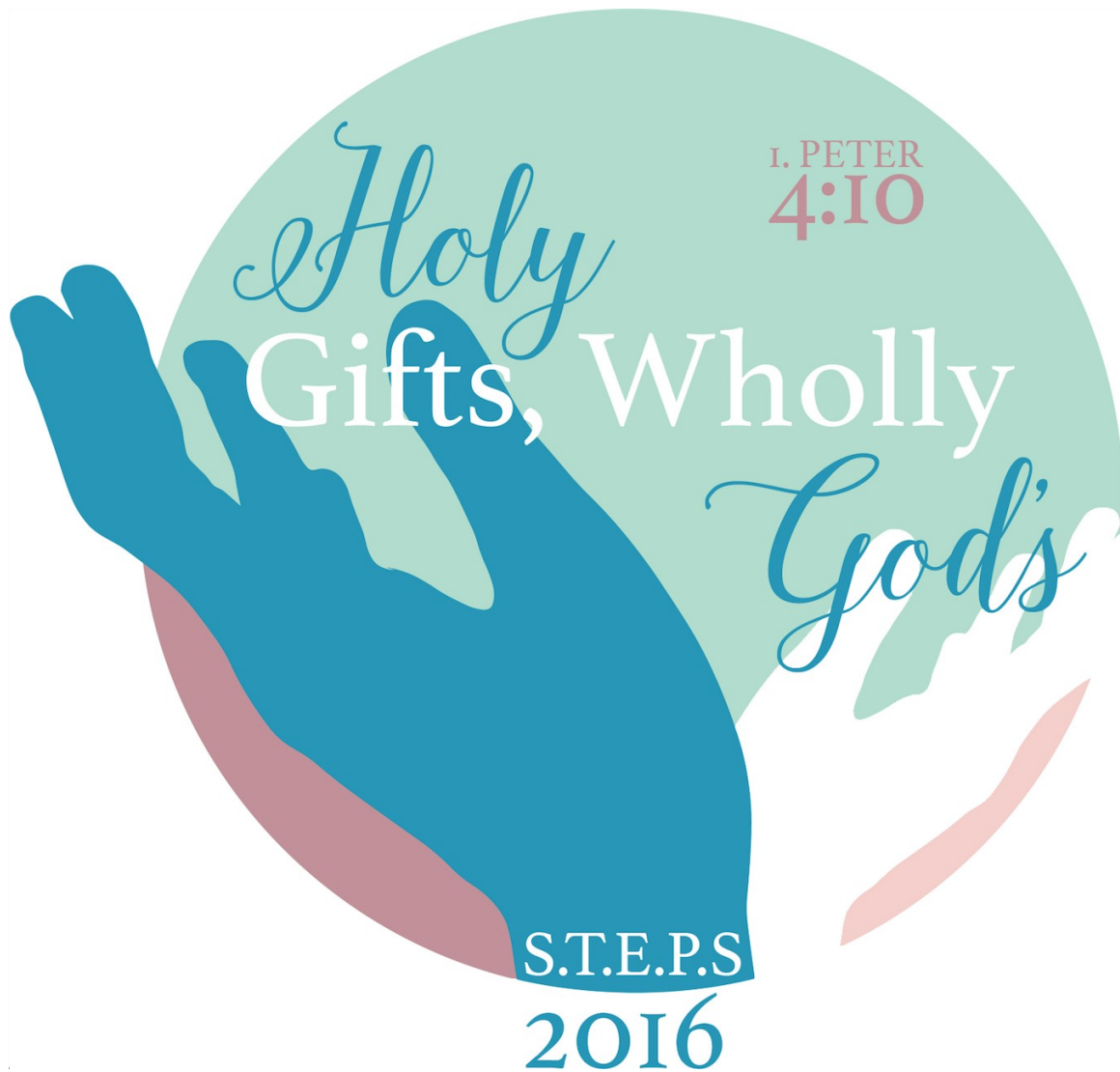


CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY



*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

AUGUST 27, 2016
MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOLY GIFTS, WHOLLY GOD'S

STEPS Event Schedule | August 27, 2016

8:15-8:45 AM:	Check-In/Walk-In Registration/Bookstore/Displays
8:45-8:50 AM:	Welcome and Announcements
9:00-10:15 AM:	Session #1
10:30-11:30 AM:	Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM-12:30 PM:	Lunch/Visit Bookstore and Displays
12:45-2:00 PM:	Session #2
2:15-3:30 PM:	Session #3
3:45-4:15 PM:	Closing Worship (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 PM:	Bookstore Closes

Directions to Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church 302 Hibben Street, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

From the South or West of Mount Pleasant

Take I-26 East towards Charleston. Merge onto US-17 North via Exit 220 toward Mount Pleasant. Cross over the Arthur Ravenel/Cooper River Bridge. Once on the Mount Pleasant side of the bridge, merge right onto W. Coleman Blvd/SC-703. Cross Shem Creek and merge right onto Whilden Street, behind the Scotchman Gas Station. Take 2nd right onto Hibben Street and the church is the 3rd structure on your right.

