

Cedarkirk

Camp is not just for kids! You & Me Family Camp is a special event at Cedarkirk for children ages 3-12 and their adult relatives or grandparents. This three-day event, June 13-15, provides opportunities for you to spend time with—and grow closer to—that special child or grandchild in your life and explore your faith together. Find more information at www.cedarkirk.org or pick up a brochure in the church office.



new best friends. Try exciting activities like canoeing, the high ropes course, campfires, zip lining, and kayaking. Deepen your connection to God and learn new things about yourself as you spend time in the woods away from your usual routine. Pick up a brochure in the church office or visit www.cedarkirk.org to register online. For more information or to request a confidential scholarship, please contact the camp office at 813.685.4224 x2 or camps@cedarkirk.org

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP YET?

June and July may seem a long way off, but Cedarkirk's summer programs are filling quickly and you don't want to miss out! Sign up today for your week of games, songs, worship, cookouts, and time to hang out with your

Cedarkirk Summer Registration Open

Surrounded by God's beautiful creation and the love of nurturing counselors and staff, campers grow, learn, and build character. This summer's theme, Beyond Belief, invites campers to ask the big questions about God and explore how we can see God in the vastness of creation, the power of community, and even in our own hearts. For more information and to register go to <http://cedarkirk.org/summer/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



Open House

A **FREE** opportunity to check out all that Cedarkirk has to offer

May 12th: 1-5pm



Youth, children and adults all relish the activities at Cedarkirk the weekend of April 14-15.



Peace Youth Activities

The Peace families just returned from a wonderful weekend retreat at Cedarkirk. We had 32 people this year! It was a great time of fellowship, nature, exploration and worship.

Cedarkirk will be bringing their day camp to Peace again this summer from July 9-13. Enrollments are already coming in from the community.



In February the younger kids at Peace enjoyed an evening

of play, crafts and face painting while their parents enjoyed a dinner out together. Everyone enjoyed the company they were with!

The Peace Youth group found another local organization to help: Birds of Paradise Animal Sanctuary on nearby Waterline Road. The youth made enrichment toys for the large enclosures that hold dozens of beautiful, exotic birds.

You'll next catch the Youth helping at the Dinners Under the Cross and gearing up for Montreat in July! Later this summer we are planning another Youth-Led Worship service! Stay tuned for more adventures...



Kids Club on a Hike at Rye Park on March 18



A Parents' Night Out—the youth offered to watch smaller kids to give Peace parents a free night.



Youth making enrichment toys for Birds of Paradise Bird Sanctuary! There are over 300 exotic birds here who have been surrendered or rescued. It is a big job to care for these birds.



Gia Havener beams with the youth orchestra she launched. She has left as our music director, but caused the music ministry to grow from just a handful to over 75 musicians.





A Living Last Supper March 29 offered Peace an eye-witness version of Maundy Thursday.



Preemie hats knitted by Bert Garino, from the Peaceful Hands crafters group. The hats were donated to hospitals for newborn preemie babies.



A large contingent of Peace people (and dogs) joined the CROP walk Feb. 25.

**EASTER SEASON 2018 ADULT
EDUCATION OFFERINGS
PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

***STEADFAST HOPE:
A MANDATE FOR PEACEMAKING AND
CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT FOR CHANGE***

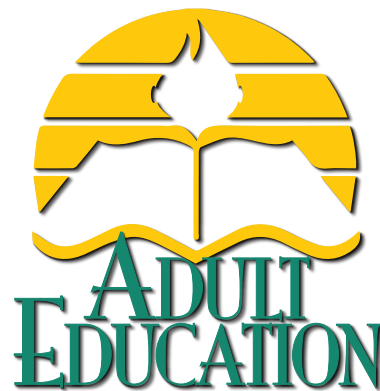
The PC(USA) stands for peace and justice in Israel/Palestine but is divided on how to resist the aggressive Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories in non-violent ways. The resource book for this class is a project of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network to help us embrace our calling as followers of the Prince of Peace in the land of his birth, the land which is holy to Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Facilitated by Al Merget and Richard Deibert.

