



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter – April 13, 2017



CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

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

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This Week's Focus: THE SHEPHERDS' SABBATH

Easter is nearly upon us! As everyone in our churches is focused on serving the Lord during this extremely busy season, we wanted to remind you of an opportunity for peace and rest.

Each year Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center offers a FREE retreat for church professionals just after Easter (April 17-19). It's a chance to rest, relax, and continue our Easter connection with God in a beautiful setting, and also to form deeper connections with other pastors in our Presbytery. If you're a pastor or church staff person, we hope you and your family will join us!

Details can be found at, <http://cedarkirk.org/programs/shepherds-sabbath/>

Thanks,
Matthew Shick
Program Director
Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center

Other 2017 Events:

- The Shepherds' Sabbath - *A free retreat for church professionals and their families.* April 17-19
- Spring Bash - *This popular retreat gives kids a 24-hour taste of Cedarkirk fun.* April 21-22,
April 28-29
May 5-6

- Open House - *The perfect way to spend an afternoon! Come and enjoy Cedarkirk!* May 13
- Summer Camp - *Our traditional week-long residential camps for 1st-12th graders.* June 4-July 28
- Challenge to Change - *A unique mission-trip program designed for a variety of groups.* Year-round
- Family Retreat - *Our annual family retreat and reunion event! Come and reconnect!* Sept. 1-3
- Silent Retreat – *A new retreat designed for folks who are seeking space to listen to God.* TBA
- Falltastic - *A special fall event designed for our elementary friends.* Sept. 29-30
- Senior Adults Retreat - *A day-event designed just for our senior friends.* Oct. 11
- Fusion - *A Cedarkirk event for middle and high school youth!* Nov. 10-12 & 17-19
- Christmas Retreat – *A little bit of summer camp at Christmas time!* Dec. 22-23

*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.

FAITH PLACE SAFETY WORKSHOP

To honor the policy that all ministers and ministerial inquirers and candidates shall be required to attend a seminar offered by the Presbytery **biennially** on the issues of sexual misconduct, a ***Faith Place Safety Workshop*** will be offered on **Tuesday, May 2nd** at First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte (2230 Harriet Street, Port Charlotte.)

Schedule:

- Registration – 8:30 a.m.
- Workshop – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (lunch included)
- Cost - \$10.00 payable at Registration

Who should attend?

All Pastors, Staff, and Elders with roles in Christian Education and Personnel, Inquirers, and Candidates.

Reservations are necessary. Email: alesia@peacriverpresbytery.org, call the Presbytery Office: 941-426-8421, or fax the Presbytery Office: 941-423-9412. Include the names and titles of those who will be attending.

If unable to participate in the Presbytery-offered training, the minister shall work with Presbytery to find a suitable alternative. Failure to comply may result in investigation and discipline.

We are fortunate that Patti Jung, Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics, St. Paul School of Theology, and author of “Professional Sexual Ethics”, has agreed to facilitate the workshop. This year’s offering will discuss: Child Protection to include such topics as mandatory reporting, confidentiality, two-deep adult leadership rule, screening of volunteers; background checks, and specific Florida law considerations.

Note: A notice and flyer for this important event were sent to all Churches, Members of Presbytery, Candidates, and Inquirers last month.

BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC.

A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma

POSITION OPENING:

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry supports farmworkers and our neighbors in need through Hunger Relief, Education, Health Care, and Spiritual Development. The mission currently has an immediate opening for a Youth Leader to oversee the youth programs at the mission. Responsibilities include leading Tuesday night youth group, occasional weekend field trips, and summer child and youth programs. Ideal candidate should have some theological training, work well, and enjoying working with, children and teens from various backgrounds. Average number of hours per week will vary from 20 to 35 hours per week. Candidate must have a clean driving record and submit to a background check. Please submit

resume and three references to info@beth-el.org. No Phone Calls Please. Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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MISION PENIEL

A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworkers in Immokalee

Please be sure to contact us to schedule your next visit and reserve a date to volunteer at Mision Peniel! Thank you for your ongoing partnership with this mission!

UPDATE:

We are planning an Open House at the new location after Easter. In the meantime, please make note of the following updated contact and address information:

Staff Contacts:

- Rev. Miguel Estrada, Pastor, P: 239-633-2181, E: migustrada@hotmail.com
- Ruth DeYoe, Mission Coordinator, P: 386-793-6151, E: ruthdeyoe@gmail.com
- General Email: misionpenielpeaceriver@gmail.com

Addresses:

- Facility Address: 208 Boston Ave., Immokalee, FL 34142 (not for mailing)
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34153
- Mailing Address for Contributions*: Peace River Presbytery, 5600 Peace River Road, North Port, FL 34287

***Contributions to Mision Peniel:**

- Mail to: Peace River Presbytery, 5600 Peace River Road, North Port, FL 34287
- Checks can be made payable to Peace River Presbytery or to Mision Peniel.
- Please note *Mision Peniel* in the memo section.
- Contributor information is provided to Mision Peniel each month.