From the North of Mount Pleasant

Take US-17 South towards Charleston. Exit off of US-17 South onto Chuck Dawley Blvd, toward SC-703. Get in the right lane which veers onto Coleman Blvd. Chuck Dawley Blvd dead ends at the stoplight at Royall Ace Hardware, where from the right lane you yield onto Coleman Blvd/SC-703. Turn left onto Hibben Street at the Half Moon Outfitters. The church will be ahead, one block on your right.

From I-526

I-526 turns into Chuck Dawley. Get in the right lane which veers onto Coleman Blvd. Turn left onto Hibben Street at the Half Moon Outfitters. The church will be ahead, one block on your right.



MESSAGE FROM THE STEPS MINISTRY TEAM CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends:

The Leadership Development Ministry Unit for our Charleston Atlantic Presbytery invites you to our ninth annual STEPS event taking place on **Saturday, August 27th** at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

By the grace of God we are each given an individual set of talents and gifts. It is only right that we use these talents and gifts to give back to God what is rightfully his. We are looking forward to spending time together nurturing our unique gifts, talents, and callings to serve.

Join us and others, adults and youth alike, from our Presbytery as we explore the ways that we can be WHOLY used by our HOLY God.

See you on August 27th!

In the faith we share,

Janie Bruce and Dorothy Blackwelder

Co-chairs, 2016 STEPS Planning Team

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? **EVERYONE!**

All Church Members, Parents, Teachers, Youth Leaders, Ruling Elders, Deacons, Teaching Elders, Church Educators, Worship Leaders, Musicians, Youth, Administrators, Mission Leaders, Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men, Choir Members...

YOU!

FEATURED LEADERS:



Paul Timothy Roberts is President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA, a position he has held since the spring of 2010. Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary is one of the ten theological schools of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the only one that is historically African American.

Paul is a native of Stamford, Connecticut. However, he grew up in Bradenton, Florida, which he considers his home. Paul graduated from Princeton University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture and African American Studies. Prior to his career in ministry, Paul worked for eight years in advertising in New York City. Paul later received the Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in New Testament Studies from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Paul is also an Academic Fellow of The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey in Celigny, Switzerland.

Paul was the Pastor of Church of the Master (PCUSA) in Atlanta from 1997 to 2010.

Paul is a contributing writer to *Pastoral Care: A Case Study Approach* by Orbis Books in 1998, and to *Feasting on the Gospels* by Westminster/John Knox Press released in December 2013. He writes occasionally for the *Presbyterian Outlook*, and has been a cohort leader with the Louisville Institute. Paul and his wife, Nina, have one daughter and two sons.



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John Ryan lives in Atlanta and is currently the Interim Director of Adult Education and Engagement at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Before that, he was a Youth Director at Trinity for 11 years. John has three Christian Education degrees from Westminster College, PA, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and Columbia Theological Seminary. He enjoys biking and traveling.



Clare Lewis, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing for the Presbyterian Investments and Loans Program (PILP), has seventeen years of experience developing marketing and sales programs in the not-for-profit industry. Most recently she served as publisher of Congregational Ministries Publishing, a ministry area of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. She holds a degree from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Clare is a member of Harvey Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY and a former youth pastor at First United Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

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Elizabeth Little has been a Church Support Fund Associate with the Presbyterian Mission Agency since January 2013. She works with congregations in the Eastern part of the United States, building awareness of the agency's World Mission ministry area and raising financial support for international mission personnel. Previously, Elizabeth served for four and a half years as Global Outreach Director for Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. In this role, she nurtured relationships with the congregation's international ministry partners, facilitated classes and forums on mission, and led short-term mission teams to Brazil, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, and Malawi. Elizabeth's mission experience also includes one year of service on the Gulf Coast, where she served with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She was PDA's volunteer village coordinator, managing the six villages that provided temporary housing for people helping with relief efforts. Before entering full-time church service, Elizabeth worked for the Westin Charlotte as Senior Catering Sales Manager/Conference Sales Manager. Her 18 years in the hospitality industry also included positions at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers and Walt Disney World Resorts. Elizabeth is based in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. She serves the congregation as an elder and as chair of its Global Missions Committee. Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned a Master of Arts in Christian education degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary's Charlotte campus.



Ellen Sherby is the coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement in Presbyterian World Mission through the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville, KY. She served in Nicaragua for eleven years, nine of these as a PC(USA) mission co-worker with the Nicaraguan Council of Evangelical Churches, mostly working with short-term mission groups and partnership groups. In Nicaragua she earned a Master's Degree in pedagogy from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua. Ellen works with her husband, Elmer Zavala, in a local house church ministry of mostly undocumented Mexican immigrants through Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. She has a passion for shifting the mission paradigm towards an ever-deeper vision and experience of mutual service in which all are "giver" and "receivers." Ellen and Elmer have three boys ages 14, 11, and 5.

OTHER WORKSHOP LEADERS

Maggie Beamguard— First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

Russ Blackwelder-The Village at Summerville/M.U.S.C.

