



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



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Community Presbyterian Church Englewood, Florida



Rev. Alexander Linn and helper clearing path through cypress swamp.

In 1925, the Presbyterian Home Mission Board sent Rev. Alexander Linn to Southwest Florida. Traveling by boat, train, carriage and finally a Ford automobile, Rev. Linn cleared paths through cypress swamps to teach and start churches, one of which was Community in Englewood. This year, CPC is observing the 90th anniversary of its founding!

In 2017, we completed a strategic five-year plan, resulting in a new mission statement:

Community Presbyterian Church exists that all people may...
KNOW the love of God in Jesus Christ
GROW as disciples of Jesus Christ
GO share the love of God with the world.

Throughout its history, CPC has been focused on sharing God’s love with those outside the church walls. In 1968, our Deacons began Meals on Wheels, which still is housed on our campus. In 2018, Englewood Meals on Wheels delivered 43,000 meals! CPC helped begin other community ministry organizations and remains very active in the community.



Part of the strategic plan includes supporting PRP’s Mision Peniel in Immokalee, a ministry that brings joy to the hearts of our congregation. In 2018, we made seven trips to Mision Peniel, delivered 450 pounds of rice and beans, and provided Christmas gifts for 50 children.



We also are very excited about a new partnership with Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County launched in January! This partnership is helping us fulfill the part of our plan that calls for us to address systemic issues such as lack of affordable housing.

Our Children’s Ministry has grown, with many new families and children learning about God’s love and growing in their faith! Adults also are deepening their faith through Bible studies and small groups.



With the older adult demographic in Sarasota and Charlotte Counties, we take seriously our responsibility to care for the oldest members of our congregation, many of whom have moved here from other places and have no family close by. We developed a structured visitation ministry, supporting the work of the pastor with committed and caring volunteers, and a new Director of Congregational Care. Volunteers also complete home projects for those unable to do so.



Worship remains vibrant and meaningful, and we are thankful for the new pipe organ that enhances our worship. We practice intentional hospitality, welcoming all people to be part of this community of faith.

We are thankful for all that God is doing in and through CPC, and we are grateful to be part of the larger church of Peace River Presbytery!

Church Web Site: www.cpcenglewood@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!!

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

for hosting the Stated Meeting of Presbytery yesterday.

Your staff and volunteers were incredible

and blessed all of the attendees with a warm and gracious welcome!

It was a wonderful day!!

YOU ARE INVITED

to the

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION SERVICE

for William Jordan

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Lely Presbyterian Church, Naples

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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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.

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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 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 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.

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 1st
- 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

May 5	<u>Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Chuck Wiggins Email: cjw049@gmail.com
May 12	<u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples</u> Pastor: Rev. Rob Marrow Email: rmarrow@vpcnaples.org
May 19	<u>Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood</u> Pastor: Rev. Dawn Mayes Email: revdawnmayes@gmail.com
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
Please email corrections or additions to lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org*

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

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day
Presbytery Offices Closed

CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

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

