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Marty,

As the longer, leap month of February gets underway, we hope that the wealth of information and resources below will help you get ready for the holy season ahead. Below you will find the latest edition of the Quarterly Resource Preview. Please feel free to share the information below far and wide! I am always thrilled to grow this email list if you feel this information helpful/valuable in the hands of other folks, please let me know!

Thank you for all you do in support of the PC(USA) we are all grateful for your partnership!

Blessings,

-Sy

PS the Spanish and Korean Translations of this email and accompanying materials will be available within the week. You can access them at [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\) - Quarterly Resource Preview \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org/quarterly-resource-preview)

Special Offerings | Support One Great Hour of Sharing: [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of this Offering, which started with a radio show in 1949. Typically received on Easter Sunday, which this year falls on March 31, the annual Offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. All three programs work to serve individuals and communities in need to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. Find resources [here](#). Posters, minutes for mission, bulletin inserts and offering envelopes are available in English, Spanish and Korean.

Looking for information for Special Offerings dates in 2024? Click [here](#).

Presbyterian Giving Catalog: Igniting Generosity with a Playful Twist at APCE! As we journey through the season of Lent into Easter, what better way to engage our youth than with innovative, hands-on activities? The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is thrilled to have sparked curiosity *and* generosity at this year's Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) annual event with an exciting I Spy Activity — a testament to how simple ideas can profoundly touch lives and communities.

While the APCE event may be over, the spirit of discovery and giving continues. Encourage children to delve into the Giving Catalog I Spy Activities, designed to nurture young hearts and minds toward passionate generosity.

Here's how to keep the momentum going:

- **Embark on a Generosity Quest:** Use our I Spy Activity Instructions to help youth explore meaningful gifts that can change lives.
- **Color for a Cause:** [Download](#) our I Spy Coloring Sheets from chickens to veggies and let the creativity flow. Use each masterpiece to contribute to a quilt-style tapestry of giving.
- **Social Sharing with Heart:** Share your I Spy discoveries and coloring creations on social media with the hashtag #GenerosityPGC. Let's spread the word and inspire a community-wide wave of kindness.

Let's harness the excitement from APCE and continue to foster a culture of giving in our Sunday schools. The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is your partner in this journey of generosity, one playful spy and color at a time. Find the I Spy Activity instructions and coloring sheets [here](#).

2024 Special Offerings Action Kit: The [2024 Action Kit](#) should be in your hands now, and is full of great resources to help you with Special Offerings and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog! Spanish and Korean versions will be available online in early 2024. If you would like more hard copies (English version), contact Customer Service at 800-533-4371 or customer_service@presbypub.com.

Pillars of the Church: The 2024 Special Offerings Action Kit you received includes a poster for you to hang in a public space, promoting the PC(USA)'s recurring giving initiative, Pillars of the Church. Individuals can go to pcusa.org/pillars (or use the QR code included on the poster to get there) and designate a monthly, sustaining gift to provide foundational support to one or more specific ministries of the Church. Automatic, recurring giving is the easiest, most effective way to support PC(USA) mission and ministries all year long. Contact Joey Brown, Ministry Engagement Associate, at joey.brown@pcusa.org or 502-569-5068 if you would like additional posters mailed to you.

World Mission's Year in Review 2023: True mission partnership is about building relationships, learning from one another and walking together in faith and friendship. Together we can build the body of Christ around the world. [Download World Mission's "2023 Year in Review" flyer](#) to learn more about our work, and the work of the Young Adult Volunteer program, last year.

Matthew 25 Being Connected: Welcome to the next steps in the transformative journey of the Matthew 25 movement, [Being Connected](#), a series of ongoing conversations dedicated to delving into the pillars of the Matthew 25 movement — building congregational vitality, eradicating systemic poverty and dismantling structural racism.

Building on the foundation laid by the Matthew 25 Summit, these sessions aim to deepen our understanding and engagement with key challenges such as poverty, vital congregations, climate change, heteropatriarchy, gender justice and militarism. The Matthew 25 *Being Connected* events aim to foster a sense of connection, awareness, and action through insightful discussions, collaborative conversations, shared learnings and resources. Join us in this meaningful exploration as together we strive to create positive change, empower communities, and embody the principles of justice, compassion and love. (These events will not be available in Spanish and Korean.)

February:

- **Matthew 25 Continued Conversations: Eradicating Systemic Poverty:** Join ministry leaders for support and to share ideas, dreams, challenges, and resources. Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 22, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (ET). Register [here](#).
- **Presbyterian Online Book Study “Poverty by America”:** Join us on Zoom for a free four-week book study of Matthew Desmond’s book, “Poverty, by America.” Mondays, Feb. 5, 12, 26, 7:30–8:45 p.m. (ET). All are welcome. Register [here](#).
- **Matthew 25 Continued Conversations: Vital Congregations:** Join ministry leaders for support, explore the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations and share questions, ideas, challenges and resources. Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 21, 3–4:30 p.m. (ET). Register [here](#).
- **Matthew 25 Continued Conversations: Intersectional Priorities:** Join ministry leaders to explore your questions and needs around the Intersectional Priorities: Climate Change, Gender Justice and Heteropatriarchy, and Militarism. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. (ET). Future meeting dates will be determined by group. Register [here](#).

