

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

Upcoming Seminars

I wanted to take today's top article as a reminder that we're having a couple of great seminars coming up at First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland that I think are worth paying attention to. I plan to attend both of these, and I personally think that these will be of great benefit to pastors and leaders in our churches. On June 28th, we'll learn about family systems approach to reducing Anxiety in the church, and from Oct 2nd to Oct 6th, there will be a Mediation Skills Training Institute certification class that will teach participants how to deal with conflict in the church. Church conflict is often the source of unnecessary decline and the loss of the peace and joy that we ought to have in Christ. Let's do what we can to prevent that!

Use this brochure to promote these in your church: Brochure for June 28th Family Systems Class Brochure for Oct 2-6 Mediation Skills Class

and register for either event here: http://www.lmpeacecenter.org/events/

Leadership & Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective June 28, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, FL

Come join us for this enlightening seminar on a timely issue!

(There's a Church Discount Coupon if you bring 3 friends or more)

admin@LMPeaceCenter.org ~ 630.627.0507

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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

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship releases gun violence prevention toolkit

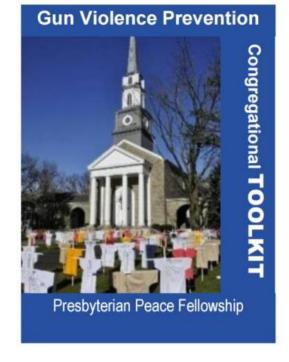
National Gun Violence Awareness Day recognized with #WearOrange hashtag

LOUISVILLE - Today marks the third annual observance of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. As advocates remember the 138 mass shootings and 6,303 people who have been killed as a result of gun violence so far in 2017, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship has released its Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit.

"This new toolkit updates a previous version and provides new and current

resources to those who seek to stand in opposition to the epidemic of gun violence in this country," says the Rev. Carl Horton, coordinator for the <u>Presbyterian Peacemaking Program</u>. "The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continues to call its members to demand sensible legislation and reasonable safeguards to significantly reduce the toll that gun violence takes each year on the people of our nation."

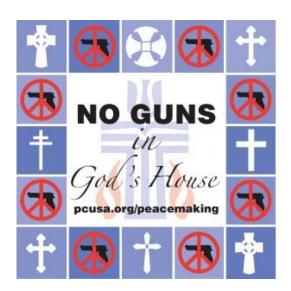
The cover of the new toolkit features a photo of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill (Pennsylvania) with 331 crosses covered in t-shirts with the names of gun violence victims in their community. Across the nation,



Presbyterians are beginning to discuss and act on the once-taboo topic of gun violence in America. In 2016, over 33,000 Americans died from gun violence and 100,000 were injured.

The revised toolkit builds on and replaces an earlier version from 2009, with the new edition offering more focus on action to prevent gun violence, including sample "No Guns in God's House" signage for religious properties such as churches, schools, camps and other faith-based facilities. In 2014 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the denomination's highest body, called for the posting of such signs on church buildings as a witness to the need to reduce gun violence in America.

"If 98 Americans were dying every day in plane crashes - day in, day out, every single day - we would all be talking about it," says Margery Rossi, Chair of the Peace Fellowship's Gun Violence Prevention Working Group, which produced the new toolkit. "As Americans we must learn about and talk about this issue and not be intimidated by the NRA [National Rifle Association] or the gun and ammunition industry. Local congregations can bring together those who own guns and those who do not to start this conversation and to find middle ground in the search for solutions. We do not have to live this way."



Horton highlights the other work Presbyterians are doing to raise awareness in the effort to prevent gun related violence and deaths.

"The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship has been an excellent partner in our denomination's efforts to address gun violence," he says. "They, along with the Peacemaking Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, have together sought to provide reliable resources that educate, build awareness and inspire meaningful and effective action by our congregations and

members."

On June 12, 2017, the first anniversary of the Orlando Pulse nightclub mass shooting, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship will announce a national program to help implement the Presbyterian "No Guns in God's House" signage program.

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Formed in 1944, the <u>Presbyterian Peace Fellowship</u> is a nation-wide community of Presbyterians who seek to apply the nonviolence of Jesus Christ to violence in the world today. The PPF works to help implement 50 years of official Presbyterian Church policy in support of reasonable gun laws to prevent murders, accidents, suicides and injuries.

