



***e-News* from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay**

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The Mission of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is to identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples of Jesus Christ.



SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY!

Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Shaun Hartsell, Pastor at Presbyterian Church in the Highlands, Lakeland, and his wife have welcomed a baby girl! Born on February 6, her name is Ella Grace Hartsell. She weighed 6 lbs 5 oz. Best wishes to the Hartsell family.

Keep an eye out for information about the Regional Meetings that will take place in April. More information will soon follow.

Florida Presbyterian Homes

Florida Presbyterian Homes (FPH), Lakeland will host an educational event in their chapel on Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. to introduce the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. They are approved to issue Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA's) in the state of Florida. CGA's are a powerful tool that allow donors to create a guaranteed stream of income for life with tax benefits that begin immediately, while at the same time leaving a legacy to their favorite charity for tomorrow.

First Presbyterian Church of Auburndale

FPC, Auburndale offers its Spring Concert on Saturday, March 14, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Organist, Tom Long; Pianist, Gary Jackson; and the voices of Haven Harmony under the direction of Joe Jones. This is a free concert, though a free-will offering will be taken for the church's Food Pantry. The church's address is 410 Pilaklakaha Ave, Auburndale, 33823. For more information, call 863-967-1010.

Job Opportunity

Director of Youth and Young Adults, First Presbyterian Church of Brandon. This is a part-time position, estimated 20 hours per week, responsible for the direction and oversight of youth and young adult ministries and programs (ages 11 through 20). The director will lead the youth and young adults in their walk with Jesus Christ and work closely with the Pastor and Discipleship Ministry Team to lead and develop age appropriate Christian-based activities and programs in alignment with the mission of the church. College degree or equivalent proven experience in the field of Youth Ministry required. Submit resumes or request for more information to: Lucia Oerter, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Brandon, 121 Carver Ave., Brandon, FL 33510. Telephone 813-689-4597. Email church@fpcbrandon.org Fax 813-685-8419. Website www.fpcbrandon.org

4th Annual Jade Moore Memorial Golf Scramble

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Jade Moore Memorial Golf Scramble on March 14th at the Clearwater Country Club. Jade was a Moderator of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and a Ruling Elder at Trinity. Proceeds will benefit children and youth. Registrations may be sent c/o Sue Moore at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2001 Rainbow Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. Golf plus dinner is \$75; golf begins at 1:00 PM. Dinner only is \$25. Golfers and diners may participate in the silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and drawing for door prizes. For more information go to www.trinityclearwater.com

Christ Presbyterian Church Jamboree Bazaar and Fun Day

Saturday, March 14, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Games, Bounce House, Exhibits, Arts and Crafts, Food, and "the best thrift sale in town." 3115 Dryer Ave., Largo, 33770; 727-584-8695.

Church on the Bayou, Tarpon Springs

The first of a six-week series of grief support group meetings will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on the Bayou, Tarpon Springs. The goals of this support group are to provide educational information about grief and loss, to assist group members in developing coping and adapting skills, and to offer emotional support. The support group sessions will be offered at no charge.

Wanda Austin, a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC) and Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), will lead the weekly sessions. Wanda is a member of the church. Topics to be covered include: understanding the grief experience, handling the difficult emotions of grief, managing the stress of change, and finding meaning after loss.

All are welcome to attend, but space is limited and prior registration is required. For more information about joining a grief support group, please call the church at 727-937-3795.

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc.

Open House: Sunday, April 19; 2:00-5:00 PM, Worship at 4:15 PM. We haven't done this in a while. Many new programs and projects have started on our campus in the last few years. Come meet Rev. Walter Chuquimia and stay for a worship service. Please help us by bringing a bag of rice and/or dried pinto beans. See you then! Address: 18240 U. S. 301, Wimauma, 33598

***An offer from Roy Oswald, Executive Director Center for EQ-HR Skills; www.eqhrcenter.org
Alban Institute Senior Consultant for 31 years.***

"We are offering an EQ-HR workshop (Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Skills) at the Duncan Center, Delray Beach, Florida, April 14-17, 2015. This is training in "people" skills that are so vital for effective ministry in the 21st century.

This training will raise the inter-personal, intra-group skills of your church professionals. Clergy who are unable to make meaningful connections with their congregation will normally find themselves in conflict much of the time. Research by Speed Leas, when he was with Alban Institute and conducted

research on the Involuntary Termination of Clergy, discovered that when sexual malfeasance was taken out of the picture, the number one reason these clergy got fired was their lack of inter-personal skills.

Skills in developing meaningful relations with congregants, community develop, or resolving inter-personal differences are not taught in seminaries. Yet, training in emotional intelligence is now considered the most valuable skill development process for potential leaders in the corporate world. Our mission is to bring this training into the world of congregations within all mainline denominations.”

For more information and to register: <http://www.eqhrcenter.org/upcoming-events/>