



Our Mission:

To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.

Presbytery Odds and Ends

Lots of "decently and in order" info for church leaders this week!

Please get the following meetings on your session's calendar for the election of commissioners:

Spring 2017 Stated Presbytery meeting will be on Thursday May 18th at St. Mark's in Hudson from 9am to 3:30pm.

Fall 2017 Stated Presbytery meeting will take place on Thursday November 9th at Eckerd College from 9am to 3:30pm (pending Presbytery approval).

Upcoming Regional Meetings:

West Region Commission meets February 25 at 9am, at [St. Andrew's New Port Richey Campus](#).

Central Region Commission meets February 28 at 9am, at [St. John's Presbyterian Church](#).

East Region Commission meets March 9 at 7pm at [Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland](#).

Consult [this document](#) to determine number of Ruling Elders your church should commission to each Presbytery meeting.

The Presbytery has another form to announce as well:
[2017 Mission Pledge Form](#)

Per Capita:

This time of year, churches are preparing their budgets and it may be helpful to know that 2017 Per Capita is a total of \$30.75 (\$21.75 Presbytery, \$1.50 Synod, \$7.50 GA). You can find the exact figures for your church in this [spreadsheet for 2017 Per Capita](#).

Also, please watch this [video interview with Treasurer Terry Dennis](#) for more info about what your Per Capita dollars pay for.

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As usual, please check out the other news and resources below, and if you have a joy, concern, resource or just something you want to share, please let me know!

In Christ,

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communications
Presbytery of Tampa Bay



News From Around the Presbytery

Mark Hayes in Concert

Hope Presbyterian Church presents

Composer, Pianist, & Conductor

Mark Hayes
In Concert!

Sunday, January 22
2:30 pm

Featuring Winter Haven choirs from:

Beymer United Methodist Church

First Presbyterian Church

Hope Presbyterian Church

Polk State College

Free Admission - A Love Offering will be taken.



Hope Presbyterian Church
2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd.
Winter Haven

When: Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:30 PM
Free Admission - A love Offering will be taken.

**Dundu Dole
Urban African Ballet
(Final Florida Tour and only appearance in Clearwater)**



**2001 Rainbow Drive
Hercules at Rainbow
(one block north of Gulf to Bay)**

**February 25, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Free Admission
Open seating
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**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women Luncheon

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a luncheon at FPC Brooksville for the northern churches of the Presbytery on Saturday, January 21 at Noon. You could check their flyer [here](#).

First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, has paraments available

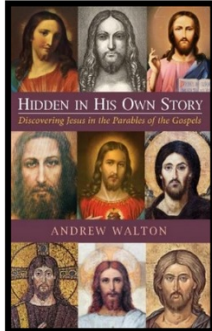
First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, has paraments available for free to anyone who can use them (see photos). Please contact Jackie Hansen at 863-686-7187 if interested.



New Resource from the Presbyterian Mission Agency

A new resource concerning the struggles of LGBT people in other countries and the PC(USA) response. Download it [here](#).

New Book by Tampa Bay Teaching Elder Andy Walton



Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Clearwater Andy Walton just released his new book! He apparently got Walter Brueggemann and Joan S. Gray to read it, so I suspect it's pretty good! Learn more about Hidden in His Own Story: Discovering Jesus in the Parables of the Gospels [here](#).

2017 Forms

The Presbytery forms for 2017 are ready to be downloaded!

[2017 Remittance Form](#)

[2017 F1 Form](#)

Clergy Renewal Opportunity Announcement

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program is seeking applications for this year's awards.

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary provide funds to congregations to support renewal leaves for their pastors. Congregations may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family, with up to \$15,000 of those funds available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away. There is no cost to the congregations or the pastors to apply; the grants represent the Endowment's continued investment in renewing the health and vitality of American Christian congregations.

For more information visit <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal> or contact:

Reverend Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley

Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager, Call Process Support and Teaching Elders Ministry

Office of the General Assembly Mid Council Ministries

100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202

NORTHEAST PRESBYTERIAN, ST. PETE, CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

The congregation was chartered on May 7, 1967. From its humble beginnings in a convenience mart at the corner of 38th Avenue and Shore Acres Blvd., NEPC has expanded and built a modern campus. Its facilities include a large, tree-shaded parking lot and buildings of contemporary design, stained glass windows in the sanctuary, an upgraded playground, a renovated Kid's Zone, and a state-of-the-art theater-style venue for contemporary worship.