For more information on the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, see www.presbypeacefellowship.org and Twitter @PresbyPeace.

The 2012 PDA documentary "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" and an accompanying 4-session study/viewing guide are available through Presbyterian Distribution Services. Ordering information, study resources and a preview are available at the <u>documentary site</u>. You may also contact Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at 1-888-728-7228 ext. 5839 or <u>PDA@pcusa.org</u> for the password protected link.

Presbytery Meeting Summary

Thanks to everyone who was at Presbytery! Below you'll find a summary of that meeting if you were unable to attend.

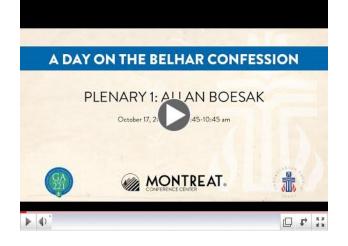
Summary of Stated Presbytery Meeting, May 18th, 2017

Additionally, several of you asked for a link to the video that was shared by Clifton Kirkpatrick during the Keynote:



The Confession of Belhar and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

As well as the video that he shared during the Breakout (49 minutes to 1 hour 9 minutes 30 seconds in):



Finally, I also had a request to include the books mentioned during this breakout:

Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race (don't miss the Co-Moderator's Study Guide)

Dear White Christians

Hillbilly Elegy

America's Original Sin

DAY CAMP 2017 BRANCHING OUT



Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center is thrilled to partner with Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church to bring an exciting week of day camp to your backyard!

We are bringing camp to you! That means your camper has five days to laugh, run, play, sing, make friends, build community, learn about God, grow deeper in his or her faith, be challenged - physically and spiritually, and have the most fun they can possibly have in one week of camp.

Our nurturing and energetic counseling staff will shepherd your camper and their small-group through a week of BRANCHING OUT! During engaging and developmentally-appropriate activities and discussions, campers will explore how

we are connected to one another - and to God - through Christ.

Each day's scripture focus will encourage campers to use prayer, relationships, family, and more to stay connected to God and to their communities throughout their lives. Campers will participate in large and small group games, complete arts & crafts projects, sing camp songs, learn about our world and how to care for it, and feel loved and valued as individuals and as part of a community of faith.

We can't wait to share camp with you this summer!

July 17-21, 2017 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM 110 S. Ft Harrison Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756

Registration forms are on the <u>www.peacememorial.org</u> website along with a schedule of events, handbook and a copy of the camp curriculum.

\$70.00/1 child \$100/2 children \$115/family maximum

Call Pastor Dawn with questions (727) 446-3001.



The worshipping community of Beth-El would like to add Christian banners to its worship space. If your church or congregation has a banner, vestments or other worship supplies that you would like to donate, please contact Kathy@beth-el.org. Gracias!

Kathy

Rev. Kathleen Dain
Executive Director
Roth El Farmworker Minis

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc. Phone: 813-633-1548 ext. 223

www.beth-el.org

100 Free Blue Hymnals

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, New Port Richey
Campus has 100 Blue PC(USA) Hymnals available for free!



They apparently have other stuff to give away as well, so if you're interested, please reach out to Joyce Cain at joyce@sapcd.org, or call her at (813) 732 3131.

CCV West is Looking for a Volunteer

The West Region Commission on Church Vitality (CCV) would like to pay for someone in the West Region to be trained as a grant writer, with the expectation that this person would be available to our congregations to help them seek grants. They would pay for a course which St Petersburg College offers online. Contact Chair Micki Robinson at mickirobinson@tampabay.rr.com if you're interested.

Mission Interest



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE... Did You Know?

Florida is very blessed to have several members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team and National Volunteer Team residing within our presbyteries. These volunteers are part of a 102 member team dedicated to serving wherever and whenever needed in response to disasters.

PDA Team Members in Florida:
Pat Ashley, Tropical Florida
Kathy Broyard, St. Augustine*
Jim Cummings, Tampa Bay
Lynnette Kennison, St. Augustine
Dale Martin, St. Augustine
Robert McCrary, St. Augustine

Jim Pellot, St. Augustine*
Bill Welch, Central Florida*
Bruce Wismer, Peace River*

Recently Retired from the PDA Team: Milton Fulton, St. Augustine* Rick Miller, Central Florida*

Former Volunteers, now PDA Staff: Jim Kirk, Peace River* Laurie Kraus, Tropical Florida

* denotes current or former Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN) members

2017 PDA Meeting Summary

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) annual meeting was held in Atlanta, April 21 - 24. Members of the volunteer National Response Team (NRT) and National Volunteer Team gathered to expand the team's knowledge of disaster ministries and response.

