



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.

Really great news!

David and Cathy Baker welcomed a beautiful baby girl on Tuesday, May 19, at 11:52 a.m! She weighed 6 lbs, 11 oz. Her name is Esther Eloise Baker. David is the Stated Supply at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg. Congratulations to the Baker family. This presbytery celebrates with and prays for you!

Minister Installation

The Rev. Owen Carriker, Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, will be installed on Sunday, June 7, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this celebration for Owen, the congregation, and Tampa Bay Presbytery. The church address is 2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven, FL 33884.

From Church World Service

With hurricane season upon us, CWS is offering a webinar called, "Construction Management." It will be on June 9 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern). The presenters will be Dale and Jean Peercy, Lutheran Disaster Response Construction Coordinators. The webinar will last 90 minutes. You may register at this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6864341618590329601>

You'll receive a confirmation and instructions for joining the webinar.

Boundary Training

The Commission on Ministry is again sponsoring the conduct of Healthy Boundary Training for Clergy on Thursday August 6 and Tuesday September 29 from 9am-3pm and the venue for both will be at the Presbytery office located at 4704 Kelly Rd. in Tampa. All Teaching Elders who are currently serving churches or are considering a call to a church in this presbytery are required to have this training. The training was last held in summer of 2013. Any Teaching Elders who began their ordained ministries with the Presbytery of Tampa Bay since that time will need to sign up for one of the two days being offered this year. Barbara Kranendonk will again facilitate the Faith Trust Institute's program called Healthy Boundaries A course for Clergy. **Please email to Patrice@pbty.com which date you choose.** The Commission on Preparation for Ministry may also invite candidates seeking a call as well as some possible candidates for Commissioned Ruling Elders about to receive a call.

A Holy Conversation

Patrice invited Teaching Elders to the presbytery office on Wednesday morning to worship and pray together, and to talk with each other about what's going on in the lives of the congregations of the presbytery, especially since the vote on the Marriage

Amendment passed not only in Tampa Bay, but nationally. We admitted that this has been a challenging time, some grieving the outcome, others rejoicing.

We shared with each other, not as people on different sides but as children of God. We reflected on challenges and joys of ministry, of what strengthens us, and what feeds us.

Patrice asked us to reflect upon Moses in Exodus 17:11-12: "Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set."

We pondered her question: Who is your pastor?

It is always good and a blessing to come together as colleagues and friends for times like these, and in times like these.

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.