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For the week of
November 21, 2013

- Please note that the Tampa Bay Presbytery Office will be closed at 12noon on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday long week-end. The Presbytery office opens again on Monday, December 2 at 8:30AM.
- Please note that most of the Presbytery staff are out next week: Ann Marie Fizzano is in only on Monday, November 25; Charles Willard and Joe Nixon are in only on Tuesday, November 26 and Miriam Benitez-Nixon, on Wednesday morning, November 27. Nancy Kahaian will be nowhere near the Presbytery office next week and hopes to be chasing snowflakes.
- The "Presbytery of Tampa Bay Facebook Page" needs to be dismantled and connected to a different email address. A new Facebook page will appear in December 2013, so remember to "friend us" so we can give you the most up-to-date good news of what's going on in the region among our people and congregations.

OPEN PROCESS FOR GA COMMISSIONERS

The forms for applying to be nominated for a General Assembly Commissioner are posted on the presbytery website at www.presbyteryoftampabay.com. The forms and process were approved recently at the November Stated Meeting in Winter Haven. Please follow the instructions you find on the forms.

The Nominating Committee recommended a new process for GA Commissioners from Tampa Bay Presbytery. Instead of a "rotation system" circulated among a specific number of congregations in each two year GA cycle, the Nominating Committee proposed that the Presbytery adopt an "open

process" for the Holy Spirit to move through the hearts and minds of Presbyterians in our region to apply to be considered for nomination from the Nominating Committee, and election by the Presbytery.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) gathers every two years to do the work of the denomination. The General Assembly reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church, and serves as a symbol of unity for the church. The General Assembly has several specific responsibilities, and you can find those out-

lined in Chapter 3 of the Book of Order.

Those wishing to be considered for serving as a Teaching Elder Commissioner or Ruling Elder Commission or Young Adult Advisory Delegate will find the necessary paperwork on the Presbytery website. All forms must be submitted by Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay will elect GA Commissioners at the Saturday, February 8, 2014, Stated Meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church in Spring Hill.

The 221st General Assembly will be held in Detroit, Michigan, from June 14-21, 2014.

NOTES FROM CONGREGATIONS AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

A member of the **Auburndale Church** is in need of a donor for a kidney transplant. Two family members who were matches are unable to donate a kidney for physical reasons. He has requested a general message be sent to all churches in Tampa Bay Presbytery, letting them know of his need. If you would like more information, please contact the First PC, Auburn-dale at 864-967-1010. Prayers are appreciated.

Part-time pianist/organist needed at **Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church**, Lutz, beginning January 2014, for traditional worship. Appropriate weddings and funerals have separate compensa-

tion. Weekly choir rehearsal, organ used for hymns, piano for most anthems, etc. Also responses, prelude, postlude, etc. Reports to Part-time Traditional Music Ministry Director. Small church choir--anthems not heavily complicated. Competitive salary, estimated time of 5 hrs. week. Call Tims Church at 813-949-1239 and speak to Sharon.

Next week, **Bel-Mar Presbyterian Church** will host its traditional Thanksgiving Day meal and also invited **Palma Ceia PC** to join in their fellowship. Likewise, **Palma Ceia PC** has extended an invitation to **Bel-Mar** to join them for their traditional Thanksgiving Eve Worship Ser-

vice on the evening of the 27th.

First Presbyterian Church, Bartow, is seeking a part-time Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. Inquiries should be made to: info@fpcbartowfl.org.

Northwest Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg offers a tremendous ministry for homeless people in the neighborhood. For others who wish to contribute to their generous ministry, or are interested in their own congregation pursuing such service, please contact Paulette Lieby at NWPC: 727-544-4551.

Remember to **visit the website of neighboring Presbyterian churches** to get acquainted with your neighbors and be enriched by the ministry offered by others in service to Jesus Christ.

E-news publication dates

There will be no e-News on Thursday, November 28.

Enjoy counting your blessings this Thanksgiving holiday!

2013 remaining issues of e-News include Thursdays,

December 5 and 12 and 19.

Items for publication in the e-News should be emailed to

Ann Marie at

office@pbty.com. Thanks!

Congratulations

God's continued blessing to Leslee Kirkconnell, who moves to North Carolina next month to be the Interim Director of Christian Education at Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

SEARCH BEGUN FOR PRESBYTERY STAFF

Work has begun to identify our first Presbytery Coach and Coordinator for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The position has been advertised and is also posted on the Church Leadership Connection website: <https://clc/pcusa.org>. The job description is included in the Report of the Transformation Team found on the Presbytery's website under the "Good Stuff" heading. If you or anyone you know seems like a good match, please apply through the CLC or send your papers to: tbp.search@gmail.com. The due date for application is December 18, 2013. The members of the Presbytery Coach and Coordinator Nominating Committee are: Kathy Bardin (First-St Petersburg), Danny Chandler (First-Haines City), Barbara Booth-Jarmon (FPH-Lakeland), Tommy Nance (Northeast-St Petersburg), Ramiro Ros (St. John-Tampa), Marsha Rydberg (Palma Ceia-Tampa), and Clara McMahon Morgan, Chair (COTB-Tarpon Springs).

DECEMBER 2 DEADLINE FOR STANDING RULES FEEDBACK

A working draft of the proposed Standing Rules of the Presbytery was distributed at the November 14 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. All feedback is due by Monday, December 2 to clara.mcmahon.morgan@gmail.com. Per Presbytery action, the electronic posting on Friday, January 3, serves as the first reading of the Standing Rules for the Presbytery.

THANK YOU FROM LESLEE AND THANKS IN TBP

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am grateful for the show of love showed on me at last Thursday's Presbytery meeting at Hope Church in Winter Haven. It was wonderful to visit with many of you during the day and the closing tribute was touching and fun. And the cake - it was delicious and was made so much better by the warm fellowship. As I have said, I am so thankful to God for my time with you here in Tampa Bay Presbytery. We are preparing to move to North Carolina next month and will always treasure the relationships formed here. Thank you too for the thoughtful cards with such kind words. You are a special group of Presbyterians

and please know that I will be praying for you as you live into the future God has for you! ~Leslee Kirkconnell

In light of the transition plans for Leslee as she moves from the Presbytery staff to church staff in North Carolina, there are a few lingering Resource Center issues as materials are loaned for the remainder of 2013 and Presbytery-approved plans are implemented the first quarter of 2014. Sue Moore, Certified Christian Educator and past-President of APCE, will serve as Interim Resource Center Coordinator for the duration. Sue will begin her part-time role in December

2013, and you are encouraged to extend a word of welcome as she temporarily joins the Presbytery staff.

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As we gather this coming week to be grateful for all we have been given, affirming the goodness and faithfulness of God, let us also remember those who do not have what we have. Please consider what generous gift you might share with another brother or sister in need, whether it be a grocery bag of food, a monetary donation, a kind email, a thank you note, or a tender prayer. Let us be good to each other and be grateful.



Turkey is low in fat and high in protein. It is an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, phosphorus, potassium and B vitamins.

A serving of turkey is 3-4 ounces cooked portion. The calories for white meat turkey are fewer than the calories for dark meat turkey.