Janis Blocker —Bethel Presbyterian Church

Audrey Deas —HR, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

James Deavor-Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Charles Frost-Sea Island Presbyterian Church

Carmen Goetschius-Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Diane Hader —Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

David Hutchinson - Roper St. Francis Healthcare Systems

Bill Johnston -Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

Pat Jones —St. James Presbyterian Church

Ridgley Joyner -Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Colin Kerr - Journey, College of Charleston and The Citadel

Pie Mikell - Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Jack Miller -Sea Island Presbyterian Church

Dorothy Montgomery- Charleston

Clark Scalera-Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Adrian Williams-Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Donnie Woods-Charleston Atlantic Presbytery



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- 3-H Who Is Jesus?: What a Difference a Lens Makes

STEPS 2016 WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

SESSION #1 9:00AM—10:15AM

1-A Clerks of Session- Janis Blocker

This workshop is designed to provide clerks with instructions for recording accurate and complete minutes. Each clerk will receive a checklist of items required for inclusion in minutes and a template for stated and special meetings of sessions and congregations. *Janis Blocker, a resident of Round O and a life-long member of Bethel Presbyterian in Walterboro, has served Bethel as clerk of session continuously since 2001. She was appointed recording clerk of the presbytery in 1988 and has served in that position continuously since. She has served at the presbytery level since the 1970's. She was moderator of Charleston Presbytery in 1979 and Charleston Atlantic Presbytery in 1998 and a commissioner to the General Assembly in 1978 and 1996. Past Chairman and current member of the Committee on Ministry, she has also served through the years on numerous committees and units including Church and Society Ministry Unit, Coordinating Council, and Permanent Judicial Commission. She has served on administrative commissions and on ordination and installation commissions. A graduate of the S.C. Lay School of Theology, she serves on the state-wide Planning Advisory Committee and has served as the registrar for the school since 2000. She retired in 2011 after 37 years as a high school English teacher in Colleton County but continues to teach part-time. The Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce presented her with the "Excellence in Education Award" and the "Lifetime Achievement Award" in recognition of her service in education and the community.*

1-B Creating Creative Spirituality Centers- Adrian Williams

What makes a good spirituality center? What is a spirituality center, anyway? With all of these classes, is there a space to just reflect? If you are asking any of those questions, come join us as we look at how one might create a Spirituality Center in your church, and then take some time to experience one ourselves here at STEPS. (Limited to 12 participants) *Adrian Williams is the Director of Educational Ministry at Harbor View Presbyterian Church and a self-described "Quaker-terian" when it comes to spirituality. He has a passion for helping churches find creative ways to connect faith with life.*

1-C Engaging College Students and Young Professionals- Colin Kerr

Can a church reach college students and young professionals without a rock band, laser light show, and a hipster pastor with \$200 skinny jeans? Yes! This workshop will highlight common mistakes churches make when trying to reach this demographic, offer practical ways to evaluate your church's resources, and provide a spectrum of ministry ideas that your church can begin implementing. *Colin Kerr is the missionary to college to students for the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, leading The Journey at the College of Charleston and the Citadel Military College. He is author of three books and has also been a contributor in the Charleston Post and Courier, Patheos, and Relevant Magazine. If you cannot find Colin in Kudu Coffee, your next best bet is anywhere where there is beach volleyball and surfing. He's married to a very feisty nurse and bartender named Alexis. Colin is currently a seminarian at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.*

1-D Evangelism in the 21st Century- Carmen Goetschius

Evangelism is an intimidating word that can at times feel tired, over-used, and occasionally threatening. How do Presbyterians engage in faithful evangelism today? Join us for a conversation that will explore the Biblical foundations of evangelism and how we can share the good news in meaningful and authentic ways. *Carmen Goetschius has been serving in ordained ministry since 2007 and is currently the associate pastor of equipping at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian. She is passionate about books, travel, backpacking, and writing. She is married to the Rev. Clark Scalera and the two recently welcomed their first child, a baby girl.*

1-E Give Us Ears to Hear: Encountering Scripture- Maggie Frampton

From Bible drills to *lectio divina* (divine reading), there is more than one way to read scripture, “our only rule in faith and in life.” We will look at this Bible with new eyes and listen with new ears, considering how we might make room for the Holy Spirit to bring the stories of our faith to life. Join us as we encounter our sacred text as the source for our Christian formation. *Maggie Frampton Beamguard serves as Associate Pastor of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church supporting the congregational care and mission outreach of the congregation and regularly leads worship and weekly chapel services. When she is not exploring Bible stories, she can be found trying to coax things to grow in the vegetable garden, ignoring housework to play with her two daughters or watching the Clemson Tigers play football.*

1-F “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.”- Carson Brisson

An examination and celebration of Ezekiel 37 and God’s sure and sacred promise of the gift of new life even to very dry bones, as seen through the lens of Paul’s explication of “Abraham’s faith” in Romans 4. Participants will examine the structure and features of the passages with reference to their ancient forms and their timeless hope. *Carson Brisson is the Associate Professor of Biblical Languages, Union Presbyterian Seminary and Associate Editor, for INTERPRETATION. He has taught 25 years at Union. A native of North Carolina, Carson is married to the former Ms. Ann Davis of Greensboro, NC. They have two grown children. Carson is a member of Matthews Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). He has studied as a visiting graduate student at Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Carson has served as the solo pastor of two rural churches, one in Kentucky and one in NC.*