The congregation of 232 has a ministry and mission of a larger church due to its very giving and serving body of believers. Ten percent of income is dedicated to missions. We are thankful for all God has done!

Monthly activities are planned during 2017. Neighbors and other congregations are invited to all events. A special worship service will be held on May 7 to celebrate God's goodness and our witness to the community for half a century. Join us. For more information contact Leslie at: lgunther0107@gmail.com or info@nepres.com.

2017 CROP Walk Announced



Dust off your walking shoes! The 2017 St. Petersburg-Pinellas County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, February 26, with registration beginning at 1:30 pm and the 1-mile or 5K walks beginning at 2 pm. The Walk begins and ends at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach DR. NE. St. Petersburg. And, your congregation is invited!

First, to get more information, please send a representative to the CROP Rally at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Daystar Life Center, 226 6th St S. Walk materials, including posters, information brochures and walk envelopes will be handed out at the Rally.

This annual Church World Service-sponsored event raises money to help end hunger. 25% of the Funds raised by the Walk are divided equally between Daystar and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic to aid in their work to fight hunger locally. Nonperishable food items, particularly peanut butter, dried beans, rice and canned meats or fish, also will be collected.

If you would like more information or would like to join the Walk or would like to sponsor a walker, please contact Kitty Rawson, [727.501.3653](tel:727.501.3653) or rawsonkp@yahoo.com.

Mission Interest



Hope for the Children Luncheon in Tampa

Thornwell's child abuse and neglect prevention program - The Building Families Program - has been successful in its work with at risk families in the Tampa Bay area and is expanding its presence and mission there. Learn how Rachel's family and many others have been transformed by this innovative mission. Also, come support families locally at the "Hope for the Children" benefit luncheon **Thursday, Feb. 23, 11:45 am - 1 pm** at The Rusty Pelican in Tampa!

You can view the full article [here](#).



Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center is pleased to announce that our online registration for 2017 Summer Camp Programs is OPEN!

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word about Cedarkirk's Summer Camp to your congregation. Every Monday through the end of May, we will be sending you an email with a Bulletin article and a Newsletter article. Please consider including this information in your current newsletter and bulletins.

Bulletin Blip:

OPEN HOUSE at Cedarkirk! On Feb. 4th, from 1:00-5:00 pm, Cedarkirk invites you to a free afternoon at camp. Join us for tours, hayrides, s'mores, archery, zip lining, and raffle for great prizes (including summer camp gift certificates)!

This is also great opportunity to learn about our summer programs, see some of the facilities and activities used during summer camp, and get a feel for what your child will experience. Find out more information at www.cedarkirk.org. We'll see you at the OPEN HOUSE!

Newsletter Article:

CEDARKIRK SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for Cedarkirk's 2017 Summer Camps is open! Whether you are in first grade or high school, a family with young children or a grandparent seeking time with your grandchild, Cedarkirk's summer programs offer something for you. Cedarkirk offers camps for all ages and stages of life, emphasizing opportunities for fun, community-building, and spiritual growth in a beautiful, natural environment. To ensure your choice of programs, pick up a brochure in the church office or visit www.cedarkirk.org today. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at 813.685.4224 x2 or camps@cedarkirk.org.



Cedarkirk *A place apart to build up the body of Christ in love.* **CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**OPEN HOUSE - FEBRUARY 4, 2017
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a free afternoon of fun at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. This event offers fun for all ages and a taste of what a day of summer camp is like. You are welcome to try your hand at archery, zip line through the tree tops, explore our new disc golf course, hike the property, take a walking or hayride tour, toast a s'more over a campfire, express your creative side at arts and crafts, or simply relax in a rocking chair on the porch of Cedar Lodge. Snacks are provided throughout the day and other food items will be available for purchase. Come hungry for fun and food!



For more information about the Open House, please contact the camp office at info@cedarkirk.org or (813) 685-4224, ext. 2.



FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



Happy New Year from FLAPDAN!

