



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



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## A Season of Anticipation at Hope United

Peace River Presbytery, we are on a journey. Part of my early journey included growing up at Pine Shores Presbyterian and being the first Peace River Inquirer to go under care after the presbytery split with Tampa Bay. My annual consultations consisted of meeting with the CPM chair at a Burger King somewhere in Charlotte County. We discussed transitions, health and processes. That was in the late 1980s.

Fast forward to today. Hope United is moving. Once again, we discuss transitions, health and processes. Interesting how life tends to repeat as we travel along. The closing on the current Hope location is February 25. On that day we turn over the keys and say goodbye to a tool that served the congregation for a number of decades.

Exciting News! Thanks to the generosity of the three-year-old American House, in Estero, in February, we will be making the American House our **temporary** home. The Executive Director, the residents and staff are very excited to share their property with us. The rent for all this is zero. God is great!

We will have the use of the theatre for worship and the activities room for fellowship. There are chapel and other rooms to provide space for Christian education, meetings, handbell rehearsal, choir rehearsal, etc. The chef will work with us as well. Our church offices will also be on site. Our master gardener has made tentative arrangements to help start new herb, vegetable and flower raised-bed gardens on the grounds.

We are doubly excited to know that some of the residents will be joining us! New relationships will be made. With the Holy Spirit, we look forward to new mission opportunities.

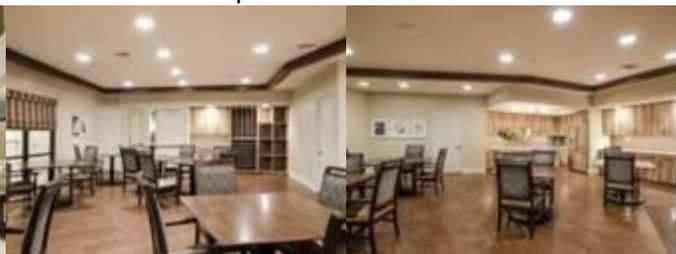
And the journey continues. We are looking at various more permanent locations throughout Estero. But for the short term, our journey will contain many exciting twists and turns. May the Lord bless us all, on whatever path we are traveling.

Advent Anticipations and a Jesus filled Christmas,  
Kevin Morris, Hope United . . . soon to be in Estero

Entry Area



Fellowship Area



Worship Area



Overhead View



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## PRAYER NEEDS

### Please pray for:

- The Family of Rev. Frank Mohr, Jr., who passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Naples.
- 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: DECEMBER 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, December 23-Friday, December 27

Presbytery Offices Closed for Christmas

### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

### Tuesday, December 31 (noon)-Wednesday, January 1

Presbytery Offices Closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers

[Administrative Assistant](#)

## UPCOMING EVENT of INTEREST

**THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE**  
**Siesta Key Chapel**  
**4615 Gleason Ave | Sarasota, Florida 34242**

Siesta Key Chapel has a special program whereby a Theologian in Residence...a credentialed scholar with specialties of interest to the congregation...is invited to share with us topics that are biblically educational. Joyce MacKichan Walker will be with us for the month of January, and will be conducting our Adult Christian Education (ACE) Classes every Sunday at 10:00 am and our School of Christian Living every Wednesday evening from

6:00-7:00 pm (a light dinner will be served from 5:00-6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall). Anyone who has an interest, please come and visit with us and enjoy this opportunity to learn and have fellowship. For more information, please go to the [Presbytery Website Bulletin Board](#). You will find a complete listing of the ACE Classes and the School of Christian Living, plus a more detailed bio of our Theologian in Residence.

Of special interest to us was the fact that Joyce MacKichan Walker wrote the *Suggestions for Leaders* that follow each lesson in the PW/Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone*, that the PW is using this year. She is a recently retired minister of education and mission at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton New Jersey, where she served for thirty years. A 1979 graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary), her first love has always been teaching. She enjoys consulting in education ministry, writing, and traveling.

Please feel free to contact Brenda Hall, Christian Education Chair, at [bhall217@comcast.net](mailto:bhall217@comcast.net), if you have any questions or if you would like to join us for the light dinner on Wednesday nights.

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