1-G Leading a Life-Changing Short-Term Mission Trip- Ellen Sherby

Come learn best practices for leading a mission trip with integrity and meaning- in the U.S. or around the world. This interactive workshop is for seasoned and novice short-term mission trip leaders alike. Gain new paradigms for mission service “in partnership” with others and practical tools for leading an excellent experience. *Ellen Sherby is the coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement in Presbyterian World Mission through the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville, KY. She served in Nicaragua for eleven years, nine of these as a PC(USA) mission co-worker with the Nicaraguan Council of Evangelical Churches, mostly working with short-term mission groups and partnership groups. In Nicaragua she earned a Master’s Degree in pedagogy from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua. Ellen works with her husband, Elmer Zavala, in a local house church ministry of mostly undocumented Mexican immigrants through Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. She has a passion for shifting the mission paradigm towards an ever-deeper vision and experience of mutual service in which all are “giver” and “receivers.” Ellen and Elmer have three boys ages 14, 11, and 5.*

1-H Managing a Church Building Project- Clare Lewis and Catherine Lynch

This workshop will provide congregations considering a building project with concrete suggestions and ideas on how to manage the process successfully. Concepts addressed will include: how to get started; how much the congregation can afford to borrow; does the project require a capital campaign? Since most churches will only have one major building project in the life of its current congregation, it is likely that the church leadership has not been through this process before. Help make your church's building project a positive experience by attending this important workshop. *Clare Lewis, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing for the Presbyterian Investments and Loans Program (PILP), has seventeen years of experience developing marketing and sales programs in the not-for-profit industry. Catherine Lynch, Development Specialist, East Coast, for the Presbyterian Investment and Loans Program (PILP), works in the Synods of the Trinity, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeast. She works directly with churches and middle governing bodies in her area providing them with loan investment information. Read more about Clare and Catherine on the Featured Leaders page.*

1-I Ministry of the Ruling Elder – Jim Deavor

We will discuss together what it means to be a ruler elder, the responsibilities that come with this ordered ministry, and share some resources to learn more about governance as well as spiritual development. *Jim Deavor is a ruling elder at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, the executive director of the Hands of Christ ministry, and the immediate past moderator of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.*

1-J Ringing in Worship: Intermediate Handbells- Diane Hader

Join us as we explore a few intermediate pieces and take some time to brush up on your technique, sight-reading, perhaps try some four-in-hand, and check out our new chimes! This group will play in worship, so some ability to read music or previous bell ringing experience is helpful. (Limited to 15 ringers.) *Diane Hader has been ringing bells for over 30 years, starting in her high school bell choir. She has been directing the beginning and intermediate handbell choirs at MPPC for 18 years as well as playing in the adult handbell choir at MPPC and with various groups over the years.*

1-K Sacred Ground: Christian Stewardship of Death- Russ Blackwelder

This workshop will explore the realities of death in the United States today, looking at the topic from medical, cultural, and theological perspectives to better equip 21st century Christians toward a more faithful engagement of life's final frontier. *Russ Blackwelder, M.D.; M.Div., is Assistant Professor and Director of Geriatric Education in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is also a Teaching Elder in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and the Associate Medical Director at The Village of Summerville. He is married to Dorothy Blackwelder and resides in Summerville, where Dorothy and he live with their three children.*

1-L Worship's Tapestry- Charles Frost

This workshop will explore worship- what do we mean by worship? What helps make worship meaningful? What are all of those different sections of worship? What is the liturgical year? What is involved with planning worship? What are some resources which will help me understand worship better? This workshop will explore these questions and more. Pastors, musicians, and lay people will find this class useful. *Charles Frost began his music studies at an early age playing the organ and directing choirs in churches as a high school sophomore. He has a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree of Music in Church Music. Charles currently serves as Minister of Music, organist and choir director at the Sea Island Presbyterian Church in Beau-*

SESSION #2 12:45PM—2:00PM

2-A The Art of Kintsugi: Finding Beauty in Brokenness- Pat Jones and David Hutchinson

The art of Kintsugi takes broken pottery, china, or valuable heirlooms and secures them back together with real gold and lacquers, thus highlighting the breaks and creating something different and in some regards even more valuable. Brokenness is an expected and normal experience in every human being. The art of Kintsugi is an exercise, tool, a spiritual practice for moving toward what has been broken and to work with the breaks as a way to make it part of one's story. Participants must bring a porcelain or china cup, saucer or a piece of tile that has significant meaning to them to the workshop. The attendee will have to break their item, and then put it back together with glue and gold paint. (Limited to 12 participants) *Pat Jones is a ruling elder at St. James Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a candidate for ordered ministry with the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. She is a recent graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, SC. She recently completed her service on the presbytery's Visioning Task Force. Pat is married and has two children. David Hutchinson is the Manager of Clinical Pastoral Education at Roper St. Francis Healthcare Systems. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, GA and he is an ordained Baptist minister. He and his wife, Jessica, are the parents of twin boys, and have two dogs, Oliver and Emmylou.*

2-B Beginning Bells/Handchimes – Diane Hader

Explore basic ringing techniques, handbell notation, and even make a little music! If your church is considering starting a bell choir – join us for this hands on session! This group is open to beginning ringers of all ages. (Limited to 20 ringers.) *Diane Hader has been ringing bells for over 30 years, starting in her high school bell choir. She has been directing the beginning and intermediate handbell choirs at MPPC for 18 years as well as playing in the adult handbell choir at MPPC and with various groups over the years.*