2016 In Review

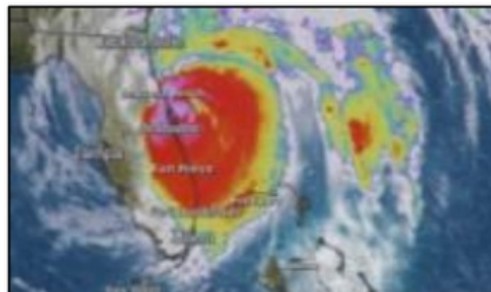
We have come to the end of 2016 and we are thankful for another year of many blessings. However, we had our share of disasters here in Florida: two hurricanes, major flooding and the highest mass casualty caused by an active shooter in U.S. history. We are not immune to disasters.



The Pulse Nightclub shooting in June was a shock to us all. Human- caused disasters shake a community to its core, but also bring out strength and solidarity among its members. Community groups and houses of worship of all faiths banded together to make #OrlandoStrong. FLAPDAN and PDA responded, providing support to Central Florida Presbytery staff and clergy and have been

invited back for a workshop this month.

In September, Hurricane Hermine became the first land falling hurricane to hit Florida in almost 11 years, causing damage and major flooding to communities on the west coast and up through Tallahassee. Two churches in Tampa Bay Presbytery were severely impacted by Hermine. Hurricane Matthew followed in October, causing



devastation to a majority of east coast communities. Downed trees, roof damage and flooding from storm surge devastated many communities and caused damage to 17 of our churches in Central Florida and St. Augustine Presbyteries. Although these stories have long since left the news media, many families in small neighborhoods along the east and west coasts are struggling to rebuild and hope to return their lives to a more normal state. The estimated number of families that will need assistance for long term recovery is typically between 5 and 10% of total FEMA registrations. For Hermine and Matthew combined, that number lies somewhere between 2500 and 4900... 2500 to 4900 Florida families that may not have the means to recover on their own.

A Look Into 2017

In response to these numbers, organization for Long Term Recovery has begun in several of the impacted communities.

Uninsured and underinsured families who have no other resources will turn to the faith-based and non-profit community groups to seek volunteer help to rebuild their homes. These families will go through a case



management process to determine their need, what resources they can provide for their own recovery and a plan for home repairs. Member groups of Florida VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) are combining their limited financial resources for materials and are asking for volunteer labor to FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA) assist with repairs. Please consider organizing a work team to help our Florida neighbors rebuild their homes this year. Projects will be within a few hours' drive for most of our churches. Please contact FLAPDAN for more info.

Volunteers Needed!



Be Prepared...

As changes in global weather systems bring more violent storms and unexpected flooding across our country, and shootings seem to be just another news story, please take time to update your church disaster plan. Encourage your congregation members to update their family disaster plans and assist your elderly members and neighbors with their storm preparations. When was the last time you held a fire drill during a worship service? How about scheduling a presentation on disaster preparedness at a fellowship dinner? FLAPDAN is ready to assist with programs, disaster plans and training.

FLAPDAN values each presbytery and their churches, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Synod of South Atlantic and is truly grateful for the support you have provided over the years. It is our hope that through your support, FLAPDAN can continue to serve our communities and provide leadership within our state disaster network. Thank you for your partnership. Wishing you a safe and happy new year filled with abundant blessings!

In service,

Kathy

Kathy Broyard

Executive Director / Emergency Management
Specialist

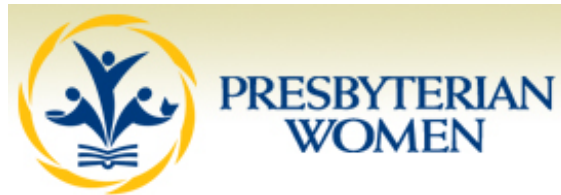
Phone: 941-483-0675

Email: fla.pdan@pcusa.org

IS YOUR CHURCH...

- READY FOR DISASTER?
- CONNECTED FOR RESPONSE?
- INVOLVED IN RECOVERY?

MORE INFO: FLA.PDAN@PCUSA.ORG



Presbyterian Women's January Newsletter

In case you missed it, here's the [Presbyterian Women's January Newsletter](#).



Beth-El News

In case you missed it, here is Beth-El's [January Newsletter](#).

Upcoming Workshops

New Princeton Seminary Online Certificate Program



see the world differently ...



"I am forever changed because of this program."

Janelle Johnson
C:TM 2016 Fall Alexander cohort

JOIN THE COHORT!

REAL CONNECTION. REAL LEARNING.

Princeton Theological Seminary is pleased to announce its re imagined, peer-to-peer, live-virtual theology certificate program.

