

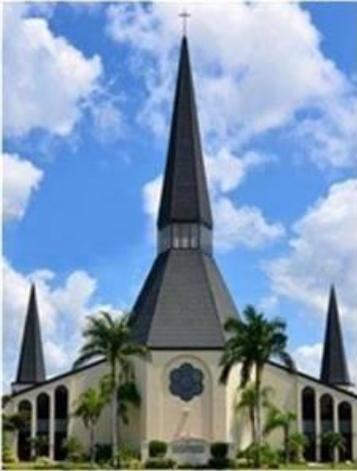


# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Newsletter ~ May 10, 2019

## Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Naples, Florida



The three tall steeples of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church serve as both landmark and beacon to a house of worship and to a place of service and outreach to the community. Our facility was designed with the tallest steeple and Sanctuary at its center representing Christ's body—the side wings with their smaller steeples representing our Lord's outstretched arms. To live into that design, the hearts and minds of our congregation and the doors of our church must be open, as wide as the arms of Christ.

We see ourselves as a family, a church family that gathers regularly for worship, study, service, and fellowship. We care deeply *about* one another and are committed to caring lovingly *for* one another. We recognize that family ties extend beyond the Vanderbilt Church. As sisters and brothers to all humankind, we reach out to those who live nearby and to those we never meet. We hear the call to be a dynamic representative of the Body of Christ, with each member uniquely gifted to share the Good News of the Gospel.



The Vanderbilt Church is *people*, not a series of buildings. We're a family, a church family. Worship and music are at the very heart of our life together—worship and music that transform and energize and send

us forth eager to serve. The Rev. Robert J. Marrow assumed pastoral duties in October of 2018. Vanderbilt is blessed with the leadership of long-time Music Director, Dr. James Cochran.



Mission has always been at the center of Vanderbilt's ministry, and we strive to live as a Mission-oriented congregation. We recognize children and youth as an important element of the church, a sacred resource and trust. Led by Amanda Rowe, our Director of Student Ministries—we offer a variety of programs for this growing segment of our congregation. We offer a Bible-based Church School curriculum and adult Bible study. We cherish and value our seniors for the roles they play and have played in the life of our congregation.



Vanderbilt initiated the James and Cindy Craig Lecture Series in 2019. For the inaugural event, Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality and Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary introduced participants to Christian spirituality and Christian spiritual disciplines. The event informed participants how to approach prayer in order to become more open, available, and responsive to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

In 2019, a Celtic cross and a window covering were added to protect the rosette window from potential water and wind damage. This may change the way the building appears to the community, but our commitment serving Christ in the world remains constant! Vanderbilt is committed to offering a welcoming presence to members and visitors alike. With a strong and vibrant year-round ministry, we are also happy to be the winter church home for many who spend the summer in the north. We seek to actively reach out to bring new people into our fold, to be so warm and caring, that all—regardless of background—feel at home here.



[www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org)

### **STATED MEETING of PRESBYTERY**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples

8:00 a.m. – Registration / 9:00 a.m. – Meeting Begins

8:30 a.m. – Financial Forum with the PRP Board of Trustees

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**Lunch Reservations were due by noon, Friday, May 10.**

Contact Lori at the Presbytery Office: [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org) / 941-426-8421, ext. 401  
to get on a standby list.

\*\*Include the name and church for each reservation.

Lunch is \$10.00 and payable at Registration (no credit cards).

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND the PRESBYTERY:**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

[POAMN Regional Conference](http://www.poamn.org)

St. Leo, FL

## NOTICE – PCUSA PLANNING CALENDARS

The PCUSA Store is changing the format of the Planning Calendars to be a 16-month, rather than 18-month format to be more in line with the church calendar.

The calendars for 2019-2020 will begin with September 2019 (instead of June) and go through December 2020.

Orders will not be shipped from PCUSA until August 2019.

Church Offices and Clerks of Session, please watch for an email from Lori (PRP Office) with the Order Form for Calendars.

If you order through the Presbytery Office, you receive a pass through discount because of the bulk order that the Presbytery Office places.

Questions? Please contact [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.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](http://www.beth-el.org)

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## MISIÓN PENIEL

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

208 Boston Ave., PO Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34143

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

Facebook: "Misión Peniel"

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### 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](http://www.cedarkirk.org)

### **SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

Do you enjoy working with children and youth? Do you love playing and worshiping in the beauty of nature? Are you seeking to hear what God is calling you to do this summer – and beyond? Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center invites young adults at least one year beyond their high school graduation to consider serving as part of our 2019

Summer Staff. Visit [www.cedarkirk.org/summer/employment](http://www.cedarkirk.org/summer/employment) to learn more about our life-changing summer community and how you might serve.



### **SUMMER CAMP CHANGES LIVES!**

Are you looking for a summer program for your child that will provide him or her with opportunities for spiritual, physical, and social growth? Cedarkirk offers small-group, residential camp programs that allow children and youth to explore, learn, and just be themselves. Besides being fun, summer camps help kids: improve confidence and self-esteem; learn a new skill; improve critical thinking and decision-making abilities; experience the wonder of the natural world; learn to live and work as part of a community; and connect with God in a place where earnest discussions and honest dialogue allow them to make their faith their own. Send your camper to Cedarkirk this summer to discover how a single summer can last a lifetime! Visit [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org) for program dates, details, and registration.

*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).

**POAMN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
(Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network)  
**"Engaging Aging in Today's World"**  
May 22, 2019 in St. Leo, FL

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**[Building and Maintenance Worker – First, Port Charlotte](#)**

### **PRAYER NEEDS**

**Please continue to pray for:**

- The General Presbyter Nominating Committee (GPNC)
- Rev. Dr. Ted and Polly Land – loss of her brother, Don Smith on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Jim and Becky Beckwith - health
- 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: MAY 2019**

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| May 5 | <u>Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Chuck Wiggins<br>Email: <a href="mailto:cjw049@gmail.com">cjw049@gmail.com</a> |
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| May 12 | <u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Rob Marrow<br>Email: <a href="mailto:rmarrow@vpcnaples.org">rmarrow@vpcnaples.org</a>     |
| May 19 | <u>Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dawn Mayes<br>Email: <a href="mailto:revdawnmayes@gmail.com">revdawnmayes@gmail.com</a> |
| May 26 | <u>Daniell and Elizabeth Turk, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers</u>                                                                                             |

### **PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: MAY 2019**

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.*

#### **Tuesday, May 14**

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

#### **Thursday, May 16**

Stated Meeting of Presbytery (9:00 a.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples)

#### **Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day

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.