THE SEVEN NEXT WORDS OF CHRIST

We often hear about the Seven Last Words of Christ. Rarely, though, do we focus in the same way on what Christ said after the Resurrection as he surprised, consoled, rebuked, and inspired his followers through seven powerful encounters. Join discussion leader, Chip Schaaff, in this New Testament study. We will meet on the following dates: April 8, 15, and 22 then on May 20, 27, June 3 and June 10. Bring your Bibles please.

***CONTRAST COMMUNITY:
A NEW – AND VERY OLD – WAY OF EXPERIENCING
JESUS’ SERMON ON THE MOUNT***

James Bailey is a 30-year student of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount (he abbreviates, SM). His book, Contrast Community, invites us to take a devotional, not just intellectual, “deep dive” into the “SM”. His objective and hope—and ours—is our not just discovering, but our experiencing, the transformative ways the Spirit has used the “SM” through the centuries. So, we’ll give our left brains some rest, and give Jim Bailey’s approach a shot. We’d love to have you join us. Mickey Miller will facilitate this class.



PEACE FORUM

“Global Warming : Manasota” is the title of a Peace Forum on the Environment to be held on Earth Day, Sunday afternoon, April 22, at 5:00 pm at Peace Presbyterian Church. The Forum will focus on the impact of climate change in Manatee and Sarasota counties and how we might lessen its impact. Our exciting panel includes:

Scott Norris, a realtor from Manatee county, thinking about real estate in the future;

Sofia Uribe, musing on the impact of sea level rise for her generation;

Darcy Thomas, Sarasota Bay Estuary Project Executive Director;

Shannon Jung, author of *We are Home: A Spirituality of the Environment*;

...and perhaps a surprise guest or two!

Come to consider the future of the only planet you and I have.

AND AS USUAL...

Tuesdays 6:30 AM Men’s Prayer Group—Mickey Miller & Bill Clough

Wednesdays 9:30 Women’s Bible Study—Susan Hyde

Christianity and Science Group meets every few weeks on weekday evenings—they are currently discussing the Definition of Chalcedon, Richard Deibert

Poetry as Prayer—Monthly (fourth Monday PM)—Barbara McIlwain with R Deibert



DAY 4 HOPE 2018

Save the Date! Saturday, July 21!

Peace Presbyterian Church, along with Crosspointe Church, will be hosting our **Day 4 Hope** on Saturday, July 21 this year! We will help prepare 100 homeless and needy children for the first day of school. The schools we are assisting are Kinnan and Abel Elementary.

- Day 4 Hope provides each child with:
- Backpack filled with needed school supplies
- Dental check-up, cleaning and flossing instructions
- Medical exam, sports exam
- Eye exam
- Haircut
- Back to school photos and family portraits
- Gift card \$25 to Old Navy
- Gift card \$25 to Payless Shoes
- Care bag filled with personal care items
- Breakfast or Lunch and healthy snacks
- Prayer
- Crafts and much more

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please consider volunteering to assist us this day. We need doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists, hairdressers, barbers and translators and lots of volunteers to make this work!

For those of you who are not in town the event day, (or even if you are), consider making a tax deductible financial donation:

\$100 donation will buy all supplies and gift cards for one child

\$50 donation will buy gift cards for shoes and clothes for one child

\$25 donation will buy school supplies and backpack

\$15 donation will buy personal care items for one child

Donations go directly to benefit the children.

SOCKS. We would like to give the children new socks this year. At worship services we are collecting new white children's socks for both boys and girls in grades pre-kindergarten to grade 6.

Checks should be made out to **Peace Presbyterian Church** with Day 4 Hope in the memo line. You can drop it in the plate, mail it to Peace or give it to Nancy Hogue or Diane Hennessey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Hogue at 941-907-7714 nhogue33@verizon.net or Diane Hennessey at 603-339-1669 dianehenn522@gmail.com

Mission Team Blood Drive



Our next blood drive is MAY 20. Please mark your calendar. We did not meet our goal in March so I am hoping we can exceed our goal in May. Once the snow-birds go back home, there is always a dire need for blood. Please consider donating. You can help save a life!

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