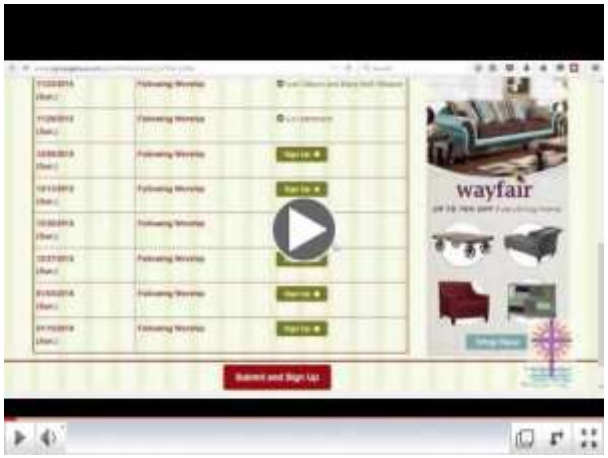
Our Mission:
To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.

Featured Resource

A few weeks ago when I sat down with Trinity Clearwater's new Pastor, Andy Walton, he really surprised me by teaching me a thing or two about how to do church websites! (not because I didn't expect it from Andy, but because I thought I had seen all the tricks)

I want to share with you what Andy shared with me, a couple of sites for organizing your volunteer ministries more effectively, SignupGenius.com and VolunteerSpot.com:



As always, if you've got a resource, tip, praise or just a really interesting story you want to share, please, let me know!

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communications

Presbytery of Tampa Bay

News From Around the Presbytery

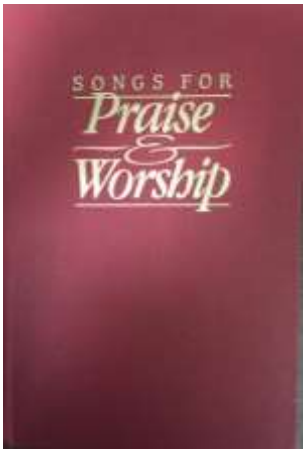
FPC Lakeland in the Movies

Whatever they've got in the water in the East Region, we all need some! First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland is featured in this short film of the Christmas story called, "The Way in a Manger." Their church's columns are featured starting at about 1:42.
Check it out!

Free Song Books

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, has about 200 "Songs for Praise and Worship" books that are available for free to any individuals or churches who would like to have them. Please contact the church office at 727-446-6210 to let the staff know when you would like to get them.

Click the picture for more info about these songbooks, including a list of songs:



Joint Christmas Eve Service in St. Pete:

Presbyterians getting together for worship!