2-C Called to Be a Deacon- Audrey Deas

This workshop will be centered around the “call” to service as a deacon, the responsibilities of a deacon from a biblical and administrative perspective. Also, we will look at the deacon's call to be compassionate in their call to work cooperatively with the session, their call to visit the sick; the lonely, etc. Bring a copy of the *Book of Order*. *Audrey Deas is from Johns Island, SC. She retired from Trident Technical College as an Education and is an Honorably Retired Teaching Elder member of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.*

2-D Creating Creative Spirituality Centers- Adrian Williams

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2-E Engaging Every Member in Ministry- Ridgley Joyner

The Book of Order states that “membership is both a joy and a privilege.” Come join in on the conversation as we seek to engage disciples into the life and ministry of the church in meaningful ways. *Ridgley Joyner is the Associate Pastor of Every Member in Ministry at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. She is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and was ordained in 2015 to her first call at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.*

2-F Experiencing the Bible: Part I- Jack Miller

The Bible is a gift from God. Throughout the centuries, people of the Book have experienced the text in a variety of ways. Our ancestors heard and recited the stories that their children's children eventually committed to writing. We live in a privileged age where the Bible is more accessible to people than at any other point in history. As Reformed people, we value the opportunity to read, study, and try to understand the Bible on our own. The passage of time continues to open new ways of understanding and interpreting the Bible. People tend to favor certain methods of reading and interpreting Scripture, yet the rich tradition of various methods is also a gift from God, and we should try to understand the history of both. When we gain a basic understanding of the Bible's history and experience different methods of interpretation, we open ourselves to new ways of enjoying the gift of Scripture and become more effective in sharing this gift with others. The first part of this workshop will focus on an overview of the history of how the Bible came to be and how Christians have read, interpreted, and applied it throughout the ages. Participants are not required to register for Part II of this workshop. *Jack Miller is Associate Pastor of Christian Education at Sea Island Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, SC. Prior to his call to SIPC, he served as a Director of Youth and Family Ministries and as a Children's Pastor.*

2-G Green Marshes and Still Waters: Kayaking in God's Creation- Clark Scalera

This two-session workshop will take participants to nearby Shem Creek where they will explore the salt marsh and their faith, all from the cockpit of a kayak. Special attention will be given to learning about the ecosystem of the Low Country, local plants and wildlife, and fostering spiritual disciplines that connect us to God through intentional engagement with God's creation. There is a \$30 additional fee to cover the cost of kayak rentals, which will be paid at the conclusion of our paddle. All experience levels are welcome, though be prepared to be active for two-hours. (Limited to 14 participants) *The Rev. Clark Scalera grew up in Tampa, Florida where he first developed a love of the ocean, fishing, and kayaking. The grandson of missionaries to the Congo, Clark inherited a deeply faithful heritage and a broad, global understanding of the church. He spent formative years in camp and conference ministry where he learned the value of community, of giving and receiving grace, and of enriching Christian faith by taking notice of God's handiwork in the outdoors. He attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia and now serves as a part-time Parish Associate at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian. He is also a Master Naturalist for Coastal South Carolina and enjoys leading guided kayaking tours in the area.*

2-H Healthcare and the Christian Church- Russ Blackwelder and Bill Johnston

This workshop will examine the role of the Christian Church in health care delivery from the early church to today. *Russ Blackwelder, M.D.; M.Div., is Assistant Professor and Director of Geriatric Education in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is also a Teaching Elder in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and the Associate Medical Director at The Village of Summerville. He is married to Dorothy Blackwelder and resides in Summerville, where Dorothy and he live with their three children. Bill Johnston, BS, MS (pharmacy), PhD (Business Administration), is a former hospital pharmacist, pharmacy director, and Associate Dean of Pharmacy. He has served the church as a deacon, elder, and Stephen Minister. Bill is currently a student in the presbytery's Lay School of Theology. Russ Blackwelder, M.D.; M.Div., is Assistant Professor and Director of Geriatric Education in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is also a Teaching Elder in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and the Associate Medical Director at The Village of Summerville. He is married to Dorothy Blackwelder and resides in Summerville, where Dorothy and he live with their three children.*

2-I How to Structure Time with God- Carrie Bowers Barnes

If, as John Calvin says, prayer is the “chief exercise of faith,” then why is it so hard to find the words or find the time? In this workshop, we’ll talk about prayer- what it is and what it is not. We’ll name the obstacles that keep us from meaningful time spent with God and share options and ideas for cultivating a life-giving and intentional prayer life. Participants will leave with a variety of ideas and resources for shaping a personal devotion disciple. *Carrie Barnes is the Associate Pastor of Buford Presbyterian Church in Sugar Hill, GA. She grew up in the Dorchester Presbyterian Church and is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Columbia Theological Seminary. Carrie loves engaging God’s Word with disciples of all ages (especially in the places where God’s Word intersects giving, service, and mission). When not at church, she and her husband, Hamilton, love spending time with their sweet baby boy, Miller.*

