



### ***Our Mission:***

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

## **Merry Christmas!**

On behalf of the Presbytery Staff, I'd like to say Merry Christmas! I'm praying for your services this Advent, and for our churches and leaders (if you're getting this email, that means you).

The Presbytery Office will be observing the Christmas holiday on Monday December 26th, and New Year's on Monday January 2nd. Additionally, the eNews will be on hiatus until January 5th.

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As usual, please check out the other news and resources below, and if you have a joy, concern, resource or just something you want to share,

please let me know!

In Christ,

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



## News From Around the Presbytery

### 2017 CROP Walk Announced



Dust off your walking shoes! The 2017 St. Petersburg-Pinellas County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, February 26, with registration beginning at 1:30 pm and the 1-mile or 5K walks beginning at 2 pm. The Walk begins and ends at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach DR. NE. St. Petersburg. And, your congregation is invited!

First, to get more information, please send a representative to the CROP Rally at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Daystar Life Center, 226 6th St S. Walk materials, including posters, information brochures and walk envelopes will be handed out at the Rally.

This annual Church World Service-sponsored event raises money to help end hunger. 25% of the Funds raised by the Walk are divided equally between Daystar and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic to aid in their work to fight hunger locally. Nonperishable food items, particularly peanut butter, dried beans, rice and canned meats or fish, also will be collected.

If you would like more information or would like to join the Walk or would like to sponsor a walker, please contact Kitty Rawson, [727.501.3653](tel:727.501.3653) or

## An Important Word From the Presbytery

In order to receive credit for the calendar year ending December 31, 2016, all checks must be received by the Presbytery by Friday, Jan 13, 2017.

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## St. Andrew Presbyterian of Sun City Center will again host DAN RODRIQUEZ



St. Andrew Presbyterian of Sun City Center will again host DAN RODRIQUEZ (the singing policeman of 911) on **January 15 at 3 pm**. Tickets for this concert (and casual Meet and Greet) ARE ONLY \$10 (you will pay more for parking at some of the arenas he performs). Contact St. Andrew at 813-634-1252 to purchase tickets. There is a limit of 400.

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**TIM ZIMMERMAN AND THE KING'S BRASS**  
appearing in concert at

**Crystal River's First Presbyterian Church**  
**1501 SE US Highway 19**  
**Crystal River, FL 34429**

**Saturday, January 7th, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

Experience BIG BRASS at its BEST!! Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass presents a wide variety of music including hymn classics with a contemporary flair. The King's Brass is comprised of professional musicians from across the country, who desire to use the instruments they love to lead others in praise and worship.

Admission is \$10 at the door. Mark your calendars now to save the date, and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors for an entertaining evening filled with fabulous music! For more information call (352) 795-2259.

The King's Brass will also be performing at Christ Largo:

January 19, 2017

Dinner: 5:45

Concert : 7:30

3115 Dryer Ave  
Largo, FL, 33770

Coming  
Soon !



## Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass

*Christ Presbyterian Church of Largo*



### Get Tickets

Make reservations by  
calling the church office  
727-584-8695

OR Order online  
[www.largopc.com](http://www.largopc.com) Tickets  
will be mailed, e-mailed or  
"will call".

### Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass

have been performing at Christ Presbyterian for many years. Because of the unique architecture of the church, this special event is done in the "round", giving a complete immersion of music.

- Dinner and Show
- \$30
- General Admission
- \$15

This year we are stepping it up to offer dinner and the performance with preferred seating, or General admission.



## Messiah College Concert Choir

The Concert Choir- Messiah's premier choral ensemble is looking for venues for their first tour in Florida during the following dates: March 14-18, 2017. The links below will direct you to their Facebook page and most recent CD recording.

[Facebook Page link here.](#)

[CD recording link here.](#)

Feel free to contact Coordinator Brittany Taylor (717 796 5083, [bntaylor@messiah.edu](mailto:bntaylor@messiah.edu)) with any questions.

## Mission Interest



### Beth-El News

In case you missed it, here is Beth-El's [December Newsletter](#).

## Upcoming Workshops



A YouthMax Event at PCOB

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**  
**7-8 pm**

Inspired by leadership principles of John Maxwell, this event will inspire and equip youth to value themselves and others.

Julie Swain, a Certified YouthMax facilitator, will present valuable life lessons such as developing and maintaining a positive self-image, showing compassion to others, persevering in the midst of adversity, and creating a daily routine of successful attitudes and behaviors.

**All Youth, Parents, Youth Leaders, Pastors are invited to attend this free event.**

## Super Saturday: Save the Date!

Super Saturday is making a comeback! The event is being planned by the Commission on Church Vitality (CCV), and will be held at [Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church](#) on Saturday February 18th.

Here's some of the topics that will be presented:

- Pastoral Care for Deacons and Elders
- Christian Education in Small Churches
- Elder Training by the Commission on Ministry
- New Hope for Small Churches
- New Church Development
- Church Treasurer Training by the Board of Trustees

Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Zac Morton from Roswell Presbyterian Church outside of Atlanta. Zac will be speaking about practical ways to plant new churches in the Tampa Bay region.

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## Creative Writing as a Spiritual Practice Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st, 2017

Come away from the busyness of your life to experience creative writing as a spiritual practice. When we write creatively, we open ourselves to grow in spiritual practices like attentiveness, intentionality, empathy, and gratitude - gifts we want to grow as disciples of Christ. Challenge yourself creatively and spiritually, and leave with a sense of peace at having drawn closer to yourself and to God.

REV. DR. DEBBIE BRONKEMA, former Co-Executive Director of Cedarkirk, has led several programs and retreats on this topic over the last few years and is excited to share this spiritual practice with us. She currently serves as Pastor of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church in Pleasantville, New York.

Click [here](#) for further information.

## Job Opportunities

Director of Student Ministries



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

### **First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven Full Time Position**

Our 1000 member Florida Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation is seeking an enthusiastic leader to continue the expansion of our youth ministry program! Our location half-way between both coasts and an hour from Orlando and Tampa provides many exciting opportunities for youth activities. We are seeking a Christ-filled individual who is organized, able to work well with and lead others, and who has the passion and ability to inspire and connect with our middle and high school youth.

We value our youth ministry program and offer a competitive salary and benefits package for this full-time position. Please visit our website at [www.firstpreswh.org](http://www.firstpreswh.org) for more information about our church. Inquiries may be emailed to [ydsearch@firstpreswh.org](mailto:ydsearch@firstpreswh.org) or mailed to the church office (Attn: Director of Student Ministries Search Committee, First Presbyterian Church, 637 Sixth Street NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881).

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### **Part Time Nursery Assistant at St. Andrew, New Tampa**

Responsible for providing nursery care for children under three years old, ensuring their safety, health, cleanliness and well-being. Regular hours are Sunday 9am-12pm. Addition church events as needed. Located in Tampa Palms close to I75. Minimum of two years professional childcare experience, part-time or full-time, or be a parent. Current CPR certification or be willing to receive certification. Pay rate is \$50.00 for Sunday (9-12) and \$16.50 per hour for additional events.

Call 813-513-8822 for additional information.

Email resume to: [office@standrewnewtampa.org](mailto:office@standrewnewtampa.org).

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### **Korean Presbyterian Church of Tampa Job Opening:**

#### **Full-time or Part-Time EM Pastor**

KPCT is currently seeking an EM Pastor to shepherd the Young Adult and Youth Group of high school and middle school students. The church is located at 6510 Yosemite Dr., Tampa, FL 33634.

For more information please contact Ki Choi at [kih.choi3@gmail.com](mailto:kih.choi3@gmail.com) or read the [position description](#).



