



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter – October 14, 2016

## Peace River Presbytery 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: A Festival of Worship and Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs**

Join us for a wonderful celebration, including a Mass Choir, Brass Band,  
Processional of Banners, Displays from all of our Churches,  
and much more!

This celebration will follow the  
**Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery,**  
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (including lunch)

8:00 a.m. ~ Registration for the Stated Meeting Begins  
9:00 -9:30 a.m. ~ Financial Forum with the Presbytery's Board of Trustees and Treasurer  
*(This is a great opportunity to ask questions of the Presbytery's proposed 2017 budget,  
Three Streams of Funding, and more).*

Lunch is \$12.00 and payable at registration. The cost includes morning refreshments.  
**\*\* Lunch Reservations are required no later than noon, Friday, November 4. \*\***  
Contact Lori Doyal at the Presbytery Office: [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org) / 941-426-8421  
Include the names of everyone in the reservation and the church name.

We will also be celebrating the:  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of the first women into the denomination,  
our Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mision Peniel

Special Guest: Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderator of the General Assembly

Letters have already been sent to Pastors, Clerks of Session, and Church Offices  
with details. Please check with them and continue checking future Presbytery Newsletters  
and Special Notices for additional information regarding this  
special day in the life of your Peace River Presbytery.

**TO: All Peace River Presbytery Choir Directors**

Dear Colleagues in Ministry:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I'm Bill Teng, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Arcadia. As you may already know, 2016 is the 25th anniversary of Peace River Presbytery and the presbytery Steering Committee has asked the Planning Team to plan a Festival of Worship & Thanksgiving to be held at **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs.**

As part of the worship, I've been charged to put together a combined choir which would include singers representing every one of our 37 congregations in the Presbytery. It is my hope that each choir director would consider rehearsing the following two anthems with their choir and we'll then put it all together in a final rehearsal (with a seven-piece brass choir) at 12:45 P.M. on the day of the service.

The two anthems are:

**"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" by John F. Wilson**

(Originally published by Hope Publishing Company, F928, 1970)

(Out of print but I have permission from the publisher to reproduce it for this occasion)

**"Upon This Rock" by John Ness Beck** (with congregation participation)

(I have ordered copies and will provide them at the dress rehearsal)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhuYi5PjHMo>)

I'm attaching copies of these two anthems\* for rehearsal purposes only. If you and your choir are able and willing to participate in this joyous event in thanking God for 25 years of blessings on our presbytery, **please let me know immediately by emailing to: [pastor@FirstPC.church](mailto:pastor@FirstPC.church)**; and then by October 15, send me the number of singers and the parts they sing.

I look forward to ministering alongside all of you in expressing to God our gratitude and hope!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Bill Teng

On behalf of PRP Planning Team

*\*A separate email, with the attachments, has been sent out twice to the churches.*

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

*A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma*

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, November 5th** ([flyer and reservation form](#))

\*Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is planning its 40th anniversary celebration for the week of November 5th-6th. In preparation, we are seeking individuals willing to donate their air miles to help support national speakers who will be traveling to Beth-El to speak at the event. For more information, or to donate, please contact Kathy Dain at 813-633-1548.

\*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](mailto:Javier@beth-el.org) to learn more.

*Kathy*

Kathleen Dain  
Executive Director

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

## **CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

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

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

*The dust from summer camp has settled and the singing and laughter of exuberant campers and summer staff have been replaced by the twitter of crickets and cicadas. We are entering our fall ministry of hospitality and look forward to welcoming all of the guests and retreat groups who call this place a home away from home.*

*We invite you to join us as we celebrate 45 years of camp and conference ministry during our annual Homecoming Weekend, September 2-4, 2016. Whether you can spend the weekend or visit us on Saturday only, we'd love to welcome you back to this special place as we fellowship and worship together.*

*Thank you for supporting Cedarkirk and holding this ministry in your prayers for the last 45 years. We look forward to witnessing God's handiwork here in the years to come!*

For additional information, 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 Team 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](#))

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

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

- Nathan Hart (Graham's son) and his family – Nathan was recently diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson – recovery from neck surgery.
- Phil Kuehl (husband of Rev. Elizabeth Kuehl, Faith, Cape Coral) – continued recovery
- Rev. Dr. Paul Eckel - health
- 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: OCTOBER 2016:**

October 2	<u>Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Pulpit Supply Email (office): <a href="mailto:wpresbyterian@verizon.net">wpresbyterian@verizon.net</a>
October 9	<u>Faith Presbyterian Church, Cape Coral</u> Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Halverson email: <a href="mailto:tim@fpcf.org">tim@fpcf.org</a> Associate Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Kuehl Email: <a href="mailto:elizabeth@fpcf.org">elizabeth@fpcf.org</a>
October 16	<u>Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood</u> Pastor: Rev. Dawn Mayes email: <a href="mailto:revdawnmayes@gmail.com">revdawnmayes@gmail.com</a>
October 23	<u>Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Randy Moody email: <a href="mailto:bpcpastor@comcast.net">bpcpastor@comcast.net</a>
October 30	<u>Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe email: <a href="mailto:jdeyoe@covpcfm.com">jdeyoe@covpcfm.com</a>

**PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2016**

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

**October 20**

Steering Committee (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

**October 22**

Session Records Review Workshop at Covenant P.C., Fort Myers (9:00 a.m.)

**October 24**

Nominations and Representation Committee (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

**October 27**

Church Vitality and Growth Task Force (1:00-3:00 p.m.)



**CHURCHES OF PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

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

<a href="#">Braden River Presbyterian Church,</a> Bradenton	<a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a> Bradenton
<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church,</a> Bradenton	<a href="#">Palma Sola Presbyterian Church,</a> Bradenton
<a href="#">Westminster Presbyterian Church,</a> Bradenton	Palmetto Presbyterian Church, Palmetto – <a href="mailto:office@ppcfl.org">office@ppcfl.org</a>
<a href="#">Christ Church of Longboat Key</a> Longboat Key	<a href="#">Peace Presbyterian Church,</a> Lakewood Ranch
<a href="#">Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church,</a> Sarasota	<a href="#">Church of the Palms,</a> Sarasota
<a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a> Sarasota	<a href="#">Northminster Presbyterian Church,</a> Sarasota
<a href="#">Pine Shores Presbyterian Church,</a> Sarasota	<a href="#">Presbyterian Church of the Covenant,</a> Sarasota
<a href="#">Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church,</a> Sarasota	<a href="#">Siesta Key Chapel,</a> Sarasota
<a href="#">Trinity Presbyterian Church,</a> Venice	<a href="#">Venice Presbyterian Church,</a> Venice

<a href="#"><u>Community Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Englewood	<a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Arcadia
<a href="#"><u>St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,</u></a> North Port	<a href="#"><u>Burnt Store Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Punta Gorda
Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte <a href="mailto:devon.ducheneau@gmail.com"><u>devon.ducheneau@gmail.com</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Port Charlotte
<a href="#"><u>Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church,</u></a> North Fort Myers	
<a href="#"><u>Faith Presbyterian Church</u></a> Cape Coral	<a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Lehigh Acres
<a href="#"><u>Buckingham Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Fort Myers	<a href="#"><u>Covenant Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Fort Myers
<a href="#"><u>Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Fort Myers	
<a href="#"><u>Hope United Church (PCUSA),</u></a> Fort Myers	<a href="#"><u>Chapel by the Sea,</u></a> Fort Myers Beach
<a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Bonita Springs	
<a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Naples	<a href="#"><u>Lely Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Naples
<a href="#"><u>Moorings Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Naples	<a href="#"><u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church,</u></a> Naples

