



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ August 23, 2018

## THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



We are in the middle of August synonymous with the “dog days of summer”. Here in Southwest Florida we have too much heat and rain and lack the stimulation that visitors, concerts plays and special events provide. Historically, the “dog days of summer” were identified by the Greek and Roman astrologists as occurring during the period that Sirius, the dog star, rises at the same time as the sun. It was a period marked by lethargy, inactivity and indolence. We should be enjoying the downtime. However, the “dog days” this summer have not been a period of inactivity for Peace River Presbytery.

Although vacations and sabbaticals have been enjoyed, your committees have continued to be busily at work. The Blessings Grants Task Force has met to review applications and decide on recipients. The Babcock Ranch and New Worshipping Communities Task Force has had conversations with MissionInsite and advanced a proposal for several of our congregations to assess their locations. This cohort will explore the potential of identifying and creating a new worshipping community site.

In addition, the Personnel Team and Strategic Planning Task Force have labored over the writing of our Presbytery’s MIF, Mission Information Form, to be used in the search for a new General Presbyter. A special assignment was given to the Nominating and Steering Committees to identify a General Presbyter Nominating Committee which concluded in their recommended slate being voted upon at a called Presbytery meeting earlier this month. Our support and prayers will be with this group as they begin their search on our behalf.

Meanwhile the work of Mission Peniel and Bethel continues as they provide food and services to the areas farm workers and Cedarkirk has engaged hundreds of children in a Christian camping experience.

These highlights do not begin to include all of the activities in ministry going on at the individual churches.

Peace River Presbytery, its 37 congregations, is an exciting place filled with opportunities and challenges to engage in ministry in Southwest Florida and your active participation is always welcome.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Naples

**Northern Region:** Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

**Central Region:** Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> | 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 5<sup>th</sup>** | 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Naples

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** | 11:45 a.m.

Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** | 12:15 p.m.

Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** | 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 6<sup>th</sup>** | 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.***

## NEWS from WESTMINSTER COMMUNITIES of FLORIDA

**Westminster Communities Leaders Win Awards**

We congratulate Westminster Suncoast resident John Lefebvre and Westminster Communities of Florida board member James Bogner on receiving distinguished honors at LeadingAge Florida's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Exposition in Orlando, Fla.

Lefebvre received the Volunteer of the Year award for serving countless hours at Westminster Suncoast and in the community of St. Petersburg. Lefebvre's involvement includes serving the homeless through an innovative recycling program to provide staples like body wash, detergent and Q-tips. In partnership with Daystar Life Center of St. Petersburg, he has provided thousands of bottles and offered much-needed dignity to the homeless.

<http://www.westminstercommunitiesfl.org/news-details?newsID=4951#news4951>

For information about Westminster Communities of Florida, please contact:

Rev. Walk C. Jones, D.Min.

Director of Church Relations

Westminster Communities of Florida

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**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](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*

**Beth-El**  
*Farmworker Ministry, Inc.*

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*

[www.misionpeniel.com](http://www.misionpeniel.com)

### **Staff Contacts:**

- Rev. Miguel Estrada, Pastor, P: 239-633-2181, E: [migustrada@hotmail.com](mailto:migustrada@hotmail.com)
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### **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	<p><u>Mission Co-Workers, Daniell and Elizabeth Turk</u> Serving in Madagascar July Newsletter</p>
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August 12	<u>Palmetto Presbyterian Church, Palmetto</u> Pastor: Rev. John Foulkrod Email: <a href="mailto:jfoulkrod@ppcfl.org">jfoulkrod@ppcfl.org</a>
August 19	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Supply Pastor: Rev. Terri Jo Crego Email: <a href="mailto:pastor@fpcpc.com">pastor@fpcpc.com</a>
August 26	<u>Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Supply Pastor: Rev. Devon Beisser Andrews Email: <a href="mailto:revdev08@gmail.com">revdev08@gmail.com</a>

### CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS

Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Bradenton  
[Part Time Accompanist](#)

Braden River Presbyterian Church, Bradenton  
[Part Time Administrative Assistant](#)

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](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org)  
Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)*

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

**Sunday, August 26**

Celebration of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, Arcadia (11:00 a.m. at First, Arcadia)  
Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches)

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

