

WHY ARE WE BUILDING?

- Current dining hall (Cedar Lodge) Presents challenging access for persons with mobility issues
- Existing dining facilities can no longer accommodate increasing demand
- Meeting space is extremely limited for programmatic and guest use.

PROJECT GOAL

\$4,000,000

Covers all cost relating to construction and Capital expenditures.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We invite you to pray for this effort and to consider contributing (one time gift or three year pledge)

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Check memoed Pentecost or Cedarkirk
Put in the plate

Put in the envelope and mail to:
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church
3501 W San Jose Street
Tampa, FL 33629

ONLINE

Palmaceaia.org
Give tab
Special Offerings

PLEDGE TO

Cedarkirk Capital Campaign
Give Stock to PCPC directed to Cedarkirk
Give Stock directly to Cedarkirk
Make a Legacy Gift

For more information on support possibilities

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The 2018 **PENTECOST** Special Offering

This year it will go to



Capital Campaign
To improve facilities

The offering denominationally is used to encourage, develop, and support young people and address the needs of at risk children.

Setting a Place For All



WHAT ARE WE BUILDING?

*New single-level dining hall
(250 seat capacity)*

Centralized office and admin space

Additional adult-friendly retreat cottage

*Renovations to Cedar Lodge for
enhanced meeting space*

Our Members Speak about what Cedarkirk has meant to them...

Mary and daughter Reid Taggart

Just following up after our conversation re:Cedarkirk. Reid overheard me on the phone with you and quickly added her two cents worth of why she's enjoyed Cedarkirk the past two summers and is SOOO excited to return this summer.

She highlighted that it's a place where you instantly feel comfortable, everyone there can be themselves and no pretenses. Also the feeling of togetherness she experienced there, both with other campers and the counselors. She liked how they felt "like a team" growing, learning and having fun all together. Going on her own fostered a sense of independence ("life skills" as she called it) and I think it being relatively close to home and a place we had already been as a family and with our church family made her more comfortable going away there for the first time.

Susan Henry

Cedarkirk is a place where children can build their faith. It was apparent my kids enjoyed their camp experience because of the friends and wonderful counselors they met. I loved reading the emails throughout their camp weeks in which they shared their special experiences. My daughter talked about how great the food was and how fun the activities were, but when she stated her favorite part was Bible study that was amazing to me to hear because that hadn't been something real important yet in her faith journey. My son had a tough time being away from home the first night and I received a call from the director and got to speak to my son. They were so nurturing and encouraging, and I knew he was in good hands. Of course, he managed to feel better and have a meaningful week with a lot of stories to share when he got back. It was fun to hear them sing the songs they learned all the way home from camp. I support the efforts to build a new dining hall and expand what Cedarkirk can offer campers to make their spiritual experiences even that much better!

Nicole Abdnour

If I close my eyes and create a mental picture of the view from the upper porch of Cedar Lodge looking down towards the river I can inhale and smell the scent of homemade rolls mixing in with the wonderful scent of the outdoors. I can hear the dinner bell ringing along with the sounds of laughter and stories as people are drawn into the lodge. Sometimes when I see this picture I am six years old surrounded by family – nuclear and church -- gathered for a weekend family camp. Other times I'm an elementary school camper excited about spending a week away from my brothers with my best friend from home and the new friends we make from our Village or I'm in high school enjoying the challenges and responsibilities of participating in the SHL program. Still other times I'm a youth ministry intern charged with leading a Presbytery retreat for middle school students. Or I'm a pastor preparing to lead worship for the summer campers. The care and love I received through Cedarkirk's ministries as a child modeled God's love and care for creation, for community, and for me. The physical and spiritual environment not only provided me with the space and support to explore my Christian faith as a child and adolescent, but as an adult it continues to remind me who and whose I am. Cedarkirk is part of the foundation of the Christian community that raised and nurtured me and I am blessed it has been a constant in my life. I give thanks to God for those who have supported its ministries over the years by offering prayers, financial gifts, and time; I pray fervently that this legacy will continue to grow and provide transformative faith experiences for all who gather for generations to come.

Susan Peacock

When I think about Cedarkirk, I think about Doris and A.T. Brown greeting us like family; feeding us delicious food like family; playing games and line dancing; Bible study with all ages; listening to children share. Canoe trips that were always adventures with Bea David. But mostly I remember a cup of hot, spiced tea, rocking on the porch and talking in the cool mornings.

Clay Thomas

From youth retreats for me to summer camp for my wife Patti to summer camp for both of our boys Walker and Wynne, Cedarkirk has been a part of our family for nearly the entire time since it opened. Patti's Cedarkirk experiences are marked by friendships with other kids from around Florida renewed year-after-year at the same summer-camp sessions. Walker and Wynne experienced their first time away from home at Cedarkirk summer-camp. For both of the boys, it was the remarkable staff of Cedarkirk that enabled them to fully enjoy the Cedarkirk experience. Their experiences at Cedarkirk were foundational in shaping the faith of our boys. The times that they spent at Cedarkirk are among the highlights of their still-young lives.

Susan LeBlanc

My Cedarkirk experiences began with attending family retreats each spring and fall. We all stayed in Cedar Lodge, around 1973, and enjoyed