C:TMONLINE powered by Princeton Theological Seminary is our peer-to-peer online certificate. It is designed for those without an M.Div interested in grounding their ministries-both personal and professional-in socially relevant and scholarly theological education.

Unrivaled, it's online education as an extension of Princeton Seminary's campus experience-in form and substance. The **C:TM** courses are designed and taught by Princeton Theological Seminary faculty and are moderated by Princeton Theological Seminary Ph.D students.

We've opened the doors of the institution online and created a virtual extension of the scholarly, socially relevant, and communally oriented Princeton Seminary campus experience, which has been training Christian leaders since 1812.

Are you ready?

A UNIQUE LEAN FORWARD APPROACH TO ONLINE LEARNING.

- Self-paced weekly assignments
- Close knit peer-to-peer cohort
- Lean forward learning,
- Case studies
- Mobile App
- Exclusive Live Experience!

C:TM is 14-weeks long with a weekly Thursday night (7-9pm EDT) Live Experience! with Princeton Theological Seminary professors. The certificate costs \$600 paid in up to two installments.

Do you know someone who might be interested?

Apply now for the Spring 2017 cohort (Jan 27 - April 3).

Applications due Jan 20.

[Appy Now](#)

[Learn More](#)

[FAQ](#)

Network Seminar

The Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale is offering:

Network - A One Day Seminar.

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9am - 3pm

Register by January 20 th - secretary.pcob@gmail.com \$10 Registration that includes lunch and your Network Book Network takes you on a wonderful journey that assists you in discovering your spiritual gifts, your style, and your passion. Network is a holistic discovery process that assists every believer in finding their unique contribution in ministry.

Pastoral Care Training with CEUs

Greetings from the Turner Ministry Resource Center of the Pastoral Institute!

Beginning in 2017, we are happy to introduce a new and exciting training opportunity for pastors, providers of lay pastoral care and Stephen's Ministers.

The Pastoral Care Symposia will be an ongoing training program for clergy and congregational leaders. Each Spring and Fall there will be training days on a monthly basis. The format will be lecture, question and discussion, and small group interaction. These sessions will be designed around issues raised by

local clergy. The sessions for the Spring module are Grief and Loss, Addictions, Pre-marital and marital therapy, and Pastoral/Congregational transitions. The opportunity to obtain 12 continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for clergy.

For Pastors and Leaders of churches who are part of our Covenant Congregation Program (CCP) one CCP unit (value of \$100) can be used to offset part of the cost of the series. After full payment has been received for the symposia, this benefit will be reimbursed upon request. Please contact a member of the Turner Ministry Resource Center for more information.

For your convenience, please see the link [here](#) for more in-depth information.

Brian McLaren



Get These Events on Your Calendar!

Best Selling author and speaker, Brian McLaren, whose latest book is *The Great Spiritual Migration* will be featured at three Clearwater events in February.

* On **Friday, February 10, Noon - 3:00 p.m.**, Brian will speak to area interfaith clergy and congregational leadership at Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian. RSVP to this event only for lunch - info@trinityclearwater.com or 727-446-6210

* On **Friday, February 10 at 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.** a public presentation with Brian will be held at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Ave, Clearwater, 33756.

On **Saturday, February 11, 9:00 to 11:30** another public presentation with Brian will be held at Episcopal Church of the Ascension

You can view the flyer [here](#).

**THEOLOGY, RACISM, AND CHRISTIAN PRACTICE:
How Shall We Respond?**

*SPONSORS: Saint Mark Presbyterian Church + The Presbyterian Outlook
and National Capital Presbytery + Institute of Radical Reconciliation*

February 10–11, 2017

THE ORIGIN OF RACE

Friday 7PM
Presentation by Dr. Willie Jennings followed by questions and answers

Saturday 9AM

- Panel with Dr. Willie Jennings, Dr. Paul Roberts and The Reverend Denise Anderson
- Conversation groups: How shall we respond?
- Future steps

March 30, 2017

THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE

Thursday 7PM
Dr. James Cone

- Presentation by Dr. Cone with response and discussion

May 2017

EVENT TBD WITH CHIEF CASSANDRA DECK-BROWN

REGISTER NOW!