2-J Non-Violence as Christian Discipleship- Paul T. Roberts

Our world is plagued by violence. It affects every segment of the American population. Even the Church has at times in its history has been both the victim and the victimizer. The purpose of this workshop is to explore the principles of non-violence as they relate to the Christian faith and discipleship. *Rev. Paul Roberts is the President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Read more on the Featured Leaders page at the front of the brochure.*

2-K Parenting in a Fakebook World: How Social Media is Affecting Parenting- John Ryan

Raising a family can be a lot of pressure in our Instagram-happy, Snapchat, Pinterest-perfect culture. With so many friends and followers posting and, yes, bragging about their kids and lives, how does "oversharenting" affect us as parents? And more important: What is it doing to our kids? In this workshop we will be discussing how to be a parent and how to parent in today’s social media age. *John Ryan is the Interim Director of Adult Education and Engagement at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Read more about John on the Featured Leaders page.*

2-L Supporting Global Missions from Home- Elizabeth Little

Come learn how you and your congregations can get involved with Presbyterian World Mission. Discover how the PC(USA) is working around the world through a wide range of ministries carried out by mission workers and church partners. Gain practical tools to discern congregational mission work, learn about ways to support mission across the world and find out how to connect local mission with global ministries. *Elizabeth Little has been a Church Support Fund Associate with the Presbyterian Mission Agency since January 2013. She works with congregations in the Eastern part of the United States, building awareness of the agency’s World Mission ministry area and raising financial support for international mission personnel. Previously, Elizabeth served for four and a half years as Global Outreach Director for Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. In this role, she nurtured relationships with the congregation’s international ministry partners, facilitated classes and forums on mission, and led short-term mission teams to Brazil, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, and Malawi. Elizabeth’s mission experience also includes one year of service on the Gulf Coast, where she served with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She was PDA’s volunteer village coordinator, managing the six villages that provided temporary housing for people helping with relief efforts. Before entering full-time church service, Elizabeth worked for the Westin Charlotte as Senior Catering Sales Manager/Conference Sales Manager. Her 18 years in the hospitality industry also included positions at the Hilton Charlotte and Towers and Walt Disney World Resorts. Elizabeth is based in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. She serves the congregation as an elder and as chair of its Global Missions Committee. Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned a Master of Arts in Christian education degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary’s Charlotte campus.*

2-M 222nd General Assembly: We Were There- Donnie Woods and CAP GA Commissioners

Come hear about the 222nd General Assembly experiences from our presbytery commissioners. Commissioners are: Becky Albright, Maggie Beamguard, Bob Capers, Jim Collett, Dhmir Grant (Young Adult Delegate), Margaret Mitchell-Rivers, and Marilyn Muckenfuss.

2-N What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian? Jim Deavor

In this double-session workshop we will explore together through a guided discussion format what it means to be a Presbyterian, historically, theologically, in practice, and in governance. *Jim Deavor is a ruling elder at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, the executive director of the Hands of Christ ministry, and the immediate past moderator of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.*

SESSION #3 2:15PM—3:30PM

3-A Creating Creative Spirituality Centers- Adrian Williams

What makes a good spirituality center? What is a spirituality center, anyway? With all of these classes, is there a space to just reflect? If you are asking any of those questions, come join us as we look at how one might create a Spirituality Center in your church, and then take some time to experience one ourselves here at STEPS. (Limited to 12 participants) *Adrian Williams is the Director of Educational Ministry at Harbor View Presbyterian Church and a self-described "Quaker-terian" when it comes to spirituality. He has a passion for helping churches find creative ways to connect faith with life.*

3-B Experiencing the Bible: Part II- Jack Miller

The Bible is a gift from God. Throughout the centuries, people of the Book have experienced the text in a variety of ways. We have inherited many methods of reading and understanding Scripture, yet each of us tends to favor one or two over the others. Whether from a lack of exposure, or a lack of practice, we neglect the rich rewards of experiencing Scripture in different ways. The second part of this workshop will focus on learning and engaging different methods of reading and interpreting Scripture that Christians have practiced for thousands of years, but may be new to participants. Anyone may participate in this workshop, even if they have not attended Part I. *Jack Miller is Associate Pastor of Christian Education at Sea Island Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, SC. Prior to his call to SIPC, he served as a Director of Youth and Family Ministries and as a Children's Pastor.*

3-C Healing the Sick: A Primer on Healthcare Delivery in the U.S.- Bill Johnston

In light of Christ's charge to heal the sick, how are we doing? This session will provide an overview of the U.S. health care system as a foundation for discussion of the role of the Christian church. *Bill Johnston has a Bachelor of Science degree; Masters of Science degree in pharmacy, and a PhD in Business Administration. He is a former hospital pharmacist, pharmacy director, and Associate Dean of Pharmacy. Bill has served the church as a deacon, elder, and Stephen Minister. He is currently a student in the SC Lay School of Theology.*

3-D Praying with Beads: An Introduction to Protestant Prayer Beads- Carrie Bowers Barnes

