturgical seasons
- Liturgical days, programmatic emphases and secular holidays
- Monthly planning suggestions and resources
- Synod, presbytery, and GA staff directories
- Foldout synod/presbytery and world maps in color

**Coming Events and Meetings**—in the life and witness of the African American Churches and Salem Presbytery (What's happening in your community?)

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*Coming Your way....*

**IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!!!!**

**January 22, 2012 – Chapel in the Pines Dedication Service**

If you aren't doing anything (and you live close by), we'd love to have you join us! 10:30 a.m. at 314 Great Ridge Parkway. To get there from 15-501 go out Manns Chapel Road about one mile, turn left at Great Ridge Parkway (big gravel road), go .3 mile and we are on your right. You can't miss us!

If you can't make it, please hold us in your thoughts and in your prayers. Thanks so much to all of you.

Grace to you and Advent peace,  
Mindy Douglas Adams, Pastor

**The Fifth Annual Douglas H. Clark  
and  
Carolyn J. Clark Convocation  
First Presbyterian Church  
Lumberton, NC**

***Speaking the Truth in Love:  
to Ourselves, the Church, and the World***

**January 28-29, 2012**

**with**

**Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II,**

serves as Director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC. The OPW advocates with Congress and the White House for the social justice agenda of the PC(USA) and engages in a broad range of educational activities with congregations and Presbyteries.

As we seek to discern the truth beyond established boundaries and political spin, we are called to listen with new ears and speak the truth in love, even when we disagree. In the Convocation, a fresh look at the scriptures, reformed faith, and political values will help us build a language and foundation for meaningful political dialogue in the house of the Lord and our community.

Information and registration available upon request

## Salem Presbyterian Women Spiritual Enrichment Day

February 25, 2012

Generations of Women

Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston Salem

Look for the brochure on the website

### 2012 Presbytery Meetings

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| February 7 <sup>th</sup> | First Presbyterian, Winston Salem (Snow Date 2/14) |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Bethel Church, McLeansville                        |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup>    | TBA  |
| October 20 <sup>th</sup> | TBA  |



### 2012 Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Dates: March 12-14

Location: Charlotte, NC

#### ***Gratitude & Generosity: Living the Faith***

More than ever before, leaders need resources that will help them teach, preach and practice successful stewardship. Join us as we learn how to make stewardship ministries come alive in our congregations and presbyteries. [Click here to for the event brochure to learn more.](#)

#### **Register by February 20th and Save!**

**Registration for the 2012 Stewardship Kaleidoscope has now opened.**

- You may register online by [clicking here](#), or visit the website ([www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org](http://www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org)) and click on the Registration tab.
- [Click here to for the printable brochure and registration form.](#)

## Resources



**Summer Camp Schedule &  
Online Registrations Now Available!**

**Camp Grier's Summer 2012 Schedule is now available!!!** Go to [www.campgrier.org](http://www.campgrier.org) to see what camps are available. Simply click on the [summer camp link](#) to check it out.

Also new this year, Camp Grier is offering **online registration and payment through Paypal**. It is gearing up to be a fantastic summer season!! We cannot wait to see you here!

Dave Cohn, Director

**IS YOUR CONGREGATION OR A CONGREGATION IN YOUR PRESBYTERY DOING INNOVATIVE MINISTRY?** Each year UPSem awards congregations for innovative ministry. Since 1991, 94 churches in 28 states have received these awards. Each of the eight awards carries a \$1,000 prize to support the congregation in its ministry. For more information and to apply for one of the UPSem Congregation Awards, you may download the [brochure and application](#) or request an application by sending an e-mail to April Swofford at [aswofford@upsem.edu](mailto:aswofford@upsem.edu) or call 1-800-229-2990, ext 231. The application and instructions are only available electronically. The deadline for the 2012 Awards is FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

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Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering Scholarship Application  
Gaylord Palm Resort and Convention Center, Orlando, Florida –  
July 18- 22, 2012

**Synod Men's Conference 2012**

**July 20-22, 2012 - Massanetta Springs**

*"And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations," Rev. 22:2*

*This will be the theme of the 2012 Presbyterian Men's Conference, which will highlight the urgent story of Earth care. Leaders include Jonathan Merritt, author of "Green Like God: Unlocking the Divine Plan for Our Planet"; Bruce and Carolyn Gillette, co-pastors of Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE; Henry Briton, Senior Pastor at Fairfax Presbyterian Church; and Leslie Woods, Office of Public Witness, PCUSA. More information go to the Presbyterian Men's website at [www.misatlanticmen.org](http://www.misatlanticmen.org)*

**National Presbyterian Black Caucus youth division is making plans for the 2012 National Youth Conference. See the note below from Nathalie Toombs.**

Greetings from the Mid-South Region of the NBPC (Synod of Living Waters)  
Just wanted to touch bases with you early to let you know that YES we are making plans for you to be with us in Memphis, TN July 18-21, 2012 at the University of Memphis. The cost of the event will be the same as 2010, \$250-\$300 which will include lodging 2 to a room including linen, meals including the banquet and your conference t-shirt.

Just for planning purposes, it would help just to have an idea of how many we should prepare for. I know that it's early, but it would be very helpful if you could poll your group to see who is interested in coming. We know that plans change but we have to give the U of M a number to begin preparing for.

Would love to have at least 200 in attendance, more if possible.  
Just email me back ASAP with an estimate and please let me know which church you are from as well as your city and state.  
As always, thanks for your support.

Nathalie

**Take a Look** - These resources are available to you as sources of information:

- The Weekend update from Sam Marshall,

- [What's Happening in Salem Presbytery](#)- check the website, and Facebook
- PCUSA's website
- Pastors group on Facebook
- An interim pastors group on Facebook
- The Neighborhood Newsletters

### SOUL FOOD

"Do all the good you can,  
by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can,  
in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can,  
to all the people you can,  
as long as ever you can."

(John Wesley)

**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
And you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.**

**Isaiah 62:1-2**

**Have a Blessing Month!**