



## TAMPA BAY PRESBYTERY E-NEWS

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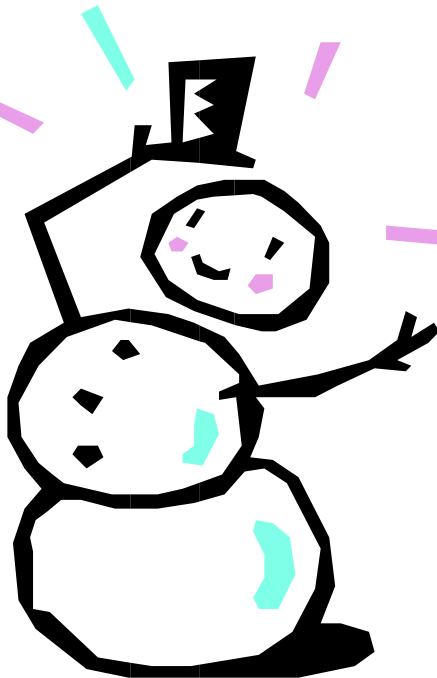
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### CHRISTMAS AT CEDARKIRK?

This Christmas, Cedarkirk will be hosting a group of 13 international college students as a host site for the Christmas International House program. These students will be shown hospitality both at camp as well as in individual homes over the Christmas break when so many colleges close their doors. In addition to being a ministry of hospitality, this program has a strong component of peace-making in the most fundamental way. This outreach is offered due to the generosity of host families and donations, so Cedarkirk is seeking both financial support for their stay at the camp as well as families to host students from December 22nd through the 26th. You are invited to contact Mark Orendorf at [mark@cedarkirk.org](mailto:mark@cedarkirk.org) for more information. In addition to offering

lots of faith and fun at its annual Christmas Retreat (December 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>), your camp and conference center also has an opportunity for alternative Christmas gifts. Do you have someone on your list for whom it is always a challenge to find

the perfect gift? Please consider an alternative gift to Cedarkirk this year. Your donation to Cedarkirk can be designated in their name and will help share the love of Christ throughout the year. Lives are changed at Cedarkirk and gifts from individuals truly make a difference. With any alternative Christmas gift donation, Cedarkirk will send a special card to the recipient to indicate that a gift was made in their honor to the camp by you. That way they will know of your generosity to the camp in their name. Cedarkirk is grateful for our relationship as covenant partners, prayers, and support. For more information about this unique ministry and how you can help, please contact the camp office at (813) 685-4224 ext. 1 or [info@cedarkirk.org](mailto:info@cedarkirk.org).



### TRANSITION NEWS FOR THE RESOURCE CENTER

Sue Moore, Certified Christian Educator and Past President of APCE, begins a brief term as Interim Resource Center Coordinator on Thursday, December 5. She will be in the Presbytery office primarily on Thursdays in December from 8:30am-4:30pm. You can reach her at 813-868-4800 and at email address

[sue@pbtv.com](mailto:sue@pbtv.com).

Sue has a brief column in the e-news and this week she writes: The transition the resource center of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay..... your involvement will be key to accomplishing this mind-boggling task. To that end, we respectfully request that all resources that have been checked out (or somehow found their way into your pos-

session) be returned **no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you are not sure if you have anything checked out, please call or email the presbytery office and ask for Sue Moore. We have a list! It is our hope to have returned all checked out resources by December 17<sup>th</sup> so we will have an accurate inventory of items for purchase in 2014.