Have trouble focusing on prayer? Have a mind that wanders? Prayer beads have been used for centuries to help provide focus and centering to the practice of prayer. In fact, the word “bead” comes from the Old English word, *bede*, meaning “prayer.” In this workshop, we’ll explore the history and use of prayer beads through the ages, what makes them “protestant,” and how you can use them to deepen your own prayer life. We’ll also make a set of prayer beads to take home. *Carrie Barnes is the Associate Pastor of Buford Presbyterian Church in Sugar Hill, GA. She grew up in the Dorchester Presbyterian Church and is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Columbia Theological Seminary. Carrie loves engaging God’s Word with disciples of all ages (especially in the places where God’s Word intersects giving, service, and mission). When not at church, she and her husband, Hamilton, love spending time with their sweet baby boy, Miller. (Limited to 20 participants)*

3-E Shout On Gullah Shout On- Dorothy Montgomery

This workshop will be a PowerPoint presentation using quilt images, sharing a history of a people- the Gullah, their traditions, one of their contributions- the spiritual. Spirituals once omitted from mainstream hymnals are now included. Participants will be invited to sing spirituals found in the *Glory to God* hymnal. Quilts illustrate the history. Poetry, essays, fiction utter the history. Songs engage the audience in the history. *Dorothy Montgomery is a retired public school teacher. She has a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree of Music Education. She is an author, fabric chronicler, storyteller, and church organist/director. Her quilts have been exhibited locally, nationally, and internationally.*

3-F Talking with Youth about Tragedy- John Ryan

Shootings, violence, bullying and heart ache. Questions like these bring forth all sorts of emotions and questions. Yet, despite the overwhelming tragedy we can be consoled with the knowledge that our God is no stranger to heartbreak. Jesus enters into our messes. Jesus is present with us in our grief. And in this way, Jesus models for us the ministry of presence. Jesus shows us that to serve, the most important step is the first step: show up. We may feel intimidated by these discussions. We may feel inadequate to lead them. But our youth need a safe space to tell their stories and process their feelings. Come to learn some strategies for creating safe places for youth to process what is going on in the world around them. *John Ryan is the Interim Director of Adult Education and Engagement at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Read more about John on the Featured Leaders page.*

3-G What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian (continued)- Jim Deavor

In this double-session workshop we will explore together through a guided discussion format what it means to be a Presbyterian, historically, theologically, in practice, and in governance. *Jim Deavor is a ruling elder at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, the executive director of the Hands of Christ ministry, and the immediate past moderator of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.*

3-H Who is Jesus?: What a Difference a Lens Makes- Pie Mikell

The 2016-17 Presbyterian Women/*Horizon’s* Bible study will respond to the question, “Who is Jesus?” using the theological lenses of each of the four canonical gospels, the Apostle Paul, the book of Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, other Abrahamic faiths, and contemporary culture. This workshop will give an overview of the study, suggested supplemental resources, and begin the conversation around, “Who is Jesus?”. *Pie Mikell is the Associate for Congregational Nurture with the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.*

WORKSHOPS BY SESSION

SESSION 1 | 9:00am-10:15am

- 1-A Clerks of Session
- 1-B Creating Creative Spirituality Centers
- 1-C Engaging College Students and Young Professionals
- 1-D Evangelism in the 21st Century
- 1-E Give Us Ears to Hear: Encountering Scripture
- 1-F "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live"
- 1-G Leading a Life-Changing Short-Term Mission Trip
- 1-H Managing a Church Building Project
- 1-I Ministry of the Ruling Elder
- 1-J Ringing in Worship: Intermediate Handbells
- 1-K Sacred Ground: Christian Stewardship of Death
- 1-L Worship's Tapestry

SESSION 2 | 12:45pm-2:00pm

- 2-A The Art of Kintsugi: Finding Beauty in Brokenness
- 2-B Beginning Bells/Handchimes
- 2-C Called to Be a Deacon
- 2-D Creating Creative Spirituality Centers
- 2-E Engaging Every Member in Ministry
- 2-F Experiencing the Bible: Part I
- 2-G Green Marshes and Still Waters: Kayaking in God's Creation
- 2-H Healthcare and the Christian Church
- 2-I How to Structure Time with God
- 2-J Non-Violence as Christian Discipleship
- 2-K Parenting in a Fakebook World: How Social Media is Affecting Parenting
- 2-L Supporting Global Missions from Home
- 2-M 222nd General Assembly: We Were There
- 2-N What Does It Mean to be Presbyterian?

SESSION 3 | 2:15pm-3:30pm

- 3-A Creating Creative Spirituality Centers
- 3-B Experiencing the Bible: Part II
- 3-C Healing the Sick: A Primer on Healthcare Delivery in the US
- 3-D Praying with Beads: An Introduction to Protestant Prayer Beads
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- 3-H Who Is Jesus?: What a Difference a Lens Makes

BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE DAY!

- The ON-SITE BOOKSTORE will exhibit and sell books, curriculum, and other educational resources.
- INFORMATIONAL DISPLAYS will provide resources and face-to-face contacts for those interested in retreats, church sponsored institutions, and opportunities for many facets of ministry.
- COME AND SEE old friends and create new relationships by interacting with others during gathering time, lunch, or break time.
- WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES including Morning Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary and a closing worship service at 3:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- AUCTION OF MORNING WORSHIP PAINTING Staci Sarkowski will interpret the worship experience through visual arts. This painting will be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Lynda McKay Scholarship.

