



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.

The first part of this eNews includes Holy Week and Easter events. The second part, other pieces of news.

Cedarkirk is once again graciously offering **The Shepherd's Sabbath** from **April 6-8, 2015**. All church professionals and their families are invited to enjoy a time of Sabbath in the beauty of God's creation. Be our guest for the free three-day event of rest and relaxation following Holy Week and Easter Sunday. A flexible schedule gives you plenty of time to hike, study, reflect, and/or worship. Whether you come for a day or join us for the entire time, we are excited to host you at camp and provide you with a space for rest and recreation. It begins on Monday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. and concludes on April 8 at 2:00 p.m. Private bedrooms and all meals are provided. To make your reservation contact the Cedarkirk office at [813.685.4224 x2](tel:813.685.4224) or info@cedarkirk.org Thank you, Cedarkirk!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday: March 29

Maundy Thursday: April 2

Good Friday: April 3

Easter Sunday: April 5

The following information was provided by churches who wanted it included in this eNews.

HILLSBOROUGH REGION

BAYSHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TAMPA

Passion/Palm Sunday: Procession with palms, dramatic Reading of the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Mark

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 6:45 Sunrise Service on the lawn; 10:30 Celebratory Worship Service

2515 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629

PALMA CEIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TAMPA

The Tampa Oratorio Singers and members of the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir are offering a Palm Sunday concert: Verdi's Requiem, at 4:00p.m. 3501 San Jose, Tampa, 33629

ST ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW TAMPA

Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.; Maundy Thursday worship around tables in the Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, everyone will bring their favorite Easter treats to share for a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. with Easter worship at 10:30 a.m.; 5338 Primrose Lake Cir, Tampa, FL 33647

ST. ANDREW, SUN CITY CENTER

Palm Sunday: South Denmark Giri Choir at 9:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m.;

Good Friday: Labyrinth from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m.; Easter Sunrise

Service at 7:00 a.m., breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m. 1239 Del Webb Blvd W, Sun City Center, 33573

TEMPLE TERRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TAMPA

Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., Procession of the Palms with children and choir. "Requiem" by John Rutter will be performed by the TTPC Choir and Musicians. Free barbeque lunch in the garden after the

service. Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday: From noon-3:00 p.m. you are free to pray in the Sanctuary where worship material will be available. Easter Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-12. 420 Bullard Parkway, Temple Terrace, 33617

EAST REGION

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINTER HAVEN

Maundy Thursday Spaghetti Dinner, McGrath Hall, call the church office for tickets. \$10 each goes to scholarships for Cedarkirk; worship to follow at 7:00 p.m. in McGrath Hall. Good Friday: in the Gardens at noon. Easter Sunday: 7:30 a.m. worship in the Gardens; breakfast from 8:15 a.m. - noon, worship at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Children's Annual Eggstravaganza at 9:45 a.m. 2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven, 33884

WEST REGION

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LARGO

Palm Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in Don Airey Hall; Easter Saturday: Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday: Worship at 10:00 a.m., followed by Easter dinner at 11:30 a.m.. Reservations, [727-584-8695](tel:727-584-8695); 3115 Dryer Ave, Largo, 33770

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CRYSTAL RIVER

Palm Sunday Casual Concert at 2 pm. Our new organist Frederick Ziegler will be playing on our recently upgraded Allen organ. The concert will benefit the cost of the organ upgrade. 1501 SE Highway 19 (Suncoast Blvd.), Crystal River, FL 34429

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORT RICHEY

Proudly presents internationally acclaimed concert pianist Grigorios Zamparas on Palm Sunday at 4:00 PM With Special Guest Carolyn Heagey. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry. A love offering will be collected.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORT RICHEY and **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS** will hold two services together: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship Service, 7 p.m. at Trinity PC; 4651 Little Rd, New Port Richey, 34655; Good Friday service at FPC, Port Richey, NOON, including TPC of Seven Springs, 7540 Ridge Road, Port Richey, 34668
Easter Sunday services: FPC, PR, 10:00 a.m.; TPC, Seven Springs: 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

GULFPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GULFPORT

Palm Sunday: Rev. Micki Robinson will tell the Passion Narrative according to John's Gospel at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary of the Gulfport Church. A free will offering will benefit the Florida Challenge for Thornwell Home for Children. Good Friday: several churches in the St Petersburg area will join together for a Good Friday Service on the Gulfport Beach near the Gulfport Casino. The service will be at noon. If the weather is bad, we will meet at the Gulfport Church. Everyone is invited. If you plan to come, bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

GPC address: 5313 27th Avenue South, Gulfport, FL 33707, [\(727\) 321-8086](tel:727-321-8086)-but go to the beach if the weather is good. Drive past the church until you get to the beach, turn right. You'll see the casino on the left and the service set up near there.