February 10–11 Forum: \$25.00 / person
March 30 with Dr. James Cone: \$25.00 / person
Discount Registration for Both Events: \$40.00 / person
(includes catered reception)

<http://pushpay.com/pay/theologyracismchristianityevent>

The series goal is to integrate Christian theology with practices that counter racism in our lives and communities. The speakers have made major contributions to this effort and will lead participants in the critical reflection on steps that are necessary to engage our communities in practices that dismantle the structures of racism. There will be small group conversations as well as major presentations by the speakers. The goal is faith in action.

Dr. Willie Jennings is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies at Yale University. His book, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (Yale 2010), won the American Academy of Religion Award of Excellence in the Study of Religion in the Constructive-Reflective category the year after it appeared and in 2015, the Grawemeyer Award in Religion, the largest prize for a theological work in North America.

The Reverend Paul Timothy Roberts Sr. is President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA, a position he has held since the spring of 2010. Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary is one of the ten theological schools of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the only one that is historically African American. From 1997 through 2010, Rev. Roberts was the pastor of Church of the Master (PCUSA), a church founded in 1965 in Atlanta, GA, as an intentionally interracial congregation.

Dr. James H. Cone, known as the founder of black liberation theology, is the Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union

Theological Seminary. Dr. Cone is best known for his ground-breaking works, Black Theology & Black Power (1969) and A Black Theology of Liberation (1970). His latest book, The Cross and the Lynching Tree, received the 2012 Nautilus Silver Award in Religion/Spirituality-Western Traditions.

Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown

is the first African American woman to be appointed the Police Chief of Raleigh, NC. A North Carolina native, Chief Deck-Brown joined the Raleigh Police Department in 1987. She graduated from East Carolina University and received a master's degree in public administration from North Carolina State University. She is known for her dedication to justice and has spoken widely on matters related to law enforcement and the public good.

Events to be held at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in Rockville, Maryland *
301-530-8142 * www.saintmarkpresby.org

Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland

When: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Where: 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive Lakeland, FL 33801

Registration: Opens at 9:30 am

Program: 10:00 am~3:00 pm

*Present Banners Worship Business Installation Honorary Life Fellowship Food
Workshops*

Invite your Woman Pastor as our guest!

Workshop A -

2016 USAME to San Francisco

Out of Darkness/ Into the Light

Workshop B -

Why Presbyterian Women?

Questions, discussions, why we do what we do & an exchange of PW ideas.

Workshop C -

Leadership Development

Finding, supporting, & replacing our leaders. Skills, techniques, ideas.

Please choose 2 Workshops for after lunch.

Registration due to Gina by February 10, 2017 by email or mail.

\$10 per person.

Also, you can check the AG Registration [here](#).

Gain new skills at Transitional Ministry Workshop



As you plan your continuing education for the year, consider this course to add to your skill set (plus, get a chance to visit amazing Portland, Oregon).

TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

Change happens - in interim situations and in congregations of longstanding. Build your skills with Week 1 and Week 2 of training (also qualifies as Interim Ministry Training).

Dates: February 13 - 16, 2017 (Week 1 and Week 2 programs)

Cost: \$695 (Includes program fee, triple occupancy room, all meals and materials. Other accommodations available; see our website for details).

More Info and Registration: [Click Here](#)

BONUS: PORTLAND, OREGON, & THE COLUMBIA RIVER GEORGE!

Fly into PDX, named America's Best Airport in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. From PDX, Menucha Retreat and Conference Center is only a 30 minute ride to the east while downtown Portland is only a 30 minute ride to the west. Outdoor enthusiasts can come early or stay late to enjoy the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area while foodies and city lovers can check out Portland, one of our nation's coolest cities.

NEED MORE ENCOURAGEMENT TO COME?

"I had a great experience at Transitional Ministry Workshop's Week 1 training. The content, community, and creation around us faithfully coaxed me to open up my mind, body, and spirit to the possibilities of ministry and congregational life. Very much looking forward to heading to Menucha again for Week 2 in 2017!"

QUESTIONS

Call us at 503-695-2243. At Menucha, a real person is always happy to speak with you.

PS: Want more details? Here are frequently asked questions.

Q: Is this the same as Interim Ministry Training?

A: It's close, but not the same thing. Interim Ministry Training has been changing and adapting to our new cultural context for a while now. This particular training is designed to be more up-to-date with the current context - addressing the fact that every church is in some sort of transition or another.

Q: Will I still "get credit" for taking Interim Ministry?

A: Yes. We cover all the topics required for interim training. Also, our instructors are part the PC(USA)'s Interim Ministry Consortium (IMC). See <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/ministers/interim-pastors/>.

