

Tampa Bay e-News

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**The Lord is my
shepherd, I shall
not want...**

Psa1m 23:1

*Special points of prayer
and interest:*

- **COM Officer Training Events** will be held the next two days and we pray for all who present and attend
- **Earle Brown, Presbytery Treasurer** is recovering from surgery. Prayers are appreciated and cards are being received in the Presbytery office.
- **In five weeks**, we gather again as the Presbytery of Tampa Bay at Hope PC, Winter Haven. Papers for that meeting will be posted after 4:00PM on Thursday, November 7. Please continue to pray for our Presbytery.
- **The Presbytery office will be closed** on Monday, November 11, Veterans Day. Please take note.
- **The Presbytery office will close at 10AM** on Friday, October 25

SAMARITAN CENTER TO RETURN TO AREA

Did you know that the Career and Personal Counseling Center (CPCC) is now a Samaritan Institute Center? It's a major shift in our focus, but a welcome evolution!

For 49 years CPCC has provided counseling and career development programs for the PCUSA and other denominations in our Florida West-coast footprint, uniquely focused on ministry personnel. If your congregation has used our "Ministry Candidate Program," you have been part of that seminal history!

Importantly, our mission remains "to help people find, affirm and utilize their gifts and strengths to experience God's call to fullness of life," but as a Samaritan Institute Center, our services are now available to everyone without regard to ecumenical status, "ability to pay" or religious affiliation.

A Samaritan Institute Center is a nationally recognized, faith-based, whole-health care, fee-for-service, ministry serving

adults, couples, families, congregations and corporations. A Samaritan Institute Center is distinctive, believing that religious faith is an appropriate and effective resource in all types of counseling. Even if a client does not have a faith context or is not active in a faith community, a Samaritan Institute Center has the sensitivity and resources to engage everyone. We also offer group education, training and consultation to communities, congregations and pastors.

A Samaritan Institute Center is accredited every three years by meeting rigorous standards for organization, management and clinical practices. All staff are certified and licensed professionals, whose skills include individual, couple and family counseling. And all Samaritan Institute Centers are HIPPA compliant and use most insurance plans.

The quality service provided by the Samaritan system is acknowledged by the American Medical Association, the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, the President's Commission on

Mental Health and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. We also remain accountable to our Board of Directors that draw from our historical faith community and maintain our Not-for-Profit status to enable the receipt of gifts and grants in support of our goals.

Our current home is at Maximo Presbyterian Church PCUSA where it is central to our service area, but satellite offices are needed in our wider community. Satellite offices provide supporting congregations with a familiar and friendly place to find hope and healing and are fully resourced and managed by our Center.

Time has brought a welcome evolution to CPCC and we look forward to serving you and your community for years to come. Would your congregation like to be noted in their local community as a Samaritan Satellite Counseling center? Please call Dr. Barbara Kranendonk at 727 867 7200 for more information.

ADVENT CALENDARS AVAILABLE

It's time to order your *Presbyterians Today* 2013 Advent Calendar!

This popular devotional resource, produced by *Presbyterians Today* magazine, contains illustrated Scripture readings, prayers, and anecdotes and meditations for each day of the Advent season. The

booklet makes it easy to grab a moment for prayerful reflection sometime during your day.

Please visit <http://store.pcusa.org/1711613012> to order copies for your congregation now while supplies last and to ensure delivery before Advent.

2013 Advent Calendar Discount Pricing:

1 copy, \$4.00

2-9 copies, \$3.00 each

10-99 copies, \$2.00 each

100-249 copies, \$1.65 each

250+ copies, \$1.25 each

Shipping: 10% of order, \$5.25 minimum

PRAYING ON THE 7TH DAY IN NOVEMBER



Please contact the Stated Clerk ASAP at 813-868-4800 or stated-clerk@pbty.com if you require an excused absence from the November 14 Presbytery Meeting.

On the Seventh Day will be hosted by Cedarkirk on Thursday, November 7 at 12noon.

Our prayer facilitator for the day will be the Reverend Bill Cooley, who is also a member of the regional faculty for the Shalem Institute and currently involved in leading their

“Spiritual Deepening” program.

Come and experience God’s presence, good fellowship, “spiritual deepening prayer,” and cookies from Cedarkirk on Thursday, November 7.

RSVPs must be received in the

Presbytery office by Monday, November 4, at 12noon. Please call 813-868-4800 and speak with Ann Marie to reserve a spot today!

Thank you for your love for God and other witnessed by your presence and participation.

ROY OSWALD TO PRESENT EQ

January 21-24, 2014

**Duncan Center, Delray Beach, Florida
EQ-HR 5-day Workshop Registration
Roy Oswald—Presenter and Facilitator**

EQ-HR 5 day Schedule and Registration

The 4-day workshop in Delray Beach begins on Tuesday and ends after lunch on Friday.

There are two ways to register for these workshops:

Register online at www.eqhrcenter.org or

Send a check to the Center for EQ HR Skills, 19806 Mill Point Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713, Attn: Barbara Holder. For general information, please contact Barbara Holder at hrctr@myactv.net, or call 301-432-8933.

What happens at an EQ-HR Workshop?

This core EQ HR Center workshop is an intensive 5-day session designed to enable participants to learn about, build and practice emotional intelligence skills in a small group setting. Skilled facilitators provide tools and feedback to enable participants to learn about themselves and to immediately practice emerging skills. As group life unfolds, participants give and receive feedback regarding the impact they have on others in the group. Participants will learn both inter-personal and intra-group communication skills. The content of the workshop revolves around the five areas of emotional intelligence as keys to improving leadership effectiveness for faith-based leaders.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE HELPFUL

Recently a group of folks from Tampa Bay Presbytery met to evaluate and assess the current “Sales Policy of Closed Churches.” During their process, it became apparent that the group that worked on the original process was not provided with essential information regarding the financial status and obligations of the Presbytery. Therefore, it was determined that perhaps additional information and insight could guide

the group to propose something different.

The “something different” was presented by John Hehn, Elder from Seffner and member of the group to evaluate the current sales policy, at the Presbytery meeting in August. Since a decision about a new sales policy will be considered at the November Stated Meeting in Winter Haven, it is hoped that Presbyterians will be helpful and provide feedback

at two open educational conversational forums. You are invited to attend the remaining educational conversational opportunity to dialogue about what is before us:

Thursday, October 31

3PM-4PM

Presbytery Office

Tampa, FL

No RSVP necessary. We look forward to greeting you!

The new and improved Presbytery of Tampa Bay website is up and running. Log onto www.presbyteryoftampabay.com and find your church on the new map feature! Watch for additional pieces to be posted in the coming weeks!