



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ October 11, 2018

A Word from the Peace River Presbytery Personnel Team

The Personnel Team gives thanks to God for our staff and to our staff for the excellent work they do helping us to embody this part of the Body of Christ.

We are, with Graham's retirement, at a necessary moment of transition. We believe we can welcome that transition with little anxiety. The presbytery is in a good place with both healthy diversity of opinion and unity in Christ. This is in part because of the careful work Graham has always done to help us discern a vision and then to make that vision real in the structure and policies and work of the presbytery.

Our team supported the decision to use the Adaptive Model of Transition to a new General Presbyter because of the stability we now experience. We believe this to be a time to focus on the search for a new General Presbyter and not to make significant changes until the new person is settled in place.

We believe we have an excellent staff. We have a debt of experience and historical knowledge that will be a great asset to the new GP. We have people in roles for which they are well suited and for which they have competence and passion. More specifically we have people that are relational. It is not just 'staff' but Lori, Graham, Randy, Alesia, and Alan. We know them, and they know us.

We are in the process of staff reviews and ask your prayers for that process so that these brothers and sisters in Christ can be affirmed in what they have done and be confirmed in adjustments chosen with us that will help them be even more fulfilled in their jobs.

Rev. Dr. Will Browne
Moderator, PRP Personnel Team

STATED MEETING of PRESBYTERY

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers

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8:00 a.m. – Registration Begins

\* 8:30 a.m. – Finance Forum with the PRP Board of Trustees \*

9:00 a.m. – Stated Meeting Begins  
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Lunch reservations due no later than 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 9th ...

Contact Lori Doyal at the Presbytery Office

lori@peacriverpresbytery.org / 941-426-8421, ext. 401
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*\* The Finance Forum is a perfect opportunity to ask questions about the Presbytery budget, as well as the mission and ministry of the Presbytery.*

## CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

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*A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma*



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## MISIÓN PENIEL

*A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworker Community in Immokalee*

208 Boston Ave., PO Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34143

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### **Contributions to Misión Peniel (checks or online):**

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- 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.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

### **Please continue to pray for:**

- Communities affected by Hurricane Michael
- Rev. Dr. Daniel Pendergrass – recovery from a badly broken leg
- Jim and Becky Beckwith - health
- Rev. Miguel Estrada's Father-In-Law, Mr. Castillo Fernandez - health
- The Rev. Daniel Herlein - health
- Robert Dennis (son of Rev. India Dennis) – mental health issues

- 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 PRAYER GUIDE: OCTOBER 2018**

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| October 7  | <u>PRP Elected Staff:</u><br>Graham Hart (General Presbyter), Randy Moody (Stated Clerk), Alan Penick (Treasurer)                                                                                                                                                      |
| October 14 | <u>PRP Support Staff:</u><br>Alesia Sharpe (Office Manager) and Lori Doyal (Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant)                                                                                                                                          |
| October 21 | <u>Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, Sarasota</u><br>Co- Pastors: Rev. Dr. Bruce Wismer and Rev. Karen Wismer<br>Email: <a href="mailto:bruce@pineshorespres.org">bruce@pineshorespres.org</a> / <a href="mailto:karen@pineshorespres.org">karen@pineshorespres.org</a> |
| October 28 | <u>Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Sarasota</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Michael Mansperger<br>Email: <a href="mailto:covenant.presbyteian@comcast.net">covenant.presbyteian@comcast.net</a>                                                                               |

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Peace Presbyterian Church Dedication Service

### **AROUND the PRESBYTERY EVENTS:**

[Faith Focus Weekend Presentation – First Presbyterian, Sarasota](#)

Saturday, October 20, 2018

### **CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS**

Hope United Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers/Estero  
[Church Administrative Assistant / Office Administrator](#)

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Braden River Presbyterian Church, Bradenton
[Part Time Administrative Assistant](#)

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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, North Port  
[Music Director for the Traditional Service](#)

### **PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2018**

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 posted.*

**Monday, October 15**

Nominations and Representation Committee (10:00 a.m.)

**Thursday, October 18**

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)

Congregational Vitality Team (12:30 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 25**

Misión Peniel Team (10:00 a.m. in Immokalee)

**CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

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Click on the city, then the church, to visit their web site.