Upcoming Workshops

Study At Home Seminary Course

Presbyterian Polity, Program, and Mission

A Christian Educator Certification Course

The Leadership Institute at Union Presbyterian Seminary is offering a 30-

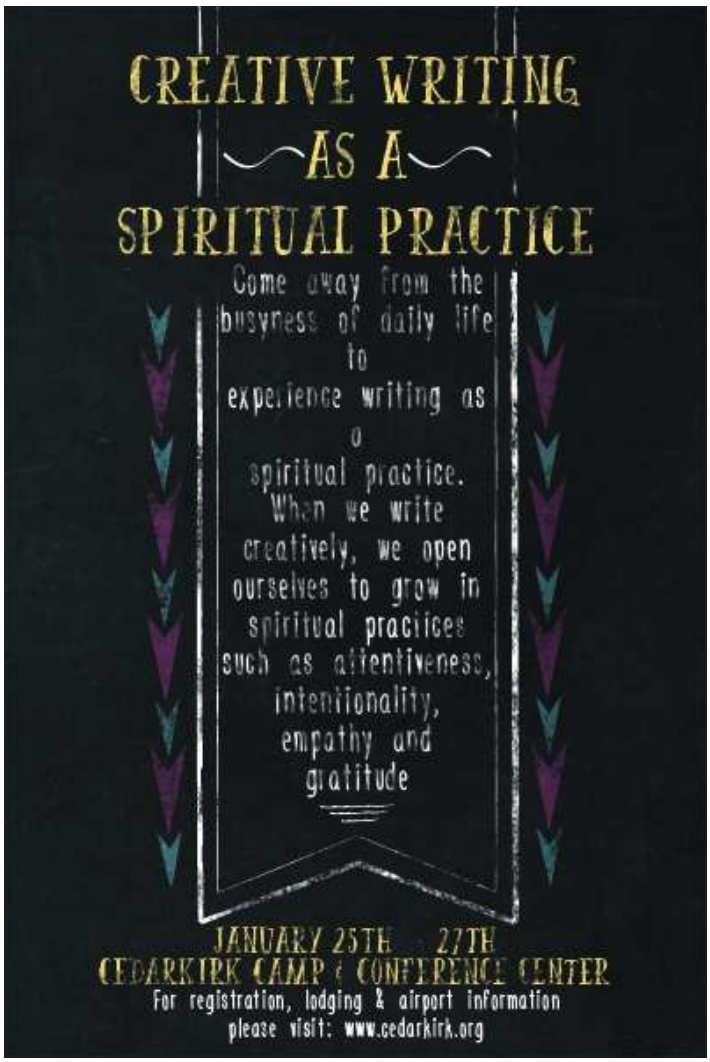
hour non-credit hybrid course in Presbyterian Polity, Program, and Mission, beginning AT HOME on January 4, 2016, and ending with three days ON-CAMPUS in Richmond, February 1-3. There will be about 18 hours of work at home and 12 hours on campus.

The course meets the requirements of Christian Educator Certification, but is also a great opportunity for elders and deacons, DCEs who are not seeking certification, Christian education committee members, CRE trainees, pastors, and interested church members.

Here is full information and instructions on how to register. The cost of the class is $295, which includes lunch on campus on Tuesday, February 2. Campus guest housing is available at $40 per night ($50 for two people sharing a room) but fills quickly.

Creative Writing as Spiritual Practice at Cedarkirk

Take some time off in January to recharge spiritually through creative writing! Cost of the event is $215. Click the picture below for all the details!



Mission Opportunities

Cedarkirk
A place apart to build up the body of Christ in love.
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Cedarkirk is once again hosting international students over their Christmas break. They are shown hospitality over their two week stay but, to avoid

an institutional Christmas, they are placed in individual homes from Dec. 23rd-27th. These students are from all around the world and don't have a place to stay during the holidays. They will go to Disney and participate in camp activities so there is no obligation on hosts to go to extravagant destinations. In fact, the goal is for them to simply joining a family in their normal Christmas traditions. Take this opportunity to learn about a new culture and share the love of Christ at Christmas!
If you can help please contact Mark Orendorf at 813.685.4224 ext. 4 or mark@cedarkirk.org

Officer Training Reprise

Additional Resources

eNews readers such as yourself sent in a few extra resources following last week's mega resource list (see it again below in case you missed it).

CPYU is an excellent resource for anyone working with youth in the church. Tons of great articles, news and info. According to my source, "He addresses every youth issue that comes down the pike"

Cokesbury is having two VBS showcases in our area early next year:

COKESBURY'S 2016 VBS SHOWCASE PREVIEWS FOR TAMPA BAY	
Saturday, January 23, 2016 **SKYCREST UMC** 2045 Drew St Clearwater, FL 33765 Open House: 10:00am - 2:00pm RSVP Lionel Trujillo (727) 216-6208 ltrujillo@cokesbury.com	**Saturday, February 6, 2016** **RIVERVIEW UMC** 8002 US Highway 301 South Riverview, Florida 33578 Open House: 10:00am - 2:00pm RSVP Lionel Trujillo (727) 216-6208 ltrujillo@cokesbury.com

Have fun as you check out videos, music and more in the starter kits from the following publishers:

- Cokesbury
- Abingdon Press
- Group
- Concordia
- Standard
- Editorial Concordia (Spanish)
- Mennomedia
- UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.)

All VBS orders receive the Showcase **DISCOUNTS** and **FREE SHIPPING**!

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

Union Presbyterian Seminary has an excellent resource on the history of division and reunion in our denomination that would be great for sessions and pastors to check out. It's a 42 minute long video featuring Noted Presbyterian, Condoleezza Rice:

Division and Reunion: A Reflection on Presbyterianism in America

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In case you missed it last week, I wanted to also include the officer training information for the coming year. Feel free to forward this email to the officers of your church!

