



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ August 16, 2018

THANK YOU!

Gratitude is quite simple. It is about **recognizing** and **responding**. We recognize that God is the source of all good in this world, the giver of all that we hold dear, the one who loves us and showers blessings upon

us. We respond with praise. We respond by thanking God in song and prayer. We respond with celebration through play, joy, and laughter. We respond with giving back a portion of what we have received. We recognize that God loves us and answers our prayers and we respond with praise and thanksgiving.



As I look back on the past summer at Cedarkirk, I am overwhelmed with gratitude at the ways that God has been at work. We served over 1,300 campers in our summer programs, where campers heard that God loves them and seeks them out to be in relationship. 14 churches partnered with Cedarkirk's Traveling Day Camp program to

share God's love with their churches and surrounding communities; ministering to nearly 500 children. Over 35 young-adult staff answered God's call to give their summer in service to strengthening God's kingdom. Their dedication to serving the Lord and commitment to the children and youth in these programs was an awesome response to God's goodness. Stories of transformation and God's love were heard throughout the summer. We also celebrate partnering with churches and individuals to raise over 1.3 million dollars towards our Capital Campaign. It is easy to recognize God's work in this special place apart and it is a joy to respond with our gratefulness to so many people who care about Cedarkirk and share in this ministry together. Thank you!

As we reach the end of another summer and begin to shift our focus from our summer program ministry to our year-round ministry of hospitality, we would like to invite you to consider partnering with Cedarkirk to strengthen and sustain this ministry. There are several ways to help. Prayers for our staff, board, campers, and guests is a key way to share in this effort. This is a critical time for Cedarkirk's Capital Campaign as we continue to look to the future and how best to minister to those we serve. Please consider inviting a Cedarkirk staff member to come and share about the capital campaign at your church. (You can also learn

more at cedarkirk.org/campaign.) In addition to general gifts to our capital campaign, we have started the AT and Doris Brown Initiative to honor our founding directors. This effort seeks to recognize 1,000 donations of \$1,000 or more, enabling Cedarkirk to name the new dining hall after this special couple. Finally, please take a look at the wide variety of programs that are offered at your camp and conference center and share those opportunities with those in your church and community. It is my hope that you will join with us in gratitude as we respond to God's life-changing efforts at Cedarkirk, in our churches, and in the world. Regardless of how you partner with Cedarkirk, we are grateful for your prayers, love, and support of this special ministry.



Rev. John Reiter, Executive Director
Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE

for

CAROLYN WILSON

Sunday, September 2, 4:00 p.m.

Venice Presbyterian Church

825 The Rialto | Venice, FL 34285

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](#).

CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

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

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.

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

Staff Contacts:

- Rev. Miguel Estrada, Pastor, P: 239-633-2181, E: miguestrada@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 (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:

- Jim and Becky Beckwith - health
- 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

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte

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.

Sunday, August 19

Cuba Partnership Travel Team (4:00 p.m.)

Sunday, August 26

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.)

General Presbyter Nominating Committee (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.

