



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 peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rain down upon you this day!
"You gave abundant showers, O God; You refreshed Your weary inheritance."
Psalm 68:9*

Region Meetings

The East Region met mid-day today.

Hillsborough Region meets tonight at Bel-Mar PC, Tampa, at 6:30 p.m.

The West Region will be at Safety Harbor Presbyterian Church, Saturday, April 25; 255 5th Ave., Safety Harbor, FL 34695; ***Please bring finger breakfast food to share with each other.***

Ordination Service

Paul Suich will be ordained as a Teaching Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, on April 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited for this time of worship and for fellowship afterwards. Minister members are especially encouraged to attend to welcome your new colleague in ministry. 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL, 33801

Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Tampa Bay Rays!

Presbyterian Night at the ballpark is Friday, May 8. We play TEXAS! First pitch is at 7:10 p.m., doors open at 5:10 p.m. Lower level tickets are \$25, a \$50 value, and this includes a Rays' hat that we can pick up at the Redemption Center. Deadline to order tickets is Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Churches, we order directly from the Rays. If you need an order form, please email Bob Windheim at bwindheim@raysbaseball.com or call him at 727-825-3220. Don't forget to order an extra ticket or two for the Beth El Farmworkers!

Growing in Grace & Gratitude: Christian Education Curriculum workshop

On Sunday, May 3rd, Candace Hill from Louisville, KY will offer a workshop on the new PCUSA curriculum. The workshop will be held at Gulfport Presbyterian Church, 5313 27th Ave S, Gulfport, FL 33707. **Call the church by April 26 to make a reservation: (727) 321-8086.** Please make a reservation so that Candace will have enough resources for everyone.

This is a description from Candace Hill: *God's grace and our response of gratitude are the foundation of the new PC(USA) denominational children's curriculum coming fall 2015. This workshop will explore grace and gratitude as the theological hallmark of Presbyterian tradition and showcase the importance of nurturing children through an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship—a promising theme for Presbyterian identity and the future of the PC(USA).*

New on the Presbytery website:

If you or someone you know can use scholarship help for seminary costs, go to the presbytery website under "Good Stuff" for the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Theological Seminary Scholarship Application. Here's a link: <http://bit.ly/1Jvxqvb>.

The Presbyterian Women also have a website: www.pwtampabay.com.

At Cedarkirk--Generations Together:

Ministry Development from the Church's Core

Join us at Cedarkirk on Tuesday, April 28, from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. for a webinar and conversation about reclaiming intergenerational love and friendship as the core of the Body of Christ. Participants will view the webinar and then engage in conversation, hosted and convened by Evelyn McMullen. <http://vibrantfaith.org/training/webinars/>

Notify Evelyn McMullen at evelyn@cedarkirk.org of your interest. If you can't come to Cedarkirk that afternoon you can register for the webinar on your own (\$20) and call or Skype in for the conversation.

Also note: On May 2nd, from 1:00-5:00 pm, Cedarkirk will offer an Open House. Contact the camp for more information: website: www.cedarkirk.org; email: camps@cedarkirk.org; phone: 813-685-4224, extension 2.

Mission Opportunity - 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. For more information call Kathy Dain at 727-937-3795 or email her at pastorkdain@churchonthebayou.org. *The deadline is May 3rd.*

Join the Webinar: Preparing Houses of Worship for Emergencies

The Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and FEMA are pleased to invite you to a webinar to prepare faith-based organizations for disaster.

The webinar will provide faith-based and community organizations with critical local, state and national resources that can help get communities better prepared for disasters and emergencies. Subject matter experts from emergency management, the faith-based and volunteer sectors, and the federal government will answer questions about engaging the faith-based community in disaster preparedness activities.

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015; Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (ET)

How to Join the Webinar:

- [Registration Web Link](#).
- Please register for the event. Be sure to [test your Adobe Connect connection](#) prior to the meeting.
- This webinar will offer closed captioning.