



Our Mission:

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

Better Know a Presbyter

Today we're going to meet Rev. Tom Harp, one of our Honorably Retired pastors. Tom really has a heart for other pastors, which comes through as he shares with us about a plan of his to help and support those in ministry. I think his plan has incredible merit to strengthen ministries in the Presbytery. Check out the video!



If you're interested in joining the Shepherd's group, or would like a listening ear, please [email Tom](#) or [email Patrice](#). And as always, if you have a joy, concern, resource or tip you want to share, let me know!

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



Pastoral Concerns in the Presbytery

Passing of Bobby Musengwa's Father

Please be in prayer for Rev. Boby Musengwa of Maximo Presbyterian Church and his family. Bobby lost his father, David Musengwa, on Christmas Day. David was 91 years old.

News From Around the Presbytery

Installation Services

You're invited to the installations of Rev. Micki Robinson and Rev. Andy Walton. Micki's service will be at 4pm on Sunday January 24th at [Gulfport Presbyterian Church](#). Andy's service will be at 4pm on Sunday January 31st at [Trinity Presbyterian Church of Clearwater](#).

Minister members in the West Region especially are encouraged to come out and welcome their colleagues in ministry!
Receptions will follow each service.

Presbytery of Tampa Bay 2016 Devotional

If you're looking for devotionals to do before a session meeting or personally, your fellow servants in Christ have got you covered.

This year, we're publishing a devotional for the Presbytery, by the Presbytery. Twelve generous pastors have each done a one page devotional for one month of 2016. You can download January's below:

[January Devotional](#) by Rev. Laurie Palmer

The entire year should be ready to download soon.
A big thanks to Rev. Robert Shaw for organizing this!

Presbytery Forms for 2016

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

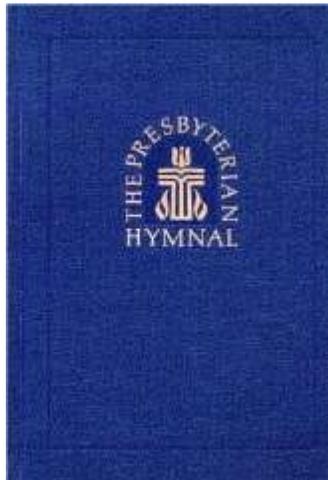
- [2016 F-1 \(Terms of call\)](#)
 - [2016 Remittance Form](#)
 - [2016 Mission Pledge Form](#)
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Joint Christmas Eve Service in St. Pete Report:

Isn't it great when Presbyterians do things together? Gulfport, Lakeview and Trinity PC enjoyed a Christmas Eve with one another:



Free Hymnals



[Good Samaritan Church](#) would like to donate 50 Presbyterian Blue Hymnals to any church that needs them.

Please contact Rev. Jen Daysa if interested.
pastorjen@goodsam-church.org

Upcoming Workshops

Workshop for Clerks of Session

If you're a Clerk of Session, or especially a **new** Clerk of Session, the Presbytery would like to make your job easier by providing training and an opportunity to get your questions answered.

To this end, the Stated Clerk will be holding 2 training sessions, one in person and one online:

- Tuesday January 12th, 10am to Noon at the Presbytery Office
- Saturday January 16th, 10am to Noon Online

The training will cover the Role of the Clerk, Training in the Book of Order, Tips for Writing and Storing Minutes, and Common Misconceptions, *et. al.*

There will be no lunch provided on the 12th, but there is also no fee.

Please RSVP Dave Baker to sign up: statedclerk@pbtty.com.

If you have questions you'd like addressed during this training, please email Dave Baker in advance: statedclerk@pbtty.com.

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.

Please RSVP to office@pbtty.com.

If you have questions you'd like addressed during this training, please email Charles Willard in advance: charles@willard.cc.

Dubuque Seminary Online Continuing Ed

Five-week study from home classes designed to inspire, engage and sustain your work in the church.

"The Christian Imagination: Exploring Faith in Literature"

*Dr. Timothy Slemmons, Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship
February 8 - March 13, 2016*

Enhance our preaching by examining selected contributions from across the breadth of the historical and literary landscape: J.R.R. Tolkein, C.S. Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, Annie Dillard, Madeline L'Engle, Frederick Buechner, Wendell Berry

"The Brain, the Body, and Spiritual Disciplines"

*Dr. Susan Forshey, Assistant Professor of Discipleship and Christian Formation
March 28 - May 1, 2016*

Places spiritual disciplines into conversation with recent brain research on willpower and habit formation; and offers opportunities to experiment with specific disciplines.

Cost of each class is \$150.

Please [read the flyer](#) for registration and more detailed course info.

Westminster Shores St. Pete Pastors' Lunch

Thursday
January 28, 2016
12 noon-1:30 pm

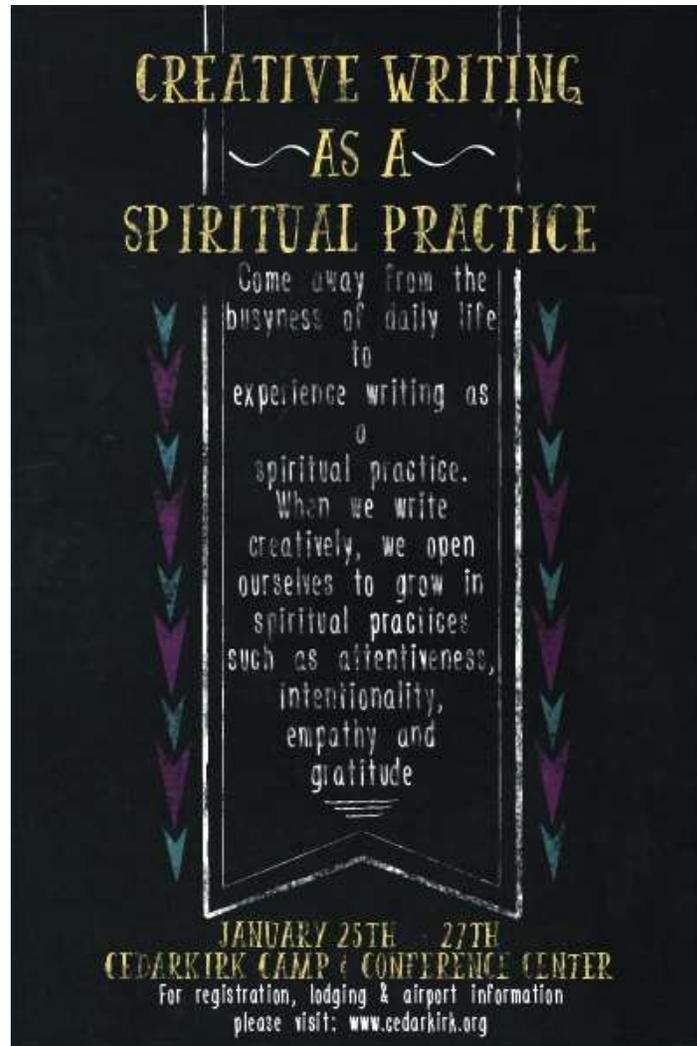
"Ethics and Religion in a Pluralistic World"

[Check out the Flyer](#) for more details.

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!



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	
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Have fun as you check out videos, music and more in the starter kits from the following publishers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cokesbury • Abingdon Press • Group • Concordia • Standard • Editorial Concordia (Spanish) • Mennomedia • UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.) <p>All VBS orders receive the Showcase DISCOUNTS and FREE SHIPPING!</p>	



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 year, 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](#)

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