



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ March 15, 2018

CEDARKIRK CAMP and CONFERENCE CENTER

Did you know? Have you heard? Cedarkirk is dreaming about the future!



Cedarkirk, YOUR camp and conference center, is in the midst of a capital campaign to:

- Construct a new fully-accessible dining hall,
- Build a new adult-friendly cottage, and
- Make much needed renovations to Cedar Lodge for additional programming and meeting space.

This \$4 million capital campaign focuses on improving the accessibility of our buildings and expanding our facilities so that we may better minister to those we serve. We are delighted to report that we have raised over \$1.2 million dollars! This ministry has been a blessing in the lives of so many children, youth, and adults for the past 46 years and we are grateful for your history of support and partnership in sharing God's love. We invite you to consider joining with Cedarkirk in our effort to strengthen this unique ministry and secure our sustainability for years to come.

We need your help!

At this point in the campaign, we are reaching out to our covenant partners to share more information and to invite churches to consider how they might join with Cedarkirk in this effort. While some gifts will come from foundations and grants, the success of this campaign will depend on support from partnering churches and individuals.

Here are some specific ways you can help!

Pray! This is the first major development effort in Cedarkirk's history and we know the importance of praying for God's presence and direction in this unique opportunity. We ask for your prayers for the campaign as well as our summer camp ministry and year-round events.

Conduct a Special Offering during 2018 to raise awareness and funds for Cedarkirk's campaign;

Consider including Cedarkirk in the mission budget for your church or adding Cedarkirk as a mission component of your church's capital campaign;

Help us honor Cedarkirk's founding directors with the AT & Doris Brown Initiative – in which we are seeking 1,000 gifts of \$1,000;

Invite a Cedarkirk staff or board member to come and share information with your congregation during a fellowship dinner, a Minute for Mission during Sunday worship, or at a special event.

Need more?

We have a wide variety of resources available at www.cedarkirk.org/campaign including videos, bulletin inserts, and more. Please let us know what you need from us to ensure that everyone is aware of this once in a lifetime opportunity! Feel free to contact our Executive Director, John Reiter (john@cedarkirk.org), for more information.

As always, we are grateful for your partnership in ministry and for your continued prayers and support of this vital ministry!

Rev. John Reiter
Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
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Lithia, FL 33547
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www.cedarkirk.org



SAVE THE DATE:
September 26 - October 3
PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY IS RETURNING TO CUBA
To Engage in the Next Steps of our Peace River - Matanzas Partnership

Who: Up to 24 Members with/without Clergy from churches interested in establishing partnerships with area churches or the seminary in the Matanzas Presbytery. Each church is limited to four reservations.

What:* Establishing Partnerships within the Matanzas Presbytery, including the seminary and local churches. Visiting local churches, engaging in ministry practices with that church and beginning the process of partnerships.

When: Wednesday, September 26 - Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Where:* Round trip to Varadero, Cuba, from either Tampa or Miami. Expenses will include airfare, visa, seminary lodging (dormitory style), meals, transportation during the week, home stays at local church communities.

How:

1. Reply to Presbytery Office by **April 15th** with initial interest.
2. Return registration form** indicating a firm commitment with \$100 deposit per person by **May 15th** to begin the visa process (requires at least 90 days).
3. Direct questions to Cuba Partnership Task Force Co-Moderators, Kevin Morris: 813-713-5117 | pastor@hopeunitedchurch.net
Or Ruth DeYoe: 386-793-6151 | ruthdeyoe@gmail.com

** Details will be provided to all churches by March 20th.*
*** Registration forms will be sent with trip details to each congregation.*

Board of Pensions ~ Benefits Connections: Tampa

Who Should Attend?

If you are responsible for benefits decisions and managing benefits or work with those who are this day is for you!
Registration is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Why Attend?

Learn about theological values that shape the Benefits Plan. Preview changes for 2019. Ask questions of Board of Pensions leadership and staff. Meet other benefits decision-makers in your area. Participate in a panel discussion with your peers. You'll gain a better understanding of the plan, new peer relationships, and new strategies for being the best employer you can be. Take away suggestions and solutions for churches of all sizes — small and large.

When

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Where

The Westshore Grand – Tampa

<http://www.cvent.com/d/ktqt8s>

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: migustrada@hotmail.com
- Ruth DeYoe, Mission Coordinator, P: 386-793-6151, E: ruthdeyoe@gmail.com
- General Email: misionpenielpeacriver@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:

- 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.
- Contributor information is provided to Mision Peniel each month.

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

[March 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:emailinfo@beth-el.org)

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.

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION SERVICE

for Laurie Haas

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Church of the Palms, Sarasota

All are invited!

WALK with the BIBLE

Pastor Bill Teng of First Presbyterian Church in Arcadia, FL is organizing and leading a group in a *Walk with the Bible* tour of Israel and Jordan on October 5-18, this fall. The total cost is only \$4,945 from Tampa. More detail is available here: <http://bit.ly/2Fc2RiA>. If interested, please contact him at TengPresby@aol.com or 703.899.0725.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for:

- The Community of Parkland, FL
- Rev. Susan Rice – health and treatment for cancer
- Jim and Becky Beckwith, and their son, Greg – 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: MARCH 2018:

March 4	<u>Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Rev. India Dennis Email: pspcpastor@verizon.net
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March 11	<u>Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center</u> Executive Director: Rev. John Reiter Email: john@cedarkirk.org
March 18	<u>Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u> Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Wintringham Email: friartuk@wcc.net
March 25	<u>Faith Presbyterian Church, Cape Coral</u> Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. H Timothy Halverson Email: tim@fpcfl.org Associate Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Kuehl Email: elizabeth@fpcfl.org

KENNETH BAILEY RESOURCES

Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner has a set of Kenneth Bailey's study lectures on "Jesus and Women" and "Presbyterian History", produced by Harvest Publishing, that she would like to give to a church or group who would use them. They are short, 20-30 minute lectures by Bailey, with time for discussion. If interested, please contact Dr. Margaret E. Towner, margtet@comcast.net or 941-924-4413.

CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda:

[Organist/Primary Accompanist](#)

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Faith Presbyterian Church, Cape Coral:

[Graphic Designer and Marketing Coordinator](#)

### PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: MARCH 2018

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

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

**Thursday, March 22**

Congregational Vitality Team (12:30 p.m.)

**Thursday, March 29**

Maundy Thursday

**Friday, March 30**

Good Friday – Presbytery Offices Closed

### 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.