March:

- **Matthew 25 Continued Conversations: Eradicating Systemic Poverty:** Join ministry leaders for support and share ideas, dreams, challenges and resources. Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (ET). Register [here](#).
- **Matthew 25 Continued Conversations: Vital Congregations:** Join ministry leaders for support, explore the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations and share questions, ideas, challenges and resources. Wednesdays, March 6, 20, 3–4:30 p.m. (ET). Register [here](#).
- **Imagining a Future Beyond Systemic Poverty and Structural Racism:** Is such a future possible, probable or just a passing, pollyannish wish of well-intentioned do-gooders? If it is possible, what then? Join the Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, director of the Center for the Repair of Historic Harms, and Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, deputy executive for Vision and Innovation from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, to sanctify our stunted imaginations toward a future God might be pulling us, a future where systemic poverty and structural racism are history. This is one of two Zoomversations seeking to catalyze solutions-focused imagination, attitudes, planning and action. Monday, March 18, 7 p.m. (ET). Register [here](#).

Click [here](#) to find more upcoming events in April and May.

An Invitation to Lament and Hope: A Witness from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky: A report and worship resources from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky, which were created for and shared with the 225th General Assembly (2022), invite the mid councils and worshipping communities of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to intentionally *share in lament* and *give voice to hope* within their own ecclesiastical, historical and social contexts. Resources available include an original hymn, “Come Bear Witness”; a video; and a compilation of liturgical resources on lament and hope: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/matt-25-resources.

Order your free Peacemaking Program devotional: Celebrate four decades of the Commitment to Peacemaking with this free devotional. This new resource contains 40 devotionals that are timeless and relevant. It touches upon a number of peacemaking emphases, includes reflections from a wide variety of contributors, and is yours for free. Simply click [here](#) to order (shipping charges apply).

Exploring the Legacies and Lessons of the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. South: May 28–June 6, 2024: Apply by Feb. 23 and join the Peacemaking Program as we embark on a pilgrimage to Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, Jackson, the Mississippi Delta and Memphis. In this travel study seminar, we will visit historically important sites of the Civil Rights Movement, learn about the lives of the people who made up the movement, meet with leaders and those who can share stories of those times, and wrestle with the legacies of racism and white supremacy even as they reappear in our communities and nation today. [Click here](#) for details.

2024 Worship & Music Conference: Join the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) in Montreat, North Carolina, this summer for the annual Worship & Music Conference. This year's dynamic programming for musicians and worship leaders alike centers around the theme "Lead Us Homeward." PAM will offer two sessions of workshops, seminars, voiced and handbell choirs, and engaging community-building activities June 16–21 and June 23–28. This conference should not be missed. Registration and housing are open now. More information about the conference can be found [here](#), or you can see all of the resources offered by PAM [here](#).

Cultivating Community: The Presbyterian Association of Musicians' (PAM) Rocky Mountain Region is excited to share our event Cultivating Community! Church members, pastors, music directors, worship leaders, choir members and more are invited to join us March 7–9 at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Denver. Conference participants will have their faith revived and rooted through enlivening worship, meaningful workshops and plenary sessions that engage what it means to connect with one another and God through worship and the community we know as church. Featuring sessions from: the Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson; the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper; Kelly Abraham, executive director of PAM; and more. View our faculty and workshops or register today to claim your spot by visiting us [here](#).

The Gift of Small: The Association of Smaller Congregations (Synod of the South Atlantic) Annual Conference, Feb. 29–March 3, 2024: Now in its 35th year at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simon's Island, Georgia, the Association of Smaller Congregations is partnering this year with regional branches of PAM (Presbyterian Association of Musicians) and APCE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) to broaden the scope of their conference. Rich worship, inspiring keynote addresses, nuts and bolts workshops, time for sabbath renewal and plenty of table fellowship makes this a valuable conference for church members, ruling elders, CREs and pastors of smaller membership congregations. Keynote speaker Mark Tidsworth will inspire us to trust our small boats to the Spirit's flow. Conference musician Luke Browder will guide us through worship planning for the small membership church. Representatives from PC(USA) agencies will be on hand to answer questions about the rich resources available to our smaller membership congregations. And you will be there — sharing your best practices and stories of God's Spirit at work in your context. Check with your presbytery for scholarship possibilities and [register](#) today!

Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2024: Mark your calendars for Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2024. The gathering will be May 17–19 in the Washington, D.C., area and carry the theme "Faith in Action: Advancing Human Rights and Peace for All." Most events will be on May 18. Full details, including the venue, will be announced at a later date. Registration of \$175 per person will cover meals and refreshments, and discounted parking rates will be available. For more information, contact [Ivy Lopedito](#).

