



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



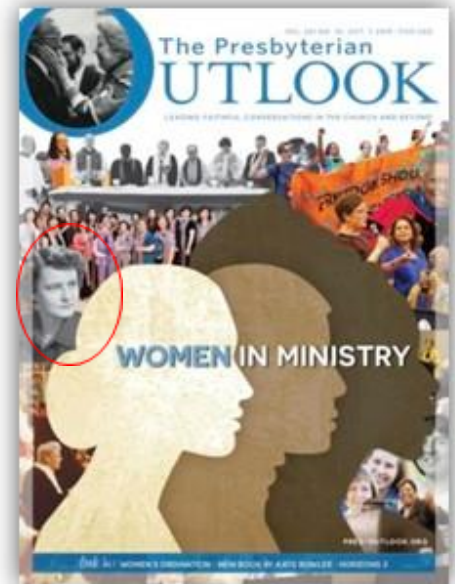
Presbytery Newsletter ~ November 8, 2019

Celebrating The Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner



63 years and counting! Yes, it was 1956 when the United Presbyterian Church USA ordained its first woman pastor. Thirty-six years had passed since the first of several General Assemblies voted “no” on the issue. *Life Magazine* ran a five-page spread celebrating the momentous event.

In its October 7, 2019 issue *The Presbyterian Outlook* chronicles the years since Marg Towner led the way. Its cover includes a photo of young Marg gazing out over dozens of her “spiritual daughters”. (Look for the black-and-white photo on the left side of the *Outlook* publication).



Pictured below are clergywomen of Peace River Presbytery and friends as they celebrated her anniversary on October 24th with a luncheon and \$700 contribution to *The Marg Towner Scholarship Fund* (address below). The Fund is managed by the Presbytery of Milwaukee where Marg had served as Moderator. Milwaukee had also endorsed Marg in her run for Moderator of the 193rd General Assembly (1981). She was elected and served as its Vice-Moderator.

Living in Sarasota, Marg continues to be a valued and engaged member of Peace River Presbytery with her home base at Siesta Key Chapel. May God continue to strengthen her and shine through her.



Presbytery of Milwaukee
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WE WELCOME OUR NEW GENERAL PRESBYTER,

The Rev. Melana Scruggs

[Brochure](#)

(Brochure design and publication by Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald.)

STATED MEETING of PRESBYTERY

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch

Please to join us for an exciting day as we
celebrate and install our new General Presbyter, The Rev. Melana Scruggs.

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill,
Coordinator, Vital Congregations

Schedule:

8:00 am - Registration Begins
8:30 am - Finance Forum* (with PRP Board of Trustees)
9:00 am - Meeting Begins

The deadline for lunch reservations was noon, Friday, November 8th.

The Stated Meeting Packet is posted on the Presbytery's web site, under Events & News
(you will need the user name and password for access).

* All are invited to the Finance Forum to ask questions about the 2020 Presbytery Budget,

or for assistance with other questions.

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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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## **PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY WELCOMES:**

**Rev. William Sitterley, HR**

Bill has retired after serving as pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church in suburban Baltimore for thirteen years, and then two subsequent Interim Pastorates in that region. Prior to that time, Bill worked with Habitat for Humanity Asia/Pacific for ten years. While in Thailand, he met and married his wife, who was a professor at Payap University. He has a BA from Columbia University and an MDiv. from Fuller Seminary.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

### **Please pray for:**

- Rev. Dr. Jim Berger (First, Lehigh Acres) – recovering from shoulder surgery
- The People of The Bahamas
- 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 CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 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.*

### **Monday, November 11**

VETERANS' DAY

### **Tuesday, November 12**

Committee on Ministry (9:00 am)

### **Wednesday, November 13**

Cuba Partnership Task Force (3:00 pm – Conference Call)

**Thursday, November 14**

Stated Meeting of Presbytery (Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch)

\*See details in newsletter or on web site.

**Wednesday, November 27**

PRP Offices Close at 12:00 noon

**Thursday, November 28**

THANKSGIVING

PRP Offices Closed

**Friday, November 29**

PRP 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.



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