



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ April 1, 2021



The Staff of Peace River Presbytery
wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed Easter.

Holy Week Event – Faith Presbyterian Church

[Interactive Jesus' Passion Prayer Stations](#)

TODAY ... Thursday, April 1, 5:30-6:30 pm

Click on link above for more information.

[50 Days of Spiritual Practices: Easter Themed Calendar](#)

Rev. Leslie Latham and Rev. Dorothy Pearman of the Presbytery of Western New York have created this calendar and have graciously shared it with us.

Support Wintergarden Presbyterian Church

Wintergarden is collecting votes in the *Nature's Path Garden Grant*. If you would like to help them in this, visit this [link](#) on Facebook, and vote for them.

[Leading the Church into the Post COVID World](#)

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, Eastern time, 3:00 - 4:30 pm via ZOOM

Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger

Click on title above for information flyer.

Registration is Now Open ... Click on the following link to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6H2HXmPaQQ-mhJLfv154RA

FEMA Announces \$140 Million for Emergency Food and Shelter Program

By FEMA External Affairs

FEMA announced \$140 million in funding will be available to communities across the country to assist with feeding and sheltering.

Congress made \$125 million available for Fiscal Year 2020, and this year the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board is including an additional \$15 million from funds that have not been used from prior grant years. FEMA awarded the \$125 million to the National Board, which is now allocating the funds, combined with the additional \$15 million, to qualifying jurisdictions (counties and cities).

Program funding assists local organizations dedicated to feeding, sheltering and providing critical resources to people with economic emergencies, including our nation's hungry and homeless populations. These funds are designed to help people with non-disaster related emergencies and can be used for a broad range of services, including mass shelter, mass feeding, food pantries and food banks, utility bill payments to prevent cut-offs, rent/mortgage payments to prevent evictions/foreclosures and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions.

Eight percent of this year's allocation will be made available to states that will make funding determinations to aid people in jurisdictions with needs that may not be reflected in the National Board's qualifying formula.

The National Board is chaired by FEMA with representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army and United Way Worldwide. United Way Worldwide, selected by the National Board as its Secretariat and Fiscal Agent, is also responsible for the daily administration of the EFSP.

EFSP funding is allocated to qualifying local jurisdictions based on a formula using the most recent national population, unemployment, and poverty data.

A state-by-state list of the eligible jurisdictions and award amounts is available at the [United Way website](#).

Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery

Web Site: www.misionpeniel.org

As a mission of the Presbytery, we rely on the churches of Peace River Presbytery for 100% of our budget. Thank you for your faithful support of this presbytery ministry.

For the latest updates, visit us on Facebook (Mision Peniel), Instagram (misionpenielimmokalee) and subscribe to our quarterly newsletter via our website.

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Presbytery Calendar: April 2021

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: www.peaceriverpresbytery.org

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org

Thursday, April 1

Mision Peniel Team (10:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Friday, April 2

Good Friday – Presbytery Offices Closed

Sunday, April 4

Easter

Thursday, April 8

Finance Team/Board of Trustees (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Monday, April 12

Outreach and Nurture Team (10:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Tuesday, April 13

Committee on Ministry (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Wednesday, April 14

Human Resources Team (3:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

Cuba Partnership Task Force (5:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

Tuesday, April 27

“Leading the Church into the Post-Covid World”, with Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger

(Registration required; see the information flyer in this newsletter)

Thursday, April 29

Steering Committee (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Team, Committee, and other meetings are being conducted via Zoom Video Conference until further notice.
Please check the web site calendar regularly for additions or changes.

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
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center: www.cedarkirk.org
- Presbyterian Homes & Housing Foundation of FL: www.phhf.com

Prayer Needs

Please pray for:

- The people of Myanmar
- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill – “...for God’s mercy to shrink the bile duct tumor so that surgery can be done.”
- Rev. Dr. Kathi Wiggins and Family – loss of her younger brother
- Becky Beckwith and Family – loss of husband, Jim Beckwith (past Moderator of Presbytery and Committee on Ministry member). Address for Becky Beckwith: 617 Woodlawn Drive, Bradenton, FL 34210
- The Congregations and Pastors of Peace River Presbytery
- Our Nation
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- 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

Go to [Peace River Presbytery Churches](#)
to visit each of the church's web sites.



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