



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Newsletter ~ June 6, 2019

Northminster Presbyterian Church



Over 60 years ago, God planted the vision and the dream of Northminster Presbyterian Church in the hearts and minds of 3 couples. That seed has been watered and nurtured and 60 years later is still bearing fruit to the glory of God.

At its inception, Northminster was a church in the country in the northern part of Sarasota. Today, the picture is radically different. Located near the corner of Lockwood Ridge Road and University Parkway, Northminster has a great opportunity to reach out to our community in new and exciting ways.

Music is a large part of worship and the life of the church. Northminster is home to the Suncoast Concert Band and the Jazz Ambassadors and the love of music is seen in our worship services each week.

The study of God's Word is at the heart of who we are and both the Pastor's Bible Study and the class taught by Dick Murphy are mainstays in the life of the church.





The church continues to be active in Mission and outreach. Missions include, Bible Mission USA, SPARCC, Resurrection House, Beth-El Migrant Farmworker Ministry, The Presbyterian Church in Kirkuk, Free Wheelchair Mission, and others.

In 2018 the Blessing Box was erected to better serve the needs of the hungry around the church. It has a sign that reads “Been blessed? Leave one. Need a blessing, take one.” This is a small step, in addition to our support of All Faiths Food Bank, to feed the hungry around our church on a daily basis.

2018 also saw the introduction of a meal packaging event for Kids Against Hunger. This is a great event that provides a hands-on opportunity to serve our

community.

Our mission is: Christ Calls Us – Christ Sends Us – Christ is the Center of our Lives. May Christ be seen in us and sensed among us in the days ahead!

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**PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY and FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAPE CORAL
CONGRATULATE:**

Rev. Dr. Tim Halverson

on his retirement from Faith Presbyterian, Cape Coral, with over twenty years of service. Tim was named Pastor Emeritus and the Community Building was named for him for his many contributions to the ministry at Faith and in the community. Tim had previously served churches in PA, OH, and IL. Tim and his wife, Martha, will remain in the area where they have many family members. Retirement will provide more time for travel and Tim’s legendary support of the New York Yankees.



**PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY and FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAPE CORAL
WELCOME:**

Rev. Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

as Senior Pastor of Faith Presbyterian. She begins service at Faith Presbyterian in June. Brandi is coming from the First Presbyterian Church in Greer, S.C. Brandi was born in W.V. and moved to S.C. during her middle school years. She graduated from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. where she majored in Religion and Sociology and then entered Columbia Theological Seminary where she met her husband, Andy Waters, also a pastor. They first served as PCUSA missionaries in Sitka, Alaska before returning to Greenville to serve as Co-Associate Pastors at John Knox Presbyterian Church. Subsequently she began serving the Greer, S.C. congregation. Brandi returned to Columbia Seminary and received a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2013. The Casto-Waters have two girls, and the family loves to travel. An Installation Service will be announced at a later time.

**A SPECIAL NOTE of APPRECIATION IS OFFERED to
MR. ALAN PENICK, TREASURER for PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

Alan is on staff as the Presbytery's (volunteer) Treasurer.

But he is also our **"SUPER Do-Whatever-Is-Needed HERO"**!

Recently, he changed all of the fluorescent lights in the offices, hallways, and conference room of the PRP Building, and there are many! Up and down the ladder he went for days and days, changing ballasts and long bulbs. Life is much brighter now than it has been for years!! He has also fixed locks and doorbells, and has been an advocate for us with the security companies, insisting on making sure that the staff and tenants are safe.

Alan is committed to helping churches, individuals, ministries, and the community, using his God-given talents and abilities however the path may lead.

Alan's kindness and encouraging words are also not to be missed.

We appreciate you, Alan, for the endless ways you give of yourself, never expecting anything in return!!

PRESBYTERIAN PLANNING CALENDARS

Order Forms and Information about the Planning Calendars have been emailed to Clerks of Session, Church Offices, and Church Pastors.

The Order Deadline through the Presbytery Office is Friday, June 14.

If you need additional information, please contact Lori Doyal at the Presbytery Office:

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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.

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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)
- 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: JUNE 2019

June 2	<u>Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart Email: sunburn1320@mac.com
June 9	<u>Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota</u> Pastor: Rev. Wally Johnson Email: revwallyjohnson@gmail.com

June 16	<u>Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Pastor: Rev. Devon Beisser Andrews Email: revdev08@gmail.com
June 23	<u>Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Rev. Jane Jones-Norris Email: jjn7416@gmail.com Stated Supply Associate Pastor: Rev. Lynne Peter Email: lynne.peter117@gmail.com
June 30	<u>St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, North Port</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ray Quiles Email: chaprafi@gmail.com

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: JUNE 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.

Thursday, June 6

Mision Peniel Team (10:00 a.m. Conference Call)

Wednesday, June 12

Cuba Partnership Task Force (3:00 p.m. - Conference Call Meeting)

Nominations Committee (3:30 p.m. - Go-To-Meeting)

Thursday, June 13

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

Tuesday, June 25

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

CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

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



