



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



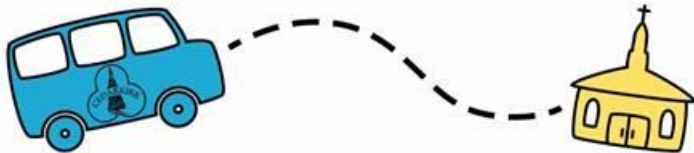
Weekly Presbytery Letter – May 26, 2016
Rev. Dr. John Reiter, Executive Director of Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center

Summer at Cedarkirk

This is an incredibly busy and exciting time of the year for your camp and conference center! Here at Cedarkirk, our summer staff are arriving and will soon begin training for a fun-filled and faith-building season of ministry. We are thrilled to report that enrollment is at an all-time high for this point in the spring and we are looking forward to what God has in store when the campers arrive. While many camp sessions have filled, there are still plenty with openings and we would appreciate your help in letting your church family and friends know about these opportunities.



TRAVELING DAY CAMP 2016 | Fearless Faith



Adding to the excitement this summer is the unveiling of our new program: Traveling Day Camp. In the Traveling Day Camp, we will jam some staff and as many camp supplies as we can into one of our huge vans to bring a camp experience to local churches. We are excited to provide engaging, community-building

programs for campers who may not be able to attend camp at Cedarkirk, and look forward to deepening ties with the host congregations. Host churches, in turn, can provide a unique Christian education program to engage families in their communities and enlist volunteer church members to be part of a Cedarkirk program. The response from interested congregations has been overwhelming and we quickly filled our available weeks for 2016. This summer we are thrilled to partner with three churches in Peace River Presbytery: Venice Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, and Peace Presbyterian Church.

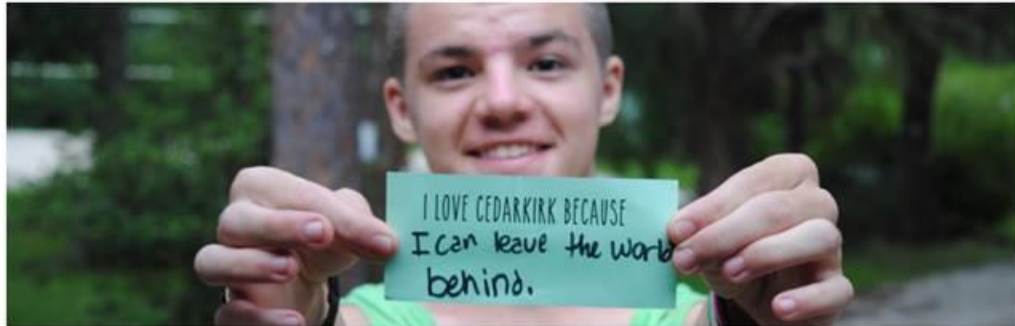
We are also delighted to be continuing our progress towards the construction of a new Dining Hall and Retreat Cottage, as well as the remodeling of the Cedar Lodge meeting and dining space. Our capital campaign has just begun and we look forward to sharing more with you later in the year.

Camp is a place where God changes lives and your partnership is critical. At the end of last summer, we heard from a mother who shared that her middle school son came home different. Earlier in the year, he stopped attending youth group and wasn't interested in going to church. He was generally very negative and didn't really want to go to Cedarkirk. Following his week at camp, he was much more positive, began attending youth group again, and wanted to lead the family in prayer each evening. We also heard from an older elementary camper who struggles with anxiety that Cedarkirk was one of the few places she felt welcomed, loved, and could be herself, could be who God created her to be. Also, in two weeks we will celebrate the ordination of Meghann Pabst. Meghann is a lifelong camper and summer staff



member who shares that her experiences at Cedarkirk were substantial in her faith development and her discernment of God's call.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Cedarkirk is a place of welcome, growth, and transformation. Thank you for sharing with us in ministry. Your partnership is critical and helps to provide amazing experiences for God's children of all ages. Thank you for coming on retreat, for sending campers and staff, for your support and for your prayers.



BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC.

A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma

Summer will be here before you know it! Beth-El has numerous mission opportunities for adults and youth. From leading Vacation Bible School, to work groups helping out in our community, to scholarships for kids to go to camp at Cedarkirk, there are many ways your church can help support this valuable mission. Call Javier today at 813-633-1548 ext. 228, or email him at Javier@beth-el.org to learn more.

Kathy

Kathleen Dain
Executive Director

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[www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org)  
[May Newsletter](#)

# **CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

*A place apart to build up the body of Christ in love.*

[www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)

**Summer is coming soon!** It is hard to believe, but summer camp preparations are already underway. This summer's theme, FEARLESS FAITH, will help campers focus on how they become part of, gain support from, and build their own Christ-centered communities. By looking at leaders from the Bible who used communities given to them by God, campers will be empowered to draw courage from friends, family, and community, stand up to injustice and help change attitudes, forgive others, and connect to and welcome all people. Please help Cedarkirk by letting the children and youth of your church or community know about the unique opportunities available this summer. We are also looking for volunteer nurses and worship leaders for the week-long sessions.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at (813) 685-4224 or visit [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org).

## **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

- Collection Centers for Mision Peniel Supplies ([click for information](#))
- Critical Needs List ([click for information](#))

## **Articles that have come across my desk or been sent to me (Graham):**

[Americans are more polarized than ever. We United Methodists don't want to be.](#)

The Washington Post: In an ever-more-polarized society, the United Methodist Church this week has tried to model an approach to disagreement that the U.S. political system would do well to emulate, Tom Berlin and Mike McCurry say.

Ministry Matters: [All things are possible](#)

[Mayberry 2016](#)

Religion News Service: Real Mayberrys tend to be places where folks know how to work through new social realities. Mark Silk would like to propose "Mayberry 2016," a new sitcom that does just that.

