



Our Mission:

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

Featured Resource

Lent is surprisingly early this year; Ash Wednesday is already less than a month away! That's compressing many pastor's schedules, and folks might need to get things earlier than usual in 2016. With that in mind, I didn't want to wait until April to get this week's featured resources into the hands of our pastors and church treasurers.

What I want to share today are some FAQs for tax prep for pastors from the Board of Pensions. They actually have 3 FAQs (all of which are very helpful):

- [FAQ for Pastors](#)
- [FAQ for Retired Pastors](#)
- [FAQ for Church Treasurers](#)

And if you've got serious questions and need more help, there are even bigger manuals here: [Benefits Plan Administration 2015](#) (the last chapter covers taxes), [Tax Guide for Ministers](#) (not updated since 2013, unfortunately).

As always, if you have a joy, concern, resource or tip you want to share, let me know!

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Presbytery of Tampa Bay



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

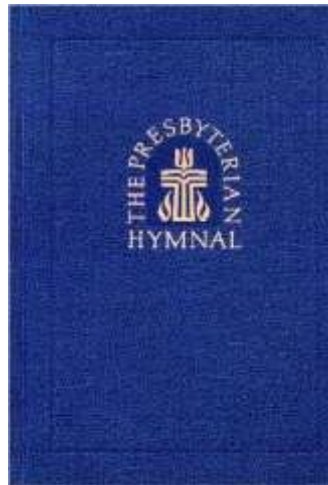
The entire year should be ready to download soon.
A big thanks to Rev. Robert Shaw for organizing this!

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](#)

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

Bi-vocational Ministry Conference

This event is for ministers serving or seeking to serve in a bi-vocational ministry context, as well as governing body or judicatory leaders who work with ministers who serve in such contexts.

April 15-16, 2016
Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island, GA

For more info, please click on this picture to see the flyer:



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 (which was this past Tuesday) and one online:

- 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.*

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

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

please email Dave Baker in advance: statedclerk@pbty.com.

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. Tolkien, 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!

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.

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

Job Info

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