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### **Other Information:**

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

## **POSITION OPENING**

[Director of Worship Arts – Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda](#)

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

### **Please pray for:**

• The family and friends of Rev. Frank Hutchison, who passed away April 1. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, April 17, 2:00 p.m., at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Avenue, Anna Maria Island, FL 34216.

**Please continue to pray for:**

- Kathryn Pendergrass (wife of Rev. Dr. Daniel Pendergrass) - diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer
- Robert Berger – Rev. Dr. Jim Berger’s 96-year old father. Hospitalized in PA from an apparent stroke
- Jim & Becky Beckwith – health
- Rev. Dr. Clint Cottrell (Pastor of Cypress Lake P.C.) - health
- Nathan Hart (Graham’s son) and his family – health
- Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson – continued recovery from extensive neck surgery
- Phil Kuehl (husband of Rev. Elizabeth Kuehl, Faith, Cape Coral) – continued recovery
- Rev. Dr. Paul Eckel - 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

**PRESBYTERY PRAYER GUIDE: APRIL 2017:**

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| April 2  | <u>Cedarkirk Camp &amp; Conference Center</u><br>Executive Director: Rev. John Reiter<br>Email: <a href="mailto:john@cedarkirk.com">john@cedarkirk.com</a>   |
| April 9  | <u>Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Randy Moody<br>Email: <a href="mailto:bpcpastor@comcast.net">bpcpastor@comcast.net</a> |
| April 16 | <u>Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe<br>Email: <a href="mailto:jdeyoe@covpcfm.com">jdeyoe@covpcfm.com</a>          |

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| April 23 | <u>Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clinton Cottrell<br>Email: <a href="mailto:clint@clpc.us">clint@clpc.us</a>                    |
| April 30 | <u>Hope United Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Kevin Morris<br>Email: <a href="mailto:pastor@hopeunitedchurch.net">pastor@hopeunitedchurch.net</a> |

**PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: APRIL 2017**

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

**Thursday, April 13**

Maundy Thursday

**Friday, April 14**

Good Friday – PRP Offices Closed

**Sunday, April 16**

Easter

**Wednesday, April 19**

Board of Trustees / Finance Team (9:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, April 20**

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, April 27**

Congregational Vitality Team at Babcock Ranch (12:30 p.m.)



**CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

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

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--|
| <b><i>Arcadia</i></b>                     | <b><i>Bonita Springs</i></b>              |  |
| <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a> | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a> |  |
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| <b>Bradenton</b>                                  | <b>Bradenton</b>                                 | <b>Bradenton</b>                                 |
| <a href="#">Braden River Presbyterian Church</a>  | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>        | <a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church</a>     |
| <a href="#">Oak Pointe Church</a>                 | <a href="#">Palma Sola Presbyterian Church</a>   | <a href="#">Westminster Presbyterian Church</a>  |
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| <b>Cape Coral</b>                                 | <b>Englewood</b>                                 | <b>Fort Myers Beach</b>                          |
| <a href="#">Faith Presbyterian Church</a>         | <a href="#">Community Presbyterian Church</a>    | <a href="#">Chapel by the Sea</a>                |
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| <b>Fort Myers</b>                                 | <b>Fort Myers</b>                                | <b>Fort Myers</b>                                |
| <a href="#">Buckingham Presbyterian Church</a>    | <a href="#">Covenant Presbyterian Church</a>     | <a href="#">Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church</a> |
| <a href="#">Hope United Presbyterian Church</a>   |                                                  |                                                  |
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| <b>Lakewood Ranch</b>                             | <b>Lehigh Acres</b>                              | <b>Longboat Key</b>                              |
| <a href="#">Peace Presbyterian Church</a>         | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>        | <a href="#">Christ Church of Longboat Key</a>    |
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| <b>Naples</b>                                     | <b>Naples</b>                                    | <b>Naples</b>                                    |
| <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>         | <a href="#">Lely Presbyterian Church</a>         | <a href="#">Moorings Presbyterian Church</a>     |
| <a href="#">Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church</a>    |                                                  |                                                  |
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| <b>North Fort Myers</b>                           | <b>North Port</b>                                | <b>Palmetto</b>                                  |
| <a href="#">Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church,</a> | <a href="#">St. Paul's Presbyterian Church</a>   | <a href="#">Palmetto Presbyterian Church</a>     |
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| <b>Port Charlotte</b>                             | <b>Port Charlotte</b>                            | <b>Punta Gorda</b>                               |
| <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>         | <a href="#">Wintergarden Presbyterian Church</a> | <a href="#">Burnt Store Presbyterian Church</a>  |
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| <b>Sarasota</b>                                   | <b>Sarasota</b>                                  | <b>Sarasota</b>                                  |
| <a href="#">Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church</a>     | <a href="#">Church of the Palms</a>              | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church</a>        |
| <a href="#">Northminster Presbyterian Church</a>  | <a href="#">Pine Shores Presbyterian Church</a>  | <a href="#">Presby. Church of the Covenant</a>   |
| <a href="#">Siesta Key Chapel</a>                 |                                                  |                                                  |
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| <b>Venice</b>                                     | <b>Venice</b>                                    |                                                  |
| <a href="#">Trinity Presbyterian Church</a>       | <a href="#">Venice Presbyterian Church</a>       |                                                  |

