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NEXT STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
"Celebration of Ordination of Women as
Deacons, Elders and Ministers" (see pg. 4)
Thursday – May 25, 2006 – 9:00am
First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
(727) 733-2318

Call church office by May 18 for childcare.

[Click here for details about this and future presbytery meetings.](#) (Follow link to "Meetings of Presbytery".)

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Welcome, Norm!!

A motion from the Nominating Committee at the March 4, 2006 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay was unanimously approved that Rev. Norm Hatter will fill the unexpired term of Lamar Woodard as Stated Clerk from April 1, 2006-December 31, 2006. We look forward to having Norm serve among us as our new Stated Clerk.

Thank you, Lamar, for your dedicated service during your tenure with us. We will miss you and wish you God Speed on all of your future endeavors.

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You Can Come, Too!!
(Upcoming Presbytery Events)

Senior High Youth Retreat, April 7-9, 2006, Daytona Beach. Reservation deadline has passed. Contact Mitch Webb at mwebb@pbty.com for information.

Super Saturday for Mission Conference, April 22, 9:30am-4:00pm, Beth-El Mission in Wimauma. Early reservation deadline (reduced cost) is April 15. Contact Mitch Webb, mwebb@pbty.com.

PUP (Peace, Unity and Purity) Workshop, Saturday, May 13, 9:00am-3:00pm, Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa. Reservation deadline: May 5. Contact Karen Porter, kporter@pbty.com.

Super Saturday CE Conference, August 18-19, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater. Save the date...details in future issue.

Older Adult "Fall Fun Day", October 19 at Cedarkirk. Save the date...details in future issue.

Middle School Youth Retreat, November 3-5, Cedarkirk. Save the date...details in future issue.

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Opportunities for Learning & Growth

Association of Smaller Congregations Annual Conference, "Bridging the Generations," will be held May 1-3, 2006 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia. This conference is geared for congregations of 200 members or less. For a brochure/more information, go to <http://www.synodofsouthatlantic.org/ascbrochure.pdf>.

11th Bi-Annual Irish Summer Institute will be held August 15-27, 2006. This is a unique opportunity to meet with religious, political and community leaders in a series of informal discussions and tours throughout Northern Ireland. Information, including itinerary, brochure and application, can be found at the "Mission Opportunities" link of our website, www.presbyteryoftampabay.com.

Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary offers year-round courses and retreats. Upcoming events include a Men's Retreat April 23-28, a Lay Scholars conference July 24-27, and many others. Visit their website at <http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong/calendar/> for a listing of 2006-'07 events and further information.

Opportunities for Learning & Growth (cont.)

27th Annual Montreat WeeKirk Conference for pastors and lay leaders of small churches in the Presbyterian Church (USA), October 16-18, 2006. This includes "The Barnabas Gathering" for Pastors, Commissioned Lay Pastors and spouses serving their very first church. For details, registration information and a brochure, go to http://montreat.org/2006_wee_kirk.htm or contact Kyle Otterbein, Registrar, by phone at 319-338-7523, or via email at revkyle@saintandrew-ic.org.

Center for Spiritual Development, affiliated with the Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church in Pinellas Park, has an on-going lecture/workshop series. The next event is "The Spiritual Foundations of Service" in April/May, facilitated by Jack Wilcox. For details on this or other events, go to <http://goodsam-church.org/>.

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Multicultural Event

The 7th Annual National Multicultural Conference will be held May 25-28, 2006 at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. There are also pre-conference events May 24-25.

Visit <http://www.pcusa.org/diversity/> to download a registration booklet, or call 888-728-7228, x5088 for more information. Online registration (with credit card only) is also available.



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PW Gathering in Louisville

Plan now to attend the next triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women:

Creation! Celebration!
God's Word—Light for the Journey
Genesis 1:1a, 3, 31a and John 1:1, 3-4
July 7–11, 2006 in Louisville, Kentucky

For further information on this gathering, including a registration brochure and promotional materials, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering/>.

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How About a Trip to Scotland?

Have you always wanted to go to Scotland and are looking for a Presbyterian group to go with? There is a group from Highland Church in Largo planning a trip to Scotland September 5-19, 2006, hosted by their pastor, Rev. D. Lindsay Frame and his wife, Jane. Lindsay grew up in Scotland and is very knowledgeable about the country of his birth. As a couple, Lindsay and Jane also spent the first six years of their marriage in Scotland.

For details/further information contact Lindsay/Jane at lindfram@verizon.net or via phone at 813-920-2692. You may also contact Mae Anderson Aungst at 727-581-7027.

