



*Caring, Empowering and Celebrating
the churches in Foothills Presbytery*

Newsletter

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What's New:

ACSWP in Foothills

ACSWP visits Foothills

Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy

As a part of our reform work across the denomination, the Foothills Presbytery General Assembly reform group has encouraged the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) to seek a broader consortium of voices in the service to the church.

As a part of those efforts, the GA Reform group invited ACSWP to visit our presbytery, teach and worship in some of our churches and engage in dialogue across Presbytery. They have graciously accepted that invitation.

**Seeking knowledgeable Foothills presbytery
members to participate in
Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy*
(ACSP) Forum(s)
on potential policy statements.**

Hopes:

Broader discussion with members of Foothills Presbytery regarding the reports on reform of

- US drug policy
- Precautionary approaches to new biological and chemical technologies.

Meeting # 102
Tuesday,
February 21,
2017
at
First
Presbyterian
Church
393 East Main Street,
Spartanburg

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ACSWP would circulate the reports and seek knowledgeable Foothills presbytery members to participate.

ACSWP would very much like to hold a discussion of either or both these topics on **Monday, February 20.** **Please contact [Mike Hoyt](#) for more information.**

**The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) serves the prophetic calling of the whole Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by providing the General Assembly with careful studies of pressing moral challenges, media for discussion and discernment of Christian responsibilities, and policy recommendations for faithful action.*

***[Who is ACSWP?](#)**

Pastors COM forms Due

Attention Pastors:

Once again it is time to ask for:

- **Annual Terms of Call**
- **Annual Work of the Minister**

The Annual Work of the Minister is to be used by **all** Teaching Elders including those honorably retired.

[Click here for the Annual Work of the Minister Form](#) or you also can find it on the Foothills Presbytery website under Committee on Ministry.

The Annual Terms of Call is to be used by Teaching Elders in Installed positions only. [Click here for the Annual Terms of Call Form](#) or you can also find it on the Foothills Presbytery website under Committee on Ministry.

All personal information will be held in confidence.

Please complete this/these form(s) and submit by **February 28, 2017.**

Foothills Presbytery Committee on Ministry



Youth Leaders Round Table

Join us!
Youth Ministry
Leader's **ROUNDTABLE**

Tuesday, February 7

**Foothills Presbytery
Office Hours**
9:00am - 4:30pm
Monday - Thursday
Office Closed
on Friday.



**ONE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING
OFFERING
"SHARING BRINGS
JOY. TO OTHERS. TO
GOD, AND TO US"**
Through abundant and
generous gifts to One
Great Hour of Sharing,
Presbyterians have for
many years faithfully
heeded God's call to
serve people seeking to
reclaim and restore their
lives.



**Thornwell Home for
Children**
www.thornwell.org

Youth Directors/Ministers are invited to "talk shop"

12:00 noon

at the Presbytery Office

2242 Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville, SC 29681
(864) 288-5774

**** We will provide Chick-fil-A sandwich & fries
but we need to know you are coming!!
Please reply to this email or email LeAnne
at lwhite@foothillspresbytery.org ****

[Click here for Youth Ministry Vault](#)

Sr High Retreat!



SOUTH CAROLINA INN AT MONTREAT

Keep the South Carolina Inn in mind when you start making your summer plans. If you plan to attend a conference at Montreat or just want some time away in the beautiful mountains, you can find room in the South Carolina Inn or the Kirk Apartments. Give Chuck a call to inquire about options and to make reservations - 828-669-7460 or cell phone 828-230-5171.



**Stewardship of
Creation Enabler
Connections
January Newsletter**

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

MARCH 17th - 19th, 2017
@ MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER



Life is a balancing act.
Find balance.
Seek Christ.
Worship.
Reach out in prayer.
Come to the mountains.
Play
Build relationships.

KEYNOTE LEADER: ANDY CASTO-WATERS

COORDINATED BY:
THE FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Deadline is Feb. 9 at noon!

[Click here for Registration
Packet](#)

[PYC Page on FHP website](#)

Chr Ed Gathering

**Educator Gathering
on February 16
from 12:30-2:30
at Easley Presbyterian Church**

We will discuss ideas from APCE from those of you are able to attend.

Please email [Ginna Lister](#) with any questions.

Foothills Retirement Educational Series



Educational Series:

WEEK TWO: Estate Planning

WEEK THREE: Auditory Aids

WEEK FOUR: Visual Aids

WEEK FIVE-Week 10: Medicare

Sessions are Tuesday's:

January 31st, Feb 7th, Feb 14th, & Feb 21st

4:00 pm

Feb 28th, Mar 7th, Mar 14th, Mar 21st, & Mar 28th.