For Ruling Elders and Deacons:

- The excellent videos from theocadmeny.com. I wouldn't miss these if you're an elder elect or pastor looking for supplemental training materials.
- The August edition of the Presbyterian Outlook was dedicated to Officer Training:
  - 10 Things Ruling Elders Should Know
  - Why Ordain Ruling Elders?
  - The Church: Mother, Mentor and Coach
  - Guided by our Confessions
- Of course, the most recent Book of Order is something every Ruling Elder should have.

For Clerks of Session:

- This Clerk of Session Manual is full of useful information, although a few items won't directly apply to our Presbytery.
- For those of you looking for a serious treatment of polity in language that's understandable, the Companion to the Constitution is a great place to find it.
- To help guide you in creating minutes, and prepare you for the year, it's a good idea to keep the Session Minutes Review Form nearby.
- Here's a guide to help you with the Annual Statistical Report
- The Stated Clerk will be holding **two** training sessions for Clerks of Session in January. The first will be on Tuesday January 12th at the Presbytery Office from 10am to 12pm (lunch provided), and the second will be on your computer at home Saturday January 16th, also from 10am to 12pm (webinar training). The two sessions will cover the same material but are intended to provide different times and formats that may be better for different people. Please RSVP for the 12th to office@pbty.com; RSVPs for the webinar will be online later.

For Church Treasurers:

- Although it's a bit out of date, this Church Treasurer's Manual seems to contain a ton of information.
- The Board of Pensions has a resource for Church Treasurers and Financial Secretaries as relates to the Benefits plan.
- We'll also be having a training on Saturday January 9th from 9am to 2pm at the Presbytery office. This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered as there will be a CPA, a representative from

the Board of Pensions and our own tax expert and former Stated Clerk, Charles Willard at the training. Cost is $8 for lunch, and you can find much more info in the link: Income Management and Reporting for Pastors. Again, please RSVP to office@pbty.com.

Free Support for Officer's Training Retreats:

- The good folks at Westminster Communities in St. Petersburg make all 3 of their facilities available at no cost to churches for day time retreats (and not just officer retreats). This includes a meeting room *and* dining. The facilities are great and you can't beat free!
- Contact Gail Holesha for more info:
  - gholesha@wservices.org
  - Office 941.750.9025 | Cell 941.448.5244

In keeping with our Mission, we're going to be offering more training events throughout the year for church officers. So stay on the look out!

Job Opportunities

Employment Opportunity at Hyde Park PC

Hyde Park is looking for a part time Director of Traditional Music to lead the music program for their Sunday Traditional Service. This is a part-time organist/director position.

For more information, click the link below or contact Pam Tucker.

Job Info

First PC Inverness Job Openings:

Part-Time Directory of Youth Ministry

Are you passionate about serving Jesus Christ? Do you have experience leading and sharing your Christian faith with middle school and high school

youth? Do you have the talents, creativity and commitment to develop, coordinate, and schedule youth activities and ministries? Do you want to be a part of a loving, welcoming, dynamic and exciting church?

Part-Time Director of Christian Education

Are you passionate about serving Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing, implementing, and supervising programs of Christian education which can nurture the faith of persons of all ages, from preschool through adulthood? Do you want to be a part of a loving, welcoming, dynamic and exciting church?

If one of these positions is appealing to you, the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness would love to hear from you! For more information and/or to apply, contact Pastor Ron Pfeifer at (352) 637-0770. The First Presbyterian Church of Inverness is an equal opportunity employer.

Employment Opportunities at Cedarkirk

Cedarkirk is currently seeking to fill a variety of positions (part-time kitchen and housekeeping roles and a full-time Capital Campaign Director). Please visit www.cedarkirk.org/who-we-are/employment/ for more information.

Job Info

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2 Musical Job Openings at St. Mark's in Hudson:

SMPC is looking for a part-time organist and part-time director of music. Send inquiries to: hiring@stmarksfl.org. For detailed position descriptions, see below:

Job Info

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