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Pastoral Care Network

Were you aware that there is a Presbyterian organization specifically devoted to providing pastoral care to ministers? Presbyterian Pastoral Care Network (PPCN) is composed of a group of ministry professionals and volunteers throughout the PC(USA) that offers opportunities for continuing education, fellowship and professional accountability.

The 7th Annual PPCN Gathering, "Hurricanes, Earthquakes and Traumas in the Pastorate: Clergy Care in Times of Crisis," will be held at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia September 25-28, 2006. This event is co-sponsored by Church World Service.

For further information on this conference or on PPCN, visit their website, www.pastoralcarenetwork.org/.

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Recent Pastoral Changes

The following pastoral changes have been made within the Presbytery of Tampa Bay since our last newsletter:

Congratulations to Rev. Wendy Hare on her ordination in Birmingham, AL on November 20, 2005. Wendy began her ministry as Pastor of Bayshore PC in Tampa on December 5, 2005.

Rev. Carl Crawford began his ministry as Pastor of the Pasadena PC in St. Petersburg on January 8. Rev. Crawford comes to us from the Presbytery of Homestead.

Rev. Ginny Ellis became Interim Pastor of Bloomingdale PC in Brandon on January 22.

Rev. James Yearsley began serving as Pastor of the Village PC in Tampa on February 15. Rev. Yearsley comes to us from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Rev. Paul Richards began serving as Temporary Stated Supply of Westminster PC in New Port Richey on February 20.

Rev. Jim Cazin began serving as Pastor at Tims Memorial PC in Lutz on March 6.

Rev. Won Tae Cho, a minister of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, will begin his ministry as Pastor of the Korean PC in Pinellas Park on March 31 (or as soon as immigration papers are approved).

Dustin Sedlak, a candidate under care of Tropical Florida Presbytery, will begin serving as Associate Pastor at First PC in Inverness on July 1.

Dissolved pastoral relationships: Rev. Gary Carson and Westminster PC in New Port Richey effective December 31, 2005; Rev. Leon Bracey and Trinity PC in St. Petersburg effective January 5, 2006; Rev. Wendell Colson and First PC in Port Richey effective April 16, 2006.

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Leader Resource Pak

Sent periodically throughout the year to all churches in the presbytery, Leader Resource packets are full of information for church leaders, including flyers about upcoming events, educational opportunities, mission opportunities, etc. Watch your church's mailbox so you don't miss out on important dates/events!

Deadline for next packet: July 1. Our goal is to get packets into churches in early August. Contact Carol Walker, cwalker@pbty.com.

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Terms of Call Forms Needed

There are still several pastors and certified educators who have not submitted their F-1 forms into the Presbytery office. Form F-1 is used to report clergy (and educator) compensation package for the year.

If a form hasn't been submitted yet for paid ordained positions (i.e. pastor, associate pastor, parish associate, and educator), please mail it to the presbytery office right away. Be sure all minimums have been met and the form is signed by both the Pastor/Educator and the Clerk of Session. Questions? Call or email Karen Porter in the Presbytery office, kporter@pbty.com, 727-466-0500.

Blank forms can be found by following the link to "COM Policies and Forms" at www.presbyteryoftampabay.com. Forms are listed toward the bottom of that page.

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Let's Pray for One Another!

Each month we will list several churches that we are asking you to pray for. This could be done as an outreach of your office staff at their regular staff meetings, published in your monthly newsletter or worship bulletin, or used during your own personal prayer time.

This month please pray for:

First Presbyterian Church, Zephyrhills
Parsons Memorial Presbyterian Church, Yankeetown
Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven
First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven
Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church
Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Tarpon Springs
Church on the Bayou, Tarpon Springs

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Did you know...

The Professional Support Committee of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is here to assist church professional staff with their needs. If you have a need that the committee can help with, please contact Walt Griffith, current chairperson, via email, revupwalt2003@yahoo.com or via phone at 352-684-2896.

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There's Help Available!!

Administrative support staff working in PC(USA) organizations have an organization they can claim as their own...the Administrative Personnel Association (APA). Information about this organization, including downloadable brochures for upcoming regional and national conferences, can be found by visiting their website, <http://pcusa-apa.org/>.

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The "H" Word...

Before we know it, hurricane season will be here. Do you have a Hurricane Preparedness Kit for yourself and your family? Have you thought about preparations for your church family, building and grounds? If not, NOW is the time to prepare!!

The Presbytery has a plan in place whereby staff contacts all of our pastors/churches after a storm hits to receive reports of any damage and to be sure church staff and parishioners came through the storm safely.

Pastors/Church Secretaries: If your contact information has changed since last hurricane season, please send an email to kporter@pbty.com or mwebb@pbty.com with the subject line "Hurricane Contact Information Update." THANK YOU!

