



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ May 15, 2020

### From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

As we continue through this pandemic, I would invite you to consider the adaptive changes you have made over the last two months. Sessions, pastors, and congregations have made changes in how we worship that we would not have considered previously. Adaptive changes will continue to be made as we decide how and when to return to in-person worship. Which of those changes have enhanced your ability to share the gospel? Are there things that you were doing before we closed our buildings that you think no longer need to happen?

One thing that has struck me is how much more pastors and churches are connecting during this time. Previously we were largely focused on Sunday morning as our time to gather and worship and teach. Many churches are now having daily devotional offerings, providing connections for children and youth throughout the week, and serving more people in the community than ever imagined possible. Thank you for sharing many of those opportunities on Facebook so that others can be blessed as well. You may have touched lives with the love of God and the salvation of Jesus Christ who might not ever have stepped inside a church building.

As you think about your creative summer plans, please share with me what those might look like. You can email me at [melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org) or post on our [Facebook page](#). [Cedarkirk](#) is providing creative options for summer camp and so is [Montreat Conference Center](#). The Presbyterian Outlook has a [Staycation Bible School](#) curriculum that is reasonably priced. Please share other ideas you have.

The [resource page](#) has updated information from the CDC on guidelines for churches opening and a new FAQ regarding the PPP loans. The two sermons I have recorded for churches to use if wanting to provide some respite for pastors are also linked to that page. Please know that Presbytery leadership is ready to offer support and guidance to congregations and pastors as we continue to move through these uncertain times.

Grace and peace,

Melana

### Stated Meeting of Presbytery

***Date Change To:***

**Saturday, September 12, 2020 \***

**Location: Venice Presbyterian Church**

*\*Original date was Thursday, May 28, 2020.*

## Presbytery Calendar: May 2020

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)

Team, Committee, and other meetings are being conducted via video conferencing during this time of the stay-at-home guidelines. Please check the web site calendar regularly for additions or changes.

### COVID-19 Wish List for Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Diapers, Size 4 and 5	Gift Cards	All Purpose Flour	Peanut Butter
Sanitizer	Deodorant	Spaghetti Sauce	Pancake Mix
Face Masks	Toothpaste	Powdered Milk	Granola Bars
Gloves	Feminine Products	Evaporated Milk	Apple Sauce
Paper Products	Adult Diapers	Boxed Cereal	Macaroni and Cheese
Sanitizing Detergents	Baby Wipes	Canned Meats	Maseca Tortilla Mix
Disinfecting Wipes	Bread	Canned Fruits	Rice and Beans
Bar Soap	Coffee	Pasta	Crackers
Toilet Paper	Oats	Rice	Canned Vegetables

*If you can help provide any of these items, please call Beth-El at 813-633-1548.*

### 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)

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

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

### Prayer Needs

#### Please pray for:

- Our nation and the other countries of the world
- Front Line Health Care Workers and other First Responders
- 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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