



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Newsletter ~ March 27, 2020

### From the General Presbyter ...

Dear Friends,

We continue to discover new and creative ways to be the church and to stay connected as we stay at home to lessen the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for the work you are doing to reach people for the gospel at a time when people so desperately need it. I have heard from several pastors that views of online worship have far exceeded the normal attendance at public worship. People are searching for some comfort and strength in these times and you are finding ways to provide it.

There are several new resources on the Presbytery resource page at <https://prpresources.weebly.com/>. Presbyterian Women has provided video lessons for the last few Horizon Bible study lessons and the link is available on the resource page under Denominational Links. This year's study has been wonderful, and I hope many of you will use these videos as a way to continue to learn and share with one another. If any PW group needs a Zoom link in order to talk with one another, let me know.

The denomination has put out an advisory opinion on communion during a pandemic which outlines how to have communion separately in homes as people view worship at their own times. You will find that link under Worship Links. Under that same heading is a link regarding online resources for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is helped through this offering. PDA is also trying to make grants available to help presbyteries and churches continue their work during this time. Responding to the email sent from the Steering Committee will help us know what grants we might need.

There is also a blog page at the above link where I am sharing various ideas for worship, for working from home, for caring for yourself. There are so many resources available and I hope to share some of those with you.

The denomination is planning a national service for the Day of Resurrection. As soon as those details are available, I will post them on the resource page. This time of separation can also be a time for us to find ways to connect to the broader church. Cindy Kohlmann, one of the co-moderators, has been hosting a daily #stayathomehymnsing on Facebook. If you have not had the opportunity to share in this, I would encourage you to follow Cindy on Facebook.

I will be hosting another opportunity for pastors to gather and share ideas, questions, prayers, on Monday, March 30, at 1pm. The link for that Zoom conversation will be sent out later today. This has been a good time to support one another and spread creativity.

You continue to be in my prayers. Please let me know if I can be of support to you or your churches.

Blessings,



## Around the Presbytery



**Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center is seeking a new Executive Director.** The Executive Director Search Committee has posted information on the search. [Information.](#)

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If you have information you would like to share about your pastor or your church, please contact Lori Doyal, [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org) or 941-426-8421, ext. 401.

### Presbytery Calendar: March 2020

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)  
Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org)

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

#### Monday, March 30, 2020

Steering Committee (9:00 am – GoToMeeting)

Church Pastors and Associate Pastors (1:00 pm – Zoom Conference Meeting)

### Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery

Web Site: [www.misionpeniel.org](http://www.misionpeniel.org)

### Covenant Partners of Peace River Presbytery

Click on the links to visit each ministry's web site:

- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry – Wimauma: [www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org)
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center: [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)
- Presbyterian Homes & Housing Foundation of FL: [www.phhf.com](http://www.phhf.com)

### Prayer Needs

#### Please pray for:

- Our nation and the other countries of the world
- 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

## 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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