Q: What do you teach in Week 1 vs. Week 2?

A: Here is what we cover in Week 1 Training:

Leadership is about teamwork, but good leadership starts with you. This first four day seminar will empower you to identify and lead (or be a part of a team leading) meaningful, transformational change in any church context. Learn the basics of congregational dynamics, church systems, effective conflict resolution, power dynamics, and simple strategies for leading change in congregations. Grow as well in your awareness of yourself as a church leader, a person of faith, and gain insights into your strengths and weaknesses as a transitional leader.

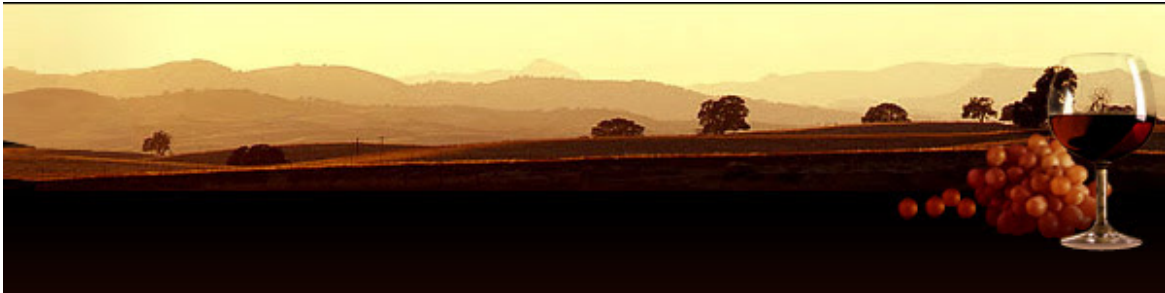
Here's what we cover in Week 2 Training:

Once engaged in an intentional transition (Week 1), transformational leaders need to be equipped to continue to lead through the rough waters of change. This second four day seminar further develops the tools of identifying the necessary change, establishing the strategies for change, recruiting a leadership team, dealing with congregational conflict, and sustaining a new culture around renewed identity.

For even more information, visit [Click Here](#)



Bursting Wineskins: Creative Responses to Christ's Changing Church



When: Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM EDT -to-
Thursday April 20, 2017 at 1:00 PM EDT

Where: Louisville Theological Seminary 1044 Alta Vista Road
Laws Lodge Louisville, KY 40205

We are very excited to announce that Rev. Grady Parsons will be keynote speaker for the 2017 PPCN Conference in April. Since his retirement as Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Gradye has been working on a book to address healthy pastors and their call. His topic is "My Call, My Faith, and My Car Payment." I'm sure many of us can relate to the peaks and valleys of faith and the impact it has on our vocation.

Plan to join us in April. We'll be meeting at Louisville Theological Seminary. Click on the link below to register.

[Register](#)

Questions?

Conference content, contact [Jim Splitt](#)

Registration, contact [Debbie Corll](#).

Conference brochure.

For more information:

Jim Splitt

Presbytery Pastoral Care Network

conference@pastoralcarenetwork.org

402-277-0912

Super Saturday: Save the Date!

Super Saturday is making a comeback! The event is being planned by the Commission on Church Vitality (CCV), and will be held at [Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church](#) on Saturday February 18th.

Here's some of the topics that will be presented:

Pastoral Care for Deacons and Elders
Christian Education in Small Churches
Elder Training by the Commission on Ministry
New Hope for Small Churches
New Church Development
Church Treasurer Training by the Board of Trustees

Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Zac Morton from Roswell Presbyterian Church outside of Atlanta. Zac will be speaking about practical ways to plant new churches in the Tampa Bay region.

Creative Writing as a Spiritual Practice Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st, 2017



Come away from the busyness of your life to experience creative writing as a spiritual practice. When we write creatively, we open ourselves to grow in spiritual practices like attentiveness, intentionality, empathy, and gratitude - gifts we want to grow as disciples of Christ. Challenge yourself creatively and spiritually, and leave with a sense of peace at having drawn closer to yourself and to God.

REV. DR. DEBBIE BRONKEMA, former Co-Executive Director of Cedarkirk, has led several programs and retreats on this topic over the last few years and is excited to share this spiritual practice with us. She currently serves as Pastor of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church in Pleasantville, New York.

Click [here](#) for further information.