PDA members receive training throughout the year in areas such as natural and human-caused disasters, emotional and spiritual care, church damage, post-disaster volunteer work force housing, long-term community rebuilding, and refugee and immigration in disaster response.

In addition, in Atlanta, volunteers participated in sessions dealing with racism and privilege, and suicide awareness. Guest speakers from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), a consortium of groups that respond during disasters were featured. PDA is made up of 102 clergy and lay members representing 34 states and Puerto Rico. NRT members commit to 1 month of service annually. In 2016, national volunteers spent approximately 2,377 days in 62 presbyteries in response to church damage, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, storms, human caused disasters and in the refugee ministry.

PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. The organization gratefully receives support through your **One Great Hour of Sharing** donations.



Presbyterian Women's May Newsletter



Beth-El News

In case you missed it, here is Beth-El's <u>June Newsletter</u>.

Upcoming Workshops



The Hesitant Herald:
Why Preachers (and Stewardship Committees!)
Hate Talking About Money and What to Do About It

LIVE WEBINAR - Tuesday, June 13 at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT)

What hurdles do faithful pastors and leaders face when it comes to preaching and counseling about generosity?

Before the church talks about technique (the mechanics of generosity), how are leaders to think about truth-telling (why we give)?



This shared time will focus on overcoming resistances to embracing generosity as we walk with parishioners towards trust in God's provision and a love for sharing.

Presented by Karl Travis

Learn more and purchase

Thanks to <u>Stewardship Kaleidoscope</u>, this webinar is offered free of charge. Their annual conference is September 25-27, 2017.

Global Leadership Summit



You know the value of good leadership

Attend Willow Creek Association's Global Leadership Summit - August 10-11, 2017, remotely at a location near you - for fresh, actionable, and inspiring training from world-class speakers. We also found coupon for \$60 off your registration. At checkout, use the code 17TGLSWVCS for your discounted rate of \$139.

REGISTER



Get FREE resources to help you lead

In this three-part e-book series, "Leading Hope for the Greatest Needs in Our World," Bill Hybels shares how to move your congregation from merely acknowledging world crises to actively responding with compassion. Download the free series today!

DOWNLOAD

Big Tent



Preaching Opening Worship



Preaching Closing Worship

We invite you to join Presbyterians from around the country at Big Tent. This year's theme will emphasize the hope of the Gospel and its power to transform society in our cultural context, marked by anxiety, racial division, political animosity, and economic inequality. Join one another, and engage the Church in its mission of justice-making and peace.

pcusa.org/bigtent

Race, Reconcilliation, Reformation July 6-8, 2017 Washington University

Click here for more info.

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You can view the <u>brochure</u> here, or <u>register online</u> (it's a little cheaper to register via mail using the brochure).

2017 National Gathering: Living, Dying, Rising



Living, Dying, Rising, the 1001 New Worshiping Communities annual conference, outlines the story of the life of Christ and also the life of the church. Through the Holy Spirit, the church is freed from fear and invited to journey confidently into new territory as missionaries of shalom.

The conference, which finds its scriptural basis in John 20:19-23, will be held at TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida, **August 7-10, 2017**. Presenters will include the Rev. Juan Sarmiento, associate director for mission, The Outreach Foundation; the Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle of Wayne Presbyterian Church, organizing pastor of The Common Place, a faith-based educational outreach and community center in Philadelphia; and the Revs. Jeya and Daniel

So, a pastor couple at the Anchor City Church, a New Worshiping Community in San Diego, who have an amazing vision for church planting. The Rev. Abby King-Kaiser, a dynamic leader in campus ministry at Xavier University, will coordinate worship.

Register Here

Conference Schedule

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Wednesday, June 28, 2017 First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland

This one-day seminar examines the challenges presented by the rising level of anxiety being experienced in churches today, as well as the role that self-differentiated leadership can play in calming such anxiety. Differentiation of self and anxiety are two key variables that impact human functioning, as identified in Bowen family systems theory. This seminar is comprised of a series of Power Point presentations incorporating works of art that illustrate Biblical themes from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras.

