

Tampa Bay e-News

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Let yourself be
built into a
spiritual house,
to be a holy
priesthood

I Peter 2:4b

*Special points of prayer
and interest:*

- **Welcome to Lucia Oerter**, who begins as the Interim Pastor at First, Brandon, on November 1
- **RSVP for On the Seventh Day at Cedarkirk**, are due to the Presbytery office on Monday 813 -868-4800
- **Earle Brown, Presbytery Treasurer**, is recovering from surgery. Prayers are appreciated and cards are being received in the Presbytery office.
- **In two 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.

8th ANNUAL CREATIVITY CONFERENCE

The 8th Annual Creativity Conference sponsored by the Leadership Nexus Foundation will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 through Thursday, January 30, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church, 125 N. Interlachen Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789.

The Annual Creativity Conference presented by Leadership Nexus Foundation features creative experts in all areas of ministry and Christian Disney employees who thrive on creativity. The goal of this conference is to infuse new life into any type or size ministry by using innovative

and inspirational techniques. Making new disciples of Christ and ministering in meaningful ways can be creative and fun! Go to this link for more information:

[http://
www.leadershipnexus.org/](http://www.leadershipnexus.org/)

WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE IN TBP?

First, Dunedin, celebrates the 125th Anniversary of Andrews Memorial Chapel on November 10 at 2PM

St John, Tampa, hosts their Annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, December 7, from 9AM to 2PM

St Mark, Hudson, has scheduled a Pancake breakfast and Furniture and Rummage Sale

for Saturday, November 16, from 8AM-10AM

First, Brandon, welcomes all to join them at the Grief Café on November 17, at 2PM

Temple Terrace celebrates Thanksgiving with their annual Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, November 17

Check out the websites of your neighboring churches to see what's going on!

UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS

It wasn't just the fabulous attendance at the regional gatherings. It was also the deep and wide participation of most of the congregations in the presbytery at their regional training events.

Steve Eason was our presenter, the fellowship was fabulous, the hospitality was generous. Thanks to Trinity-Clearwater, Temple Terrace, and Bartow for hosting the half-day regional events!

Thank you to the following congregations for being represented at the Officer Training Events: Church of the Reconciler, Church on the Bayou, First-Safety Harbor, First-St Pete, Good Samaritan, Gulfport, Hope-Clearwater, Hope-Winter Haven, Lakeview, Northwood, Northeast, Peace Memorial, St Marks, Trinity-Clearwater, Trinity-St Pete, Westminster-NPR, Woodlawn, Christ-Largo, St. Andy's-New Tampa, First-Brandon,

First-Dade City, Bayshore, First-Tampa, Hyde Park, Keystone, Korean-Tampa, St Andrew-Sun City Center, Temple Terrace, Tims Memorial, Village-Tampa, Westminster-Lakeland, Palma Ceia, Seffner, First-Bartow, Fort Meade, First-Lake Alfred, First-Lakeland, First-Plant City, Forest Hills, McLeod Memorial, North Lakeland, Presbyterian Church of the Highlands, and Parsons Memorial.

PRAYING ON THE 7TH DAY IN NOVEMBER



Please contact the Stated Clerk ASAP at 813-868-4800 or statedclerk@pbty.com if you require an excused absence from the November 14 Pres-bytery 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 for others witnessed by your presence and participation.

TOMORROW IS ALL SAINTS’ DAY

All Saints' Day is celebrated in many areas of the United States, especially where there are large Roman Catholic populations. In New Orleans, for example, people gather in local cemeteries and decorate the graves with flowers. The descendants of the French Canadian settlers around St Martinsville, Louisiana, observe this day in the traditional French manner by laying wreaths and bouquets on even the most obscure graves and, as darkness falls, by lighting candles throughout the anticipation of All Souls' Day on November 2.

In the Protestant Church, All Saints' Day is observed on the first Sunday in November to remember deceased members of the local church congregation. A candle is lit as each person's name is called out, followed by a prayer offered for each soul. Many Latin American communities in the United States hold celebrations around November 1 and 2, linking with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (November 2). These celebrations are part of the Day of the Dead, also known as *Día de los Muertos*.

According to some sources, the idea for All Saints' Day goes back to the fourth century when the Greek Christians kept a festival on the first Sunday after Pentecost (in late May or early June) in honor of all martyrs and saints. Other sources say that a commemoration of “All Martyrs” began to be celebrated as early as 270 CE, but no specific month or date is recorded. Pope Gregory IV made All Saints' Day an authorized holiday in 837 CE. It is speculated that the chosen date for the event, November 1, may have been an attempt to supplant the pagan Festival of the Dead (also known as Samhain or the feast of Saman, lord of death).

All Saints' Day, which is celebrated globally, is closely tied with All Souls' Day, which was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny in 993 CE and quickly spread among Christians. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are also closely linked with Halloween, which is a shortened for the name “All Hallows' Even.”

FROM GLADYS SPEAKS TO THE PRESBYTERY

Gladys Taylor’s friend Mildred Schambarger passed away a few years ago, but before her passing she gave Gladys an oil painting that was given to Mildred by the Presbyterian Church she was a member of. Gladys would like to give the oil painting back to the church Mildred attended; however she does not know which church it

was. Gladys has already called Gulfport, First, St Pete and Maximo. Gladys is getting weary of the task at hand and would like help finding the church Mildred attended. Gladys would like the information to go to the Presbytery and the presbytery get in touch with Gladys. Gladys would like to have some

help with the task and would like help finding the church Mildred Schambarger attended. Presbytery of Tampa Bay can you help? Does anyone out there know or remember Mildred Schambarger? If someone knows, please call the Presbytery office and speak with Ann Marie Fizzano, and she can put you in touch with Gladys Taylor.

At the next Stated Meeting of Tampa Bay Presbytery we are creating an ‘open space’ on the docket for new missional initiatives of passionate networks and/or leaders in the Presbytery. Contact the Transitional Presbyter by Tuesday, November 4 if you are interested in participating in leading an ‘open space’.