



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ August 2, 2018

A Travelogue by Presbytery Moderator, Elder Charmaine Ponkratz

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

So, where have summer adventures taken you? For the last 6 months I have been on a road trip of sorts, north and south, along this Presbytery to discover the work that is being done in the name of Christ. This time I am asking you to do some traveling with me.

First stop: **August 9 at a Called Presbytery meeting at Venice Presbyterian Church at 9:00 a.m.** In the spirit of my travelogue you might say that we are being called to gather for two very important adventures. One is the ordination of Carolyn Wilson who is being brought forward by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Committee on Ministry and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee of Venice Presbyterian. This is an adventure that is well known to the Presbytery; examining a candidate, considering the recommendation of those involved in the search and affirming God's work in Venice.

An adventure that is not as familiar is that of electing a General Presbyter Nominating Committee (GPNC). The joint work of the Steering Committee and Nominating Committee will bring forward a slate of candidates to serve on the search committee. Since we last gathered in May you have submitted nominations for the GPNC, you have reacted to the priorities of the strategic directions being considered and have provided input to the important competencies and responsibilities of our next General Presbyter. If you missed any part of that trip you may find your way to the Presbytery website and check out either the [General Presbyter Search](#) or the [Strategic Directions](#) icons.

Join us in these unpathed waters as we take unpathed adventures to discover unpathed shores. The meeting is expected to adjourn before lunch.

A few other stops: The **Presbytery Regional Gathering** meetings are scheduled for **September 5** at First Presbyterian, Naples (in the afternoon), **September 6** at Community Presbyterian, Englewood (in the morning) and at Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton (in the afternoon). More information will be coming to you regarding these opportunities.

A side trip: In conjunction with the Regional Gatherings your Clerks of Session will be able to participate in the Annual Records Review. Clerks should have received a letter with dates, times and the checklist to complete before attending the review workshop. Reservations are required; please make your plans to attend known to one of the meeting hosts. Detailed information appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

In case you missed it: Two **additional records review workshops** will be held on **September 22** at Holy Trinity, North Fort Myers (our Stated Clerk will be providing training) and **October 6** at Northminster Presbyterian, Sarasota. Detailed appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

In the spirit of the travel theme, let's be mindful that every exit is an entry somewhere else.

I'll be seeing you back on the road.

Charmaine Ponkratz, your fellow servant and humble moderator

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Thursday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Venice Presbyterian Church
825 The Rialto | Venice, FL 34285

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Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

No Lunch

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The Meeting Packet is posted on the Presbytery's Website.

Go to: [http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/Events & News/Stated and Called Meetings](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/Events%20&%20News/Stated%20and%20Called%20Meetings)

At that point, you will need to use the user name and password to access "Highlights, Minutes and Packets".

If you need assistance, please contact the Presbytery Office, 941-426-8421.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of ARCADIA

120th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, August 26th

11:00 a.m. worship with a potluck luncheon to follow.

RSVP to office@firstpc.church by August 1st.

SEPTEMBER REGIONAL GATHERINGS

(Please note dates and locations; more information will follow.)

Southern Region: Wednesday, September 5th | 1:00-4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Naples

Northern Region: Thursday, September 6th | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

Central Region: Thursday, September 6th | 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

Records Review Workshops will be held in conjunction with each of the Gatherings. See schedule below.

RECORDS REVIEW WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, September 5th | 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Naples

Thursday, September 6th | 11:45 a.m.
Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

Thursday, September 6th | 12:15 p.m.
Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

Saturday, September 22nd | 9:00 a.m.*
Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, N. Fort Myers
*9:00 a.m. – Training by Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Randy Moody

10:00 a.m. – Records Review

Saturday, October 6th | 9:00 a.m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

A letter was previously sent out to Clerks of Session for the workshops. Please refer to that letter for additional, important information. Advance Registration is required through the contact person listed in the letter.

**PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS &
COVENANT PARTNERS OF PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY:**

Daniell & Elizabeth Turk

Serving the people of Madagascar

Read their latest [newsletter](#).

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For additional information, please contact the camp office at (813) 685-4224 or visit 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

[August Newsletter](#)

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

www.misionpeniel.com

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- Ruth DeYoe, Mission Coordinator, P: 386-793-6151, E: ruthdeyoe@gmail.com

- General Email: misionpenielpeaceriver@gmail.com

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- 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 (checks or online):**

- 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.
- Click on the “Donate” button on the Mision Peniel web site.
- Contributor information is provided to Mision Peniel each month.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for:

- Rev. Miguel Estrada’s Father-In-Law, Mr. Castillo Fernandez - health
- The Rev. Daniel Herlein - health
- Robert Dennis (son of Rev. India Dennis) – mental health issues
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry (in Wimauma)
- Misión Peniel Farmworker Ministry (in Immokalee)
- 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: AUGUST 2018

August 5	<u>Mission Co-Workers, Daniell and Elizabeth Turk</u> Serving in Madagascar July Newsletter
August 12	<u>Palmetto Presbyterian Church, Palmetto</u> Pastor: Rev. John Foulkrod Email: jfoulkrod@ppcfl.org
August 19	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Supply Pastor: Rev. Terri Jo Crego Email: pastor@fpcpc.com
August 26	<u>Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Supply Pastor: Rev. Devon Beisser Andrews Email: revdev08@gmail.com

CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS

Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

[Part Time Accompanist](#)
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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](#)

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: AUGUST 2018

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: www.peaceriverpresbytery.org

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org

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

Monday, August 6

Committee on Nominations and Representation (10:00 a.m.)

Planning Team (12:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, August 8

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, August 9

Special Called Meeting of Peace River Presbytery (9:00 a.m. at Venice Presbyterian Church)

Mision Peniel Team (10:00 a.m. in Immokalee)

Tuesday, August 14

Committee on Ministry (9:00 a.m.)

Thursday, August 16

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)

Thursday, August 23

Congregational Vitality Team (2:30 p.m.)

Sunday, August 23

Celebration of the 120th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, Arcadia (11:00 a.m. at First, Arcadia)

Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Glen Bell's Ordination (10:00 a.m. Reception at First, Sarasota)

Tuesday, August 28

Cedarkirk Capital Campaign Committee (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, August 30

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

CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Please visit our web site, www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches

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

