



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## WEEKLY PRESBYTERY LETTER - FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Stated Clerk

### Let's Enjoy Presbytery!

Peace River Presbytery gathers this Thursday at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church in Sarasota for our first meeting in 2015. Our gatherings help us live into our Baptism. We gather to "glorify God, and enjoy him forever." (**The Shorter Catechism, 7.001**) We gather "to affirm congregations, connect disciples in mission, and to be the body of Christ together." (Peace River Presbytery Mission Statement) Oh, yeah, we also do a little business when we gather. Our Keynote speaker for this meeting is Dr. Amy Hanson, the author of the groundbreaking work, ***Baby Boomers and Beyond***. Dr. Hanson will explore opportunities and challenges that the older adult population presents for the Christian community. So, put on your kilt; remember our heritage; come enjoy Presbytery!

I enjoy Presbytery. My family has been involved with Presbytery meetings for generations. One of my ancestors donated land for a Presbyterian congregation in North Carolina prior to the American Revolution (his daughter married into the Witherspoon family); I would like to hear about your Presbyterian heritage during our fellowship time. I am not always pleased with the decisions made, but I am always pleased that we come together to seek the will of Christ for his church. I love my fellow presbyters and the open, honest way we work together.

Let's glorify and enjoy God together.

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody  
Stated Clerk  
Peace River Presbytery

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

*(Click on the links or download the attachments.)*

[February 26 & 27: Baby Boomers & Beyond with Dr. Amy Hanson](#)



As we face a drop in church membership and the next generation of retirees moving to Florida and NOT automatically coming to church, as has been the habit of past generations, breathe, don't panic, but do something. Keep your calendar marked for the presentation of [Amy Hanson](#), *Baby-Boomer and Beyond* ([click here for more info](#)) at the Stated Meeting of PRP on February 26, and the regional workshops on Friday, February 27.

[February 28 & March 1: God's Call To Mission with Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell](#)

When we wonder what is God up to in the world, is the global church in trouble?... breathe...God is at work as God has been for a long time. Mark your calendars for a Saturday morning, February 28<sup>th</sup>, presentation by Hunter Ferrell, Director of Global Missions for the PCUSA ([click here for video](#)).



**STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY**

Thursday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.\*  
Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, Sarasota  
6135 Beechwood Avenue | Sarasota, 34231

\*The Finance Team will be available from 9:00 – 9:20 a.m. to answer questions  
In Room #209 of the Sanctuary Building.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Amy Hanson on *Baby Boomers & Beyond*

\*\*The published lunch reservation deadline was Monday, February 23.

**MISION PENIEL**

*A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworkers in Immokalee*

The Mision Peniel Task Force continues to meet and build the support and structure for continuing this vital ministry. If you want to make a donation to support this recovery effort you may send the check (marked Mision Peniel) to Peace River Presbytery | 5600 Peace River Rd. | North Port, FL. 34287.

- Volunteer Position Opening: Publications Coordinator ([click for information](#))
- Meal Serving Schedule ([click for information](#))
- Collection Centers for Mision Peniel Supplies ([click for information](#))
- Critical Needs List ([click for information](#))

**BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC.**

*A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma*

[Winter 2015 Newsletter](#)

[Fall 2014 Newsletter](#)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The following are position openings in PRP churches.

Click on the title for more information.

[Music Director](#) – Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

[Part-Time Choir Director](#) – Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

[Interim Choir Director](#) – Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice

[Organist / Pianist / Accompanist](#) – Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

## **PRAYER NEEDS:**

### **Please continue to pray for:**

- The family of Rev. Dr. Robert M. C. Ward, who recently passed away.
- The family (Martha Chaney) and friends of Rev. Paul Chaney (retired), who recently passed away.
- The family and friends of Dr. Stephen Hayner, who recently passed away.
- Alesia Sharpe, PRP Office Manager, in the passing of her 25-year old son, Christopher, on January 14 from complications related to Muscular Dystrophy.
- Sung and Hope Lee, in the recent passing of Sung's close uncle, Rev. Dr. Syngman Rhee, Moderator of the 212<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
- Pat Woody and family, in the loss of Rev. Dr. Ray Woody, Pastor Emeritus of Siesta Key Chapel.
- Anita Adkison, mother of Rev. Dr. Stephen Adkison, Pastor of Chapel By The Sea – recovery from breast cancer surgery and treatment to follow. Lives in Arkansas.
- Rev. Susan Rice, Associate Pastor of Faith, Cape Coral – health
- Greg Beckwith (son of Jim and Becky Beckwith) – kidney failure – is undergoing dialysis and is on a kidney transplant list. Greg is also diabetic and underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery in June 2013.
- Glenn Beisser (father of Rev. Devon Beisser Ducheneau, Stated Supply Pastor for Wintergarden P.C.) – lung cancer and heart issues
- Hmingi Browne's (A.P. of Church of the Palms) sister, Nutei – health
- Donna Blaser (wife of Wayne Blaser) – PRAISE REPORT – the lymphoma is in remission!
- Grandson of Tim and Martha Halverson - suffering from a rare autoimmune disease.
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
- Misión Peniel
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
- Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers in Madagascar
- Les and Cindy Morgan, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers in Bangladesh
- Pastors and Educators in transition
- Nations in crisis

## CHURCH PRAYER GUIDE: MARCH 2015:

March 1	<u>Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Chuck Wiggins email: <a href="mailto:cjw049@gmail.com">cjw049@gmail.com</a>
March 8	<u>Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice</u> Pastor: Rev. Chris Romig email: <a href="mailto:cromig@venicepresbyterian.org">cromig@venicepresbyterian.org</a> Associate Pastor: Rev. Lyn Olson email: <a href="mailto:lolson@venicepresbyterian.org">lolson@venicepresbyterian.org</a> Associate Pastor: Rev. Todd Reinschmidt email: <a href="mailto:treinschmidt@venicepresbyterian.org">treinschmidt@venicepresbyterian.org</a>
March 15	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Arcadia</u> Temporary Supply Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Henry email: <a href="mailto:irrev.rev.316@gmail.com">irrev.rev.316@gmail.com</a>
March 22	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Doug Pratt email: <a href="mailto:dpratt@fpcbonita.org">dpratt@fpcbonita.org</a> Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Paul Fahnestock Email: <a href="mailto:pfahnestock@fpcbonita.org">pfahnestock@fpcbonita.org</a> Associate Pastor: Rev. Steven Grant Email: <a href="mailto:sgrant@fpcbonita.org">sgrant@fpcbonita.org</a>
March 29	<u>Braden River Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Rev. Glenn Buzbee, Jr. email: <a href="mailto:revglennb@gmail.com">revglennb@gmail.com</a>

## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: MARCH 2015

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)

### March 2

Planning Team

### March 5

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

### March 10

Committee On Ministry

### March 12

Finance Team / Board of Trustees  
Nominations/Representation Committee @ St. Paul's P.C.

### March 19

Steering Committee

### March 26

Mision Peniel Task Force @ Vanderbilt P.C.

**March 29**  
Palm Sunday