Churches for Middle East Peace is having their advocacy summit April 9–11: Join Churches for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C., to mark Four Decades of Pursuing Peace at the annual Advocacy Summit from April 9–11, 2024. Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) is a coalition of more than 30 national church communions and organizations working to encourage U.S. policies that actively promote just, lasting and comprehensive resolutions to conflicts in the Middle East. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a founding member of the organization and has a seat on the board.

At this year's conference, spend time looking back at CMEP's 40-year history while hearing how CMEP will continue its work to advocate for peace and justice for all in the Middle East. You will also have a chance to advocate directly with your congressional offices. Past keynote speakers have included Mitri Raheb, Munther Isaac and Congresswoman Betty McCollum. Save the dates and join fellow Presbyterians and ecumenical colleagues to lift your voice for peace and justice in the Middle East! Click [here](#) for more information.

2024 Tread Lightly for Lent: The Presbyterian Hunger Program strives to walk with people in moving toward sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and Creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate, which translates to warmer temperatures, rising sea levels and severe storms, just to name a few. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth. In Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us. Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year. Visit presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent.

2024 Eco-Palms: As people of faith, there is so much we can and must do to care for God's Creation. Even our most basic sacraments wouldn't be possible without the gifts of the Earth. Ordering Eco-Palms can also protect forests, local jobs and sustainable livelihoods in the harvesting communities when we choose to use them for our worship services. The order deadline is March 1, 2024! Visit pcusa.org/eco-palms.

New Digital Resource Catalog from the PC(USA) Store: The PC(USA) Store has a [new digital Christian Education and Ministry catalog for 2024](#) containing direct links to resources for the easiest way to learn more about our resources. Check out our curricula offerings for all age groups, along with books for seasonal study and devotion, group study, ministry and leadership, and children's picture books. Additionally, there are sections focusing on our resources available in Spanish and Korean.

New from the Presbyterian Publishing Corp: "[Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms](#)," by Elizabeth F. Caldwell: This book provides a simple but profound approach of pausing with the psalms during Lent. In addition to the individual devotion and group study material found in the book, you can access free digital resources, which include a sermon series guide, children's bulletins, discussion starter videos, and illustrated sheets for use during worship or study, at wjkbbooks.com/pause. It is 35% off at PC(USA) Store, costing \$11.05. [Read an excerpt](#). Note: There are no Spanish- or Korean-language versions/resources.

"Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus," by Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Tyler D. Mayfield: This book guides readers on a Lenten journey, urging us to view the marginalized as God does, reflect on how privilege and uncertainty can hinder our focus, and persevere in justice work.

In addition to the individual devotion and group study material found in the book, you can access free digital resources, which include a sermon series guide and discussion starter videos at wijkbooks.com/hardandholyywork. It is 35% off at PC(USA) Store, costing \$11.05. [Read an excerpt](#). Note: There are no Spanish- or Korean-language versions/resources.

[Special Days and Emphasis Sundays](#)

Listed below are the special days and emphasis Sundays through mid-November. If a date below is not hyperlinked to available resources, please visit the [Special Days and Emphasis Sundays](#) site for ongoing updates.

February

World Interfaith Harmony Week Begins (Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024)

Remember our Chaplains – Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies (Feb. 4, 2024)

[Presbyterian Media Sunday](#) (Feb. 4, 2024)

Thursdays in Black (Feb. 8, 2024)

[Camp and Retreat Sunday](#) (Feb. 11, 2024)

[Souper Bowl of Caring](#) (Feb. 11, 2024)

Presidents' Day (Feb. 19, 2024)

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14, 2024)

[PDA Blue T-Shirt Sunday](#) (Feb. 18, 2024)

March

World Day of Prayer (March 1, 2024)

International Women's Day (March 8, 2024)

[Celebrate the Gifts of Women](#) (March 10, 2024)

[Self-Development of People](#) (March 10, 2024)

Fasting Season of Ramadan begins (Monday, March 11, 2024)

Justice Advocacy Sunday (March 17, 2024)

[Matthew 25: Build Congregational Vitality Sunday](#) (March 17, 2024)

Forgiveness Sunday (March 17, 2024)

[Mr. Rogers Day](#) (Wednesday, March 20, 2024)

Palm/Passion Sunday – Holy Week begins (March 24, 2024)

Good Friday (March 29, 2024)

Great Vigil of Easter (March 30, 2024)

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter; [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) (March 31, 2024)

April

International Roma Day (April 8, 2024)

Black Maternal/Birthing Health Week begins (April 11–17, 2024)

[International Day of Farmers' Struggles](#) (April 17, 2024)

[Earth Day](#) (April 22, 2024)

[Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day](#) (April 24, 2024)