



Our Mission:

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

Passing of Rev. John Winnett

We have received word that Rev. John E Winnett joined the church triumphant this past Tuesday, December 15th. Jack was 90 years old, and had served in the ministry since 1963. In 1991, Jack joined our Presbytery from Tropical Florida Presbytery and served as the Parish Associate of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lakeland. A service will be held sometime in the new year; details to follow.

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communications
Presbytery of Tampa Bay

Please note: The eNews will be on Christmas break until January.

News From Around the Presbytery

Presbytery Forms for 2016

New forms for the new year! Find the new forms for reporting to Presbytery below, and on the website.

- [2016 F-1 \(Terms of call\)](#)
- [2016 Remittance Form](#)
- [2016 Mission Pledge Form](#)

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!

NOEL



*Gulfport Presbyterian Church,
Lakeview Presbyterian Church, &
Trinity Presbyterian Church*

Are coming together (as one) to have:

A Christmas Eve Service

**Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
2830 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712**

When: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 O'Clock P.M.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

Upcoming Workshops

Workshop for Church Treasurers and Financial Staff

The Presbytery will be hosting a training on Saturday January 9th from 9am to 2pm at the Presbytery office: [Income Management and Reporting for Pastors](#). This is a great opportunity to get your tough questions answered as there will be a CPA, a representative from the Board of Pensions and our own clergy tax expert and former Stated Clerk, Charles Willard, at the training. Cost is \$8 for lunch.

Again, please RSVP to office@ppty.com.

If you have questions you'd like addressed during this training,

please email Charles Willard in advance: charles@willard.cc.

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!

CREATIVE WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Come away from the
busyness of daily life
to
experience writing as
a
spiritual practice.
When we write
creatively, we open
ourselves to grow in
spiritual practices
such as attentiveness,
intentionality,
empathy and
gratitude

JANUARY 25TH - 27TH
CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
For registration, lodging & airport information
please visit: www.cedarkirk.org

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
ltrujiillo@cokebury.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
ltrujiillo@cokebury.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 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](#)

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.
- Plan for the new year with this [Clerk's Calendar and Important Information](#) email to Tampa Bay area Clerks of Session.

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

Temple Terrace PC Job Opening:

Leader of Youth Ministry and Christian Education

Do you know someone interested in "reaching and inspiring youth, within our congregation and through community outreach by creative programs promoting Christian growth and spiritual development"?

Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church seeks to hire an enthusiastic individual as our Leader of Youth Ministry and Christian Education.

For more information see: <http://www.ttpresbyterian.com/new-leader-of-youth-ministry-and-christian-education/>

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

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

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](mailto: hiring@stmarksfl.org). For detailed position descriptions, see below:

Job Info

Presbytery of Tampa Bay | 813 868 4800 | presbyteryoftampabay.com