### Prayerful petitions and special points of interest

#### for Tampa Bay Presbyterians:

- Remember our friend and colleague *Tim Black (First-Brandon)* and his wife *Kelly* as they travel to China to welcome their newly adopted daughter.
- Remember the family of the Reverend *Al Wells*, as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life. Reverend Wells entered the church triumphant on Tuesday, December 3.
- Several Minister Members of the Presbytery are in need of physical healing. Please remember these good folks in your daily prayers.
- The Presbytery Office occasionally picks up lost and found items from those who visit. If you are missing an umbrella, calendar, or coat, please contact Ann Marie at 813-868-4800.
- The Presbytery office closes at 12noon on Thursday, December 19 for the Presbytery Staff Christmas Luncheon.
- An All-Presbytery Mailing will be posted through the USPS next week. Please watch for a big brown envelope!
- The Tampa Bay e-News will be published and circulated the December Thursdays of 5 and 12 and 19. The e-News reappears on Thursday, January 2, 2014.
- The Presbytery of Tampa Bay closes its 2013 Fiscal Year on Friday, January 10, 2014. All receipts to be credited to 2013 giving, must be received in the Presbytery office by 1/10/2014/



## TAMPA BAY PRESBYTERY HOSTS BOARD OF PENSIONS SEMINARS IN JANUARY 2014

### *“Getting in Shape Fiscally: A Financial Planning Seminar”*

January 27, 2014 at the Presbytery Office in Tampa, Florida from 8:30AM-5:00PM

How fiscally fit are you? This free one-day seminar is for plan members, seminarians, and their guests. Attend and learn about: money danger signals; how to build budget; clergy tax and terms of call basics; saving and investing; estate planning basics.

### *“Growing Into Tomorrow....Today: A Retirement Planning Seminar”*

January 28-29, 2014 at Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland, Florida from

8:30AM-5:00PM each day

Planning for retirement can be challenging. Attend and learn: key questions for discernment; assess your finances; discuss healthcare and housing options; creates next steps in life balance.

### *“Post Retirement Seminar”*

January 30, 2014 at the Presbytery Office in Tampa, Florida from 9:00AM-4:00PM

Retirement planning doesn't end when you retire. Attend and learn about: one's vocation in retirement; Pension Plan and Medicare update; post-employment financial management.

Addition information on all three seminars can be found at the Presbytery website: [www.presbyteryoftampabay.com](http://www.presbyteryoftampabay.com). There is a seating limit for each seminar, and all registrations are due by Friday, January 3, 2014. Questions? Call Ann Marie at 813-868-4800



## READ ME! INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

The COLA (cost of living allowance) for 2014 recommended by the COM is 2%. This is a recommendation, and not a requirement.

A Form F-1 for 2014 is one item to be considered at the December 12 meeting of the Commission on Ministry. For necessary 2014 forms, please visit the presbytery website in mid-

**“The season of Advent is a time of preparation, and we are reminded during these weeks how much we need a Savior.”**

December 2013.

“Standing Rules Seminars” will be hosted throughout the Presbytery in January and February 2014. RSVPs are requested for each participate at each seminar. RSVP to the Presbytery office at 813-868-4800. The sched-

ule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 7 from 10:30AM-12NOON

at Trinity, Clearwater (includes lunch)  
Wednesday, January 15 from 12NOON-1:30PM at the Presbytery Office (includes lunch)

Thursday, January 23 from 11:00AM-12:30PM at First, Lakeland (includes lunch)

Saturday, February 1 from 10:00AM-11:30AM at the Presbytery Office

## SURFING THE WEB THIS WINTER AND FINDING THESE ‘WAVES’

Ring Sing Mingle is a free handbell concert and carol sing on Sunday, December 8th at 4PM at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater. A reception follows featuring homemade goodies for all!

Blue Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 4PM at St Mark's in Hudson. This season is not always happy and joyful for everyone and this worship services recognizes and names

that reality, and calls upon the God who loves us through and in all things.

The New Directions Orchestra will delight with a holiday concert in Mauldin Hall at First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, on Saturday,



The Presbytery Office is open from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday through Friday this coming week.

December 14 at 7:30PM. All are welcome.

Here We Go A-Caroling is a special giving opportunity to “deliver sunshine” offered by Forest Hills PC, Tampa on Sunday, December 15 at 4PM. After caroling, everyone returns to Larrick Hall to celebrate with homemade chili and perhaps some ice cream and a cookie or two!