3:30 pm

Each session will last approximately an hour allowing time for questions.

[For More information click here](#)

ARW 2017



"Back to Our Future"

The Arts, Recreation and Worship Conference is an experiential 5-day event focused on recreation, worship, community, creativity, and the arts. It is designed for those who want to deepen their creativity, broaden their leadership skills, and experience personal spiritual renewal. In addition to whole group worship and recreation events, participants select from a wide range of unique courses. [ARW](#) is connected to the PCUSA and welcomes pastors, educators, youth workers, church volunteers, camp and conference professionals, recreation workers of all

denominations, and anyone interested in the arts, recreation and worship to participate in the workshop.

For complete information and to register, visit the re:create website by clicking here.

[click here for Workshop Flyer](#)

Summer Camp



Join us for
Foothills Week
at Camp Fellowship
July 9 - 14
Lake Greenwood

*Additional weeks of camp available for those who are unable to attend July 9-14.

Register at Campfellowship.org

Skye Jethani at Easley PC



**Easley
Presbyterian**
A Great Place to Grow

PRESENTS

February 26, 2017

Morning Worship Services @ 9 & 11 am

Sunday Evening Keynote @ 5 with dinner



SKYE JETHANI



**Author, Speaker,
Consultant and
Ordained Pastor**

Skye has authored three books:

- The Divine Commodity: Discovering a Faith Beyond Consumer Christianity (2009)
- WITH: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God (2011)
- Futureville (2014).



[Click here to see Full Flyer](#)

Amy Jill Levine in Anderson



**Amy Jill Levine Lectures
March 12, 2017**

Phil Silverstein Lectures

Lectures:

2:30 "How Jews & Christians
Read Scripture Differently"

and

4:30 "Hearing Jesus' Parables: Of Pearls and
Prodigals"

Boulevard Baptist Church

700 Boulevard, Anderson, SC 29621

For more information please visit: <http://astlonline.org/>

Next Church Gathering 2017

**NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING
2017**

**Kansas City, Missouri ~ March 13-15,
2017**



"Wells & Walls:
Well-Being in a
Thirsty
World." *Our
guiding
scripture is
John 4:1-42 -
the Samaritan
woman at the well.*

[Click here to read more](#)

2017 Foothills Presbytery Directory

Please make sure you and/or your church office confirms your contact information listed in the Foothills Presbytery Directory. Changes may be emailed to [LeAnne White here](#).

We will upload the 2017 Foothills Presbytery Directory to our website (under Resources) by mid February. This document is always current and password protected.

Contact the Foothills Presbytery office at 864-288-5774 for the password. (It is always the same)
Thank you!

Statistical Reporting



Churches and presbyteries can access the year-end statistics online reporting system at this time.

Please click here to access the [workbook for completing the Session Annual Statistical Report](#).

The Statistical Report can be completed at:
<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/churchwide-ministries/stats/>

We urge you to complete your report by the END of JANUARY to avoid long waiting times when you log on.

**THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ENTERING
STATISTICS IS FEBRUARY 10, 2017.**

Thank you so much for working through this report and getting it completed on time.



PCUSA 'BIG TENT' 2017

The PCUSA's Big Tent is meeting in **St. Louis, July 6-8, 2017**. Mark your calendar and join us for worship, workshops, and the opportunity to engage and connect with other Presbyterians. *More information coming soon!*

Employment Opportunities

New Positions Available!



[Click here to see our current job openings!](#)

Mere Christianity Grad Intern needed

Graduate Intern needed

Do you know a college student or recent graduate interest in exploring ministry?

Mere Christianity Forum (at Furman University) is seeking a Graduate Intern to start as early as May 2017! A great opportunity for any recent college graduate who is interested in exploring campus ministry and/or ministry in general. Self-starter with high energy level and enthusiasm; professional, relational, and organizational skills; strong attention to detail; and a keen ability to follow through with multiple concurrent projects while operating with a team mentality is required. It's a bonus if you enjoy cooking!

9-12 month term with a living stipend and housing included!

For more information or to apply, please visit faithreasontomfoolery.org/job-opportunities or contact leslie@faithreasontomfoolery.org

New in the Resource Center!



Foothills Presbytery RESOURCE CENTER!

Please take a minute
and visit the new items list
on the Resource Center
website [here!](#)

Coming Up....

Mark your Calendars Dates to Remember



February 2 Committee on Ministry meeting

February 7 Youth Leaders Roundtable & Nominating Committee meeting

February 8 Youth Coaching Cohort meeting

February 10 Deadline for churches to enter Statistical Reporting data

February 16 Christian Educators meeting and Examinations meeting

February 20 ACSWP visit with Foothills and Stewardship Working Group meeting

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