Discounts are available for groups and early registration. For further information, please call the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at <u>630-627-0507</u>, and find lots more details and great info on <u>our web site</u>.



Don't Miss the Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is the annual PCUSA conference on stewardship. This year, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is going to be in Florida (September 25-27, 2017 at TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach). Stewardship Kaleidoscope is put on by an all-volunteer planning team made up of congregational leaders, mid-council leaders, and General Assembly agency leaders.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are scholarships available for Candidates/Inquirers, First Call Pastors, and Small Church Pastors. You can find more information here. Each of these scholarships require nomination by EP, COM, or CPM, so contact those boards or Patrice Hatley to be nominated.

Get more detailed information about the conference from the flyer here.

Job Opportunities

Kids' Corner Before/After Care Leader

Northwood Presbyterian Church is seeking an experienced childcare provider for our Before/After Care Elementary School Age Program. Must be able to supervise and instruct groups of children. Ideal candidate will be friendly and professional, and can communicate well with children, parents, and staff. Position starts in August. Hours are 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 2:00- 6:00 p.m. Candidates can work one or both shifts. Competitive hourly salary.

Contact: Laura Woodard 727- 723-7679

E-mail resume to <u>schooldirector@northwoodpc.org</u>

McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for

Part-Time Secretary

McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church Bartow, Florida 33830

Job Opening: Part-Time Secretary

Fourteen (14) hours per week

Send resume to: Office@BartowMMPC.com

Attn: Personnel Committee

Or Mail to: McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Attn: Personnel Committee

695 W. Stuart St. Bartow, FL 33830

No phone calls please.

Pastoral Associate for Youth, College and Career

<u>Forest Hills Presbyterian</u> is hiring a new full time staff person for Youth and College. The primary responsibility will be the development and implementation of programs and activities for youth and young adults from Middle School through College/Career. Masters of Divinity is preferred, but not required. Send applications to <u>Office@FHPCTampa.org</u>. Check out the <u>full job description here</u>.

Director of Youth and Family Ministries

<u>Northwood Presbyterian</u> is hiring a new staff person for Youth and Family Ministries. Check out the <u>full job description and how to apply here</u>.

Part Time Administrative Position

<u>Christ Presbyterian Church of Largo</u> is looking for a part time bookkeeper to help out. Competency in the use of the Shepherd Staff Accounting System and Payroll Mate preferred. Apply to Dick DeBoer, Clerk of the Session. Phone: 727 215-0647 or email: flold6676@gmail.com

Director of Christian Education

Director of Christian Education (20-25 hours per week) for Village Presbyterian Church in Tampa:

Develop, coordinate, and direct the activities of the church's education program, with emphasis on youth development. Prior Christian leadership experience highly desired. Bachelor's degree in Christian Education or related field (desired). Please email your resume to suegoldstein.vpc@gmail.com.



Immediate Opening for Youth Leader (updated)

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is a non-profit mission supporting farmworkers and our neighbors in need through hunger relief, education, health initiatives and spiritual care. The mission is currently seeking a director of children and youth ministries for the mission's worship communities, 20 to 35 hours per week. Candidate will be responsible for coordination of all children and youth activities including summer VBS, Christian Education curriculum, teen youth group and Sunday school. Ideal candidate must be fluent in both Spanish and English with background in education (Christian education preferred). Valid driver's license, background check and drug screening are required. Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is an equal opportunity employer.

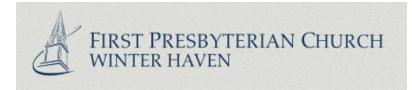
Please submit resume and three references to info@beth-el.org. No Phone Calls Please. Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Group Leader for Elementary School Children Grades K-5

Employment opportunity for a NCC Before/After Care program at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater. Seeking a group leader to work with elementary school children grades K-5. Morning hours 7-9. Afternoon hours 2-6. Will consider hiring for morning or afternoon shift if candidate cannot do both. Flexible summer camp hours also available.

Contact Laura Woodard at <u>727-723-7679</u> for further information.

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 $\underline{\text{kih.choi3@gmail.com}}$ or read the $\underline{\text{position description}}$.

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