Easter Sunday: 10:30 a.m. at church

NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CLEARWATER

Palm Sunday: Lenten Cantata, "He Shall Arise" by Tom Fettke; 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship at noon at Heritage UMC. Easter Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Ignite Contemporary worship (outside, weather permitting); 11:00 a.m. Traditional. 2875 State Rd 580, Clearwater, 33761

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON THE BAYOU, TARPON SPRINGS

Palm Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Sunset Service, 7:00 p.m., on Sunset Beach, west end of Gulf Road, Tarpon Springs; bring a chair; handicapped accessible; Community Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. on the church lawn. Bring a chair and a flashlight. Traditional Easter Service, 10:30 a.m. 409 Whitcomb Bayou, Tarpon Springs, 34689.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

East Region: Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m. with lunch at First Presbyterian Church, Dade City; 37412 Church Ave, Dade City, FL 33525

Hillsborough Region: Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m., Bel Mar Presbyterian Church, Tampa; 4003 South Manhattan Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611

West Region: Saturday, April 25 at 8:45 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Safety Harbor; 255 5th Ave., Safety Harbor, FL 34695

TAKE NOTE:

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay is beginning to live into the model we voted on based on the Transformation Team's report. Each congregation will send Commissioners to the Regional Meeting. Churches elect and send the number of Commissioners they're allotted now to these meetings. We will register Commissioners (voice and vote) and Visitors (voice, no vote).

Our tasks will be focused around the work of the Regions' Commission on Ministry, Commission on Church Vitality, and Commission on Preparation for Ministry. We will worship together, then go into a meeting where, if applicable, Inquirers moving to Candidacy will be presented, Candidates moving to ordination will preach and be examined, Teaching Elders who are retiring will be honored, a written Treasurer's report will be available, and so forth.

FYI: Full (Including all three Regions) Stated Presbytery Meetings will include worship, receiving the reports from the Region Meetings; and when applicable, election of Moderator, Vice Moderator, GA Commissioners; vote on Proposed Amendments in the years we are called upon to do that, vote on the Nominations and Representation Report, and the like. *The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is July 23 at McLeod Presbyterian Church, Bartow.*

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE ALFRED Mission Trip to Ganthier, Haiti with the Foundation for Peace: August 6-15. Deadline for admission is Sunday, April 19. For more information, email Hank Belusa at debbieandhank@msn.com. For more information about the Foundation for Peace, go to www.foundationforpeace.org.

CHURCH ON THE BAYOU AND PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In April 2014 severe storms caused extensive damage and flooding to property owners in the Florida panhandle. Almost a year later the FEMA dollars have finally arrived and the work of reconstruction can begin. Pastor Kathy Dain and the Church on the Bayou of Tarpon Springs are organizing a mission trip to Pensacola from May 31 to June 4 to help in the recovery process. Church on the Bayou is looking for mission partners who would like to participate in the trip.

The work will involve light to moderate construction and there is room for up to 12 volunteers. For more information please call Kathy Dain at [727-937-3795](tel:727-937-3795) or email her at pastorkdain@churchonthebayou.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

The next Pilgrimage Weekend is April 30-May2, 2015 at The Retreat at Silver Springs, Fl. Details about this spirit-filled weekend, and to make application, please email David d'Albany at david.dalbany@gmail.com. Website: <http://floridacursillo.org/>

28TH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF SMALLER CONGREGATIONS CONFERENCE

"New Creation through Spiritual Growth and Prayer," Keynoter: David Loleng.

May 4-6, 2015 at Epworth by the Sea at St. Simon's Island. For more information and to register, look on the homepage of our presbytery's website under "Good Stuff." www.presbyteryoftampabay.com

Finally, just to see if you made it this far....At the February 28 Presbytery meeting, John DeBevoise encouraged us to read Leviticus this Lenten season. To that end, I have a new favorite verse: "All fat belongs to the Lord." Leviticus 3:16b.

Have a blessed Holy Week and a beautiful Easter celebration! The peace of Christ be with you.