WHAT TO BRING & HELPFUL HINTS

- YOURSELF AND A FRIEND! PLEASE CARPOOL.
- A NOTEBOOK, BIBLE, BOOK OF ORDER, BOOK OF CONFESSIONS, open mind, open heart, worshipful spirit, and a desire to grow in faith and hope.



PAYMENT OPTIONS:

All payments must be received at the Presbytery office by **August 10th**.

Payment is accepted by check, cash, or PayPal.
Please make checks payable to **Charleston Atlantic Presbytery**.

Online registration is available at www.capresbytery.org/steps

Payment for Walk-In registration is by Check or Cash.

Please register by **August 10th** so we can plan adequate meals and space requirements. Workshops may be canceled if less than 6 people are registered by August 10th.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

ADULT EARLY BIRD | JULY 15 DEADLINE | \$25

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT (UP TO AGE 35) | AUGUST 10 DEADLINE | \$15

SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES | AUGUST 10 DEADLINE | \$15

ADULT | AUGUST 10 DEADLINE | \$35

WALK-IN REGISTRATION | AUGUST 27 | \$40

— MEMBERS OF SMALL CHURCHES —

NEW THIS YEAR! We want to encourage participation from our smaller membership congregations. If you are a member of a church with fewer than 150 members, you can register for STEPS for only \$15!

— LYNDA MCKAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP —

Need based scholarships are available from the Lynda McKay Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications are available with the other STEPS information on the presbytery website. Lynda McKay was a member of Harbor View Presbyterian Church and served our presbytery as chair of the Leadership Development Ministry Unit and Moderator. She was involved with S.T.E.P.S. from its inception. Lynda was affectionately known as “Madame Registrar.”

— LIMITED CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE —

Childcare for infants through fifth grade is offered free of charge, but you must pre-register by August 10th. Please complete the “Childcare Needs” section of the registration form. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. If your child has food allergies, please bring their lunch.

NEED HELP DECIDING WHAT TO TAKE?

Here are few suggestions:

Parents: *Talking with Youth about Tragedy; Parenting in a Facebook World;*

Ruling Elders: *What Does It Mean to Be Presbyterian?; Ministry of Ruling Elders; Evangelism in the 21st Century; 22nd General Assembly; Clerks of Session*

Mission Ministry: *Leading a Life-Changing Short-Term Mission Trip; Supporting Global Missions from Home; Non-Violence as Christian Discipleship*

Deacons: *Sacred Ground; Called to Be a Deacon; Healing the Sick; Healthcare and the Church; The Art of Kintsugi*

Youth Ministry: *Talking with Youth about Tragedy; Parenting in a Facebook World; Leading a Life-Changing Short-Term Mission Trip; Praying with Beads; Creating Creative Spirituality Centers*

Children's Ministry: *Creating Creative Spirituality Centers; Prayer Beads*

Adult Ministry: *Engaging Every Member in Ministry; How to Structure Time With God; Give Us Ears to Hear; Creating Creative Spirituality Centers; Evangelism in the 21st Century; Engaging College Students and Young Professionals; Who is Jesus?; Shout on Gullah, Shout On; Green Marshes and Still Waters, Non-Violence*

Teaching Elders: *Evangelism in the 21st Century, Experiencing the Bible, Engaging College Students and Young Professionals; Sacred Ground, Supporting Global Missions from Home; Managing a Church Building Project; Engaging Every Member in Ministry; 22nd General Assembly; Worship's Tapestry*

Personal Faith Formation: *Praying with Beads; Art of Kintsugi; How to Structure Time with God; Give Us Ears to Hear; Creating Creative Spirituality Centers; Green Marshes and Still Waters; "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live"; Shout On Gullah, Shout On*

Worship Ministry: *Worship's Tapestry; Intermediate Handbells; Beginner Handbells/Chimes;*

LOTS MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE, SO KEEP LOOKING!

REGISTRATION FORM

We encourage you to pre-register so we can plan for lunch and space requirements.

Workshops may be canceled if less than 6 people are pre-registered by August 10th.

If you don't pre-register there is no guarantee we will be able to provide you with lunch.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

Youth: _____ Young Adult (up to age 35): _____ Adult: _____ Small Church (under 150 members): _____

PAYMENT: \$ _____ Amount from individual \$ _____ Amount from Church \$ _____ PayPal Amount

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION-JULY 15 DEADLINE: \$25

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT (up to age 35) REGISTRATION-AUGUST 10 DEADLINE: \$15

MEMBER OF SMALLER CHURCH - AUGUST 10 DEADLINE: \$15

REGISTRATION-AUGUST 10 DEADLINE: \$35

WALK-IN-REGISTRATION DAY OF EVENT: \$40

Online registration at www.capresbytery.org/steps

Payment is accepted by cash, check, or PayPal. Day of registration by cash or check only. Make checks payable to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

WORKSHOP CHOICES: Please record workshop number and here:

Session #1 _____

Session #2 _____

Session #3 _____

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Accessibility: _____

Food: _____

CHILDCARE NEEDS: *We encourage congregations to provide childcare for their participants. However, limited childcare will be available at the event, but **you must register for it by August 10th.***

Name: _____ Age: _____ Name : _____ Age: _____

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