



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ December 5, 2018

Misión Peniel An “Espíritu” of Appreciation ...

In 2006 Misión Peniel began serving hot meals out of a camper bearing the name, “Espíritu”, which means Spirit. Two farm workers showed up for that first meal and stayed for fellowship and prayer. Today, Misión Peniel serves anywhere from 400-700 hot meals to the farmworker community in Immokalee only a few blocks from where it served that first meal! Since 2006, Misión Peniel has continued to provide a home cooked meal every Friday, along with needed clothing and other personal hygiene items. Thanks to churches and individuals, the mission has been able to expand its outreach by providing pastoral care, worship and Bible study ministries, fellowship programs, develop a mission garden and explore partnerships with other organizations in the community. The “Espíritu” of Christ’s compassion with which we first began continues to grow!

None of this would be possible or even conceivable without the faithful support of Peace River Presbytery. Since 2013, Misión Peniel has relied solely on Peace River Presbytery, its churches and individuals, to sustain and grow this vital mission in Immokalee. In this season of gratitude and anticipation, we express our sincerest appreciation for the partnerships developed and for the face of God/“Peniel” shared since the beginning!

We invite you to watch this short video that expresses the appreciation from those we serve in Christ’s name together ([click here](#) to visit our facebook page, “Mision Peniel”). If you would like to share a Gift of Love in support of our growing outreach, visit our website at www.misionpeniel.com and use the online Donate link or send your donation to the Presbytery Office, or directly to Misión Peniel, PO Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34143



Thank you to all of the churches of Peace River for your support and weekly involvement in our work and ministry! May the “Espíritu” of Christ’s presence among us continue to be claimed and celebrated in this coming Advent season and beyond!

With Appreciation in Christ’s Name,
Pastor Miguel Estrada, Ruth DeYoe, and the Misión Peniel Coordinating Team



ARTICLES of INTEREST
(selected by Graham Hart)

[How can we strengthen faith formation classes?](#)

America: Catholic prep school is taking a radical approach and throwing out the traditional theology curriculum in junior high in favor of "conversational catechesis."

[How Salvation Army's red kettles became a Christmas tradition](#)

The Conversation: Around this time of the year, Salvation Army's red kettles become visible as part of holiday giving. How this British evangelical organization came to the U.S. is interesting history.

[Japanese museum finds rare scroll from country's early Christians](#)

Crux: A Christian scroll found in a Japanese museum is believed to be from the earliest days of Christianity in the country, researchers have said.

[A call to modernize American philanthropy](#)

The New York Times: The giving practices of rich magnates and foundations still suggest a colonial mind-set, the author of a new book argues, as he offers ideas for change.

[After arrest of protected immigrant, sanctuary church members cry out for justice](#)

Religion News Service: A group of United Methodists severely criticized the arrest of Samuel Oliver-Bruno, an undocumented immigrant who had been living in their church, as he applied for a deferral on his deportation.

BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC.

A ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma



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MISIÓN PENIEL

A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworker Community in Immokalee

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www.misionpeniel.com

Facebook: "Misión Peniel"

Critical needs for December and January include blankets of any size and men's and women's jackets. The mornings are very cold for the farmworkers and many of the trailers and camps they live in do not have sufficient heat. Contact us if you'd like these items to be picked up. Thank you for any donations you are able to make at this time.

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- General Email: misionpenielpeaceriver@gmail.com

Contributions to Misión 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 Misión Peniel.
- Please note *Misión Peniel* in the memo section.
- Click on the “Donate” button on the Misión Peniel web site.
- Contributor information is provided to Misión Peniel each month.

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.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for:

- Rev. Joyce Lieberman (Synod Executive and Stated Clerk) and Family in the loss of her younger brother
- Lori Doyal (PRP Office) – recovery from foot surgery
- The brave firefighters in California and the communities of California dealing with the devastation of the fires
- Cori (daughter of Rev. Dr. Russ and Bobbie Hickman) – recovery from surgery for thyroid cancer
- Ruth DeYoe (Mission Coordinator for Misión Peniel) – recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Community of Thousand Oaks, CA
- Worshipping Community and Families affected by the Tree of Life Synagogue tragedy in Pittsburgh, PA
- Communities affected by Hurricane Michael
- Rev. Dr. Daniel Pendergrass – health
- 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: DECEMBER 2018

December 2	<u>Presbyterian Women - Covenant Partner of PRP</u>
December 9	<u>Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Chuck Wiggins Email: cjw049@gmail.com
December 16	<u>Church of the Palms</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Stephen McConnell Email: smcconnell@churchofthepalms.org Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Hmingi Browne Email: hbrowne@churchofthepalms.org
December 23	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glen Bell Email: gbell@FirstPresSarasota.org Associate Pastor: Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald Email: kfitzgerald@FirstPresSarasota.org
December 30	<u>Presbytery Team and Committee Moderators and Members</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Board of Pensions Retirement Planning Seminar](#)
Tuesday & Wednesday, January 29-30, 2019
Faith Presbyterian Church, Cape Coral

SAVE the DATE:

Thursday, February 28, 2019
Stated Meeting of Presbytery

*(including the honoring of The Reverend Graham Hart,
General Presbyter, on the occasion of his retirement.)*

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

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**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

Peace Presbyterian Church - Dedication Service

**ALTAR CLOTH NEEDED**

The Rev. Dr. Marg Towner, a member of PRP, is seeking the donation of a communion table cloth (called an *Altar Cloth*) with the Christian symbol on it, but not Presbyterian.

If you have one that you would be willing to donate,  
please contact Marg at: [margtet@comcast.net](mailto:margtet@comcast.net)

**PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2018**

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)  
Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org)

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

**Thursday, December 6**

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (10:00 a.m.)

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

**Tuesday, December 11**

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

**Thursday, December 13**

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

**Monday, December 24-Friday, December 28**

Presbytery Offices Closed

**Tuesday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!

**Monday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

Presbytery Offices Close at Noon

**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.