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Speaking of Hurricanes...



As you probably know, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is our national disaster relief agency which

helps in many ways following all types of disasters. PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

If you are unfamiliar with the work of PDA, who they are, what they do, how you can help in times of crisis, etc., visit their website, <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/>. This same link will enable you to sign up for their listserve program to receive email updates on how PDA is responding to disasters worldwide.

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Help for Families in Need

Do you know someone who needs to receive distant medical resources but can't get there (i.e. transplants, repetitive treatments, etc.)? CAIR Flight is an organization with volunteer pilots that offer these types of services to people where there is often no other option.

For additional information, go to <http://cairflight.org/>. You may also contact them by phone at 813-864-4860 or via email at info@cairflight.org.

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Career & Personal Counseling Center

The Career & Personal Counseling Center serves a variety of client populations including high school students, post-high school young adults, candidates for the ministry, church professionals and persons of all ages who need or wish to explore vocation and work issues. Most clients are referred through presbyteries, however, the Center's services are open to anyone.

The Center's Director, Barbara Kranendonk, recently announced that the Center has moved to 111 2nd Avenue NE, Ste. 213 in St. Petersburg, FL 33701. For further information about the center or its services, contact Barbara directly, 727-823-6294 or via email at krananba@mac.com.

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Links of Interest

There are several "links" on our website that can put you in touch with several organizations that are operating within our presbytery, such as Beth-El, Montreat, the Synod office, etc. Go to www.presbyteryoftampabay.com and click on "Links of Interest". Here are a few samples:

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc. www.bethe-el.info
 Cedarkirk Camp & Conf. Center, www.cedarkirk.com
 Chapel Center @ USF, www.chapelcenterusf.org
 Eckerd College, www.eckerd.edu

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Employment Opportunities

Is your church looking for "just the right person" to fill a non-ordained position in the church? Are you, personally, looking to fill such a position? Visit the "Bulletin Board" page of our website, www.presbyteryoftampabay.com, for a listing of positions the presbytery office is aware of. To place an "ad" simply email kporter@pbt.com (all submitted information is subject to editing).

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Is Your Information Correct?

As you know, an increasing number of people are using the Internet as a means to find a new church home – whether they're new to the area, their church closed its doors, or whatever the reason may be. The Presbytery of Tampa Bay website has a complete listing of churches within our presbytery with staff information, address, telephone, email and website addresses (if known).

It would be helpful (to us and to your church) if you would take a moment to check the information for your church by going to our website, www.presbyteryoftampabay.com, and following the link to Directory of Churches. (If your church has a website, is it listed?)

Please send an email to kporter@pbt.com to let Karen know whether your information is correct or what changes need to be made. Thank you!

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Feedback/Upcoming Changes

We are currently making changes in our e-newsletter to make it even more helpful for you. While we have some plans made, we would appreciate any suggestions, ideas or comments from our readers. Please call (727-466-0500; 800-733-7889) or email Karen Porter (kporter@pbt.com) or Mary McKey (mmckey@pbt.com).

Comments may be published in a future issue (with your permission). Please place "E-Newsletter" in the subject line of your message. Articles and submissions are subject to editing and space limitations.

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This Just In...

The Education Committee of the Church on the Bayou in Tarpon Springs, in partnership with The Shepherd Center, is holding a Panel Discussion,

Poverty, Near and Not So Far

April 8, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary of
 The Church on the Bayou, PC(USA)
 (409 Whitcomb Blvd., Tarpon Springs)

The discussion will be centered on Homelessness in Pinellas County and will include Statistics, Poverty in America, and Refugees Abroad. It will provide information and more awareness of the world around us.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the program.

For further information or directions please contact Roslyn Linnen at 727-942-7915.

Everyone welcome!

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May Presbytery Meeting To Celebrate Ordination of Women into Church Leadership

The May 25 Presbytery meeting will be a celebration of the ordination of women, and a Union Seminary Professor will provide the historical context for the event.

Dr. Beverly Zink-Sawyer, Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia will be our keynote speaker. She is the author of "From Preaching to Suffragists."

This year, the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ordination of women as Deacons, 75th of ordaining women as Elders and 50 years for women as Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

All churches will be receiving a request asking for information about when women were ordained into those callings within the church, so please watch for it.

And be sure to attend the May Presbytery meeting...you won't want to miss it!!

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Periodically, the Nominating Committee is looking for folks to fill positions on our committees. If you're interested in serving on any of the above committees, please contact Mary McKey, Associate Executive for Nurture, via phone at 727-466-0500, or via email to mmckey@pbty.com.

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