Job Opportunities

Children's Ministry Director



Days/Hours: Approximately 20 hours/week with expected increase for summer VBS

- Sundays: 4.5 hours paid, expected attendance of 1 hours worship service
- Office hours to be coordinated with Pastor.
- Staff Meetings: Bi-weekly staff meetings
- Christian Nurture Committee Meetings: Monthly

Job Summary:

"Love God, Love KIDS" is our motto. We teach 3 core principles in the children's ministry-- God made us. God loves us. Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Discovery Kidz -- babies to 5. We use Orange's "First Look: Curriculum. Our lessons are media driven, with directed play and activities, and outdoor time on our newly renovated playground. We also have a modern, colorful and newly renovated Kid's Zone. We seek someone who wants to have fun, but also is passionate about sharing and showing the love of Jesus Christ to our littles ones.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and recruit volunteers, arrange schedules, snacks & supplies, curriculum .
- Equip volunteers: Coach volunteers in their responsibilities.
- Partner with parents: Encourage them to teach spiritual principles in the home.
- Plan: In addition to Sunday morning, provide events like VBS, quarterly date nights, Easter Egg party, Trunk or Treat (fall festival), and more.
- Reach out: Find new ways to draw in community children.
- Communicate: Inform volunteers and parents through multiple methods.
- Train: Partner with the "First Look" specialist to better prepare the volunteers / parents in using the Orange curriculum.
- Grow: In spiritually (prayer, worship, Bible study). Pray daily for the ministry & volunteers.
- Worship: Weekly and be involved in the NEPC community to build relationships.
- Report: To the head pastor and partner with the Christian Nurture

committee in planning.

Qualifications:

- Love God, Love Kids
- Have a deep faith in Jesus Christ and be continually maturing in Christ, as well as being able to share Christ with others.
- Have experience teaching children. Children's ministry leadership experience preferred.
- Have communication skills both personal as well as use of social media and texting

How to Apply:

Please submit your application via email to NEPCNextGen@gmail.com, or by mail to 4400 Shore Acres Blvd NE, St Pete, FL 33702.

This description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by an employee within this position. The actual duties, responsibilities, and qualifications may vary.

Communication Coordinator First Presbyterian Church, Brandon FL

FPC/Brandon is seeking to fill a new position "Communication Coordinator". Part-time, estimated 8 - 10 hours per week, working remotely from home. Responsibilities include regular maintenance and updating of website, Facebook page and other social media, disseminating regular email messages to membership; utilizing existing and new technologies to enhance communication within the church membership and the surrounding community. Must be experienced in use of social media and contemporary technologies.

For more information contact Laura Ross at 813-334- 4653 or lauraross.2010@yahoo.com

Director of Student Ministries



First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven Full Time Position

Our 1000 member Florida Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation is

seeking an enthusiastic leader to continue the expansion of our youth ministry program! Our location half-way between both coasts and an hour from Orlando and Tampa provides many exciting opportunities for youth activities. We are seeking a Christ-filled individual who is organized, able to work well with and lead others, and who has the passion and ability to inspire and connect with our middle and high school youth.

We value our youth ministry program and offer a competitive salary and benefits package for this full-time position. Please visit our website at www.firstpreswh.org for more information about our church. Inquiries may be emailed to ydsearch@firstpreswh.org or mailed to the church office (Attn: Director of Student Ministries Search Committee, First Presbyterian Church, 637 Sixth Street NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881).

Part Time Nursery Assistant at St. Andrew, New Tampa

Responsible for providing nursery care for children under three years old, ensuring their safety, health, cleanliness and well-being. Regular hours are Sunday 9am-12pm. Addition church events as needed. Located in Tampa Palms close to I75. Minimum of two years professional childcare experience, part-time or full-time, or be a parent. Current CPR certification or be willing to receive certification. Pay rate is \$50.00 for Sunday (9-12) and \$16.50 per hour for additional events.

Call 813-513-8822 for additional information.

Email resume to: office@standrewnewtampa.org.

Korean Presbyterian Church of Tampa Job Opening:

Full-time or Part-Time EM Pastor

KPCT is currently seeking an EM Pastor to shepherd the Young Adult and Youth Group of high school and middle school students. The church is located at 6510 Yosemite Dr., Tampa, FL 33634.

For more information please contact Ki Choi at kih.choi3@gmail.com or read the [position description](#).