[Let's face it: Americans just aren't this pope's favorites](#)

Crux: One defining -- and unsurprising -- feature both of Francis' personality and his approach to governance is a distinct ambivalence about the United States and about Americans.

[What keeps believers from talking about faith in public?](#)

Deseret News National: Fear of how other people will respond to religious discussion guides --or, rather, halts -- many believers' attempts to bring up their faith with family, friends or strangers.

[Methodist conference seen as confusing even to God](#)

Religion News Service: Whether or not God was confused, many people were during the 11-day roller coaster ride that was General Conference, which ended Friday.

Christianity Today: [Evangelicals cheer pro-life vote at Methodist conference](#)

[No one warned me that ministry would make a mortician out of me](#)

Baptist News Global: Kyndall Rae doesn't know if you have noticed, since there is constantly so much else going on, but grief is all around us.

[Chirlane McCray enlists New York clergy in mental health outreach](#)

The New York Times: Clergy across New York City were talking to their flocks over the weekend about mental health as part of an ambitious education push by Chirlane McCray, Mayor Bill de Blasio's wife.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Pastoral Intern – Overview](#) – [Position Description](#) – Siesta Key Chapel
- [Finance Secretary \(part time\)](#) – Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

### PRAYER NEEDS:

#### Please pray for:

- Will & Hmingi Browne – loss of Will’s sister last week, in Seattle, WA.
- Bill Setchel (former Financial Secretary for PRP) – loss of his mother, Virginia Setchel, last week.

#### Please continue to pray for:

- Jim & Becky Beckwith - health
- Robert Dennis, Son of Rev. India Dennis – mental health issues
- Greg Beckwith (son of Jim and Becky Beckwith) – on kidney transplant list
- 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

### CHURCH PRAYER GUIDE: MAY-JUNE 2016:

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| May 1 | <u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer<br>Email: <a href="mailto:jhaberer@vpcnaples.org">jhaberer@vpcnaples.org</a><br>Associate Pastor: Rev. Tammy Letts<br>Email: <a href="mailto:tletts@vpcnaples.org">tletts@vpcnaples.org</a> |
| May 8 | <u>St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, North Port</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rafael (Ray) Quiles<br>Email: <a href="mailto:stpaulspres1@comcast.net">stpaulspres1@comcast.net</a>                                                                                                 |

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| May 15 | <u>Palmetto Presbyterian Church, Palmetto</u><br>Pastor: Rev. John Foulkrod<br>email: <a href="mailto:jfoulkrod@ppcfl.org">jfoulkrod@ppcfl.org</a>                                                                                                                                      |
| May 22 | <u>First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u><br>Temporary Supply Pastor: Rev. Terri Jo Crego<br>email: <a href="mailto:pastor@fpcpc.com">pastor@fpcpc.com</a>                                                                                                                       |
| May 29 | <u>Wintergarden Church, Port Charlotte</u><br>Temporary Supply Pastor: Rev. Devon Beisser Andrews<br>email: <a href="mailto:revdev08@gmail.com">revdev08@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                  |
| June 5 | <u>Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart<br>email: <a href="mailto:sunburn1320@mac.com">sunburn1320@mac.com</a><br>Associate Pastor: Rev. Cassie Todd<br>email: <a href="mailto:pastorcassie@bspconline.org">pastorcassie@bspconline.org</a> |

**PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: MAY 2016**

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

**May 30**

Memorial Day Observed – PRP Offices Closed



**CHURCHES OF PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

(click on church name to link to its web site)

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| <a href="#">Braden River Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton      |
| <a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton     | <a href="#">Palma Sola Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton |

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| <a href="#">Westminster Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton                                                                   | Palmetto Presbyterian Church,<br>Palmetto – <a href="mailto:office@ppcfl.org">office@ppcfl.org</a> |
| <a href="#">Christ Church of Longboat Key</a><br>Longboat Key                                                                   | <a href="#">Peace Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Lakewood Ranch                                       |
| <a href="#">Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Sarasota                                                                      | <a href="#">Church of the Palms,</a><br>Sarasota                                                   |
| <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Sarasota                                                                          | <a href="#">Northminster Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Sarasota                                      |
| <a href="#">Pine Shores Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Sarasota                                                                    | <a href="#">Presbyterian Church of the<br/>Covenant,</a> Sarasota                                  |
| <a href="#">Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Sarasota                                                              | <a href="#">Siesta Key Chapel,</a><br>Sarasota                                                     |
| <a href="#">Trinity Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Venice                                                                          | <a href="#">Venice Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Venice                                              |
| <a href="#">Community Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Englewood                                                                     | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Arcadia                                              |
| <a href="#">St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,</a><br>North Port                                                                   | <a href="#">Burnt Store Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Punta Gorda                                    |
| Wintergarden Presbyterian Church,<br>Port Charlotte<br><a href="mailto:devon.ducheneau@gmail.com">devon.ducheneau@gmail.com</a> | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Port Charlotte                                       |
| <a href="#">Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church,</a><br>North Fort Myers                                                           |                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">Faith Presbyterian Church</a><br>Cape Coral                                                                         | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Lehigh Acres                                         |
| <a href="#">Buckingham Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Fort Myers                                                                   | <a href="#">Covenant Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Fort Myers                                        |
| <a href="#">Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Fort Myers                                                                 |                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">Hope United Church (PCUSA),</a><br>Fort Myers                                                                       | <a href="#">Chapel by the Sea,</a><br>Fort Myers Beach                                             |

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| <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Bonita Springs |                                                                  |
| <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples         | <a href="#"><u>Lely Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples       |
| <a href="#"><u>Moorings Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples      | <a href="#"><u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples |