



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ July 12, 2018

### BLESSING GRANTS

The Peace River Blessing Grants is a forward looking effort to use dedicated money to aid our congregations in developing new initiatives and reaching out into our communities in new and imaginative ways.

Last fall we were able to award the first \$25,000. We were blessed to receive a variety of proposals from churches of every size imaginable. It was fun to see the thought and creativity that went into each proposal. Some of these are complete and others are still a work in progress.

At an upcoming Presbytery meeting we will have a Lessons Learned time from those awarded grants. They will share what worked, what did not work, lessons they learned along the way, and inspire all of us to think outside the box and listen for the direction of the Spirit in each of our contexts.

This year, we switched to one award cycle a year. This meant we have more money to award, but it also meant that we need to be very thorough and careful in getting good information and documentation. We had fewer applications and we went back to almost all for additional clarification and information. The Task Force is still in the process of making award decisions to forward to the Steering Committee.

This round of applications is even richer in the diversity of approaches and creativity of thought. I am excited to announce, in the coming months, who has been awarded a grant and how that will be utilized.

We are hopeful that the corpus in the fund will soon reach at least one million dollars and grow beyond that. That will provide strong resources in the years ahead.

If you are interested in applying for a grant in 2019, the time to begin is now! Engage your session in the discussions and begin to give creative and imaginative thought into how you can better reach out into your community.

May God bless these grants and enable us to be a conduit of His blessings to the communities and congregations we serve.

~ Wally Johnson, Blessing Grants Task Force Moderator

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Called Meeting of Peace River Presbytery

Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

Venice Presbyterian Church

More information to follow.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of ARCADIA**  
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

11 o'clock worship with a potluck luncheon to follow.

RSVPs to [office@firstpc.church](mailto:office@firstpc.church) by August 1.

**CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

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

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

*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).

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

*A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma*



PO Box 860 | Wimauma, FL 33598

Phone: 813-633-1548 ext. 223

Web: [www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org)

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Beth-El Farmworker Ministry has the following employment opportunities:

- Part-time Worship Music Leader - Must be bi-lingual with good teaching and musical skills to lead newly formed music group for Sunday Worship.
- Summer Programming Assistant - Part time position working Beth-El staff in coordinating summer youth programming.

For more information, or to apply, [email info@beth-el.org](mailto:info@beth-el.org)

**MISION PENIEL**

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

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Braden River Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

[Part Time Administrative Assistant](#)

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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, North Port

[Music Director for the Traditional Service](#)

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First Presbyterian Church, Arcadia

[Part-Time Children and Youth Director](#)

## **PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: JULY 2018**

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

All meetings are at the Presbytery Center location in North Port, unless otherwise posted.

### **Tuesday, July 17**

GPNC Task Force (1:00 p.m.)

### **Thursday, July 19**

Steering Committee (9:00 a.m.)

## **CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

Please visit our web site, [www.peacriverpresbytery.org/churches](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org/churches)

Click on the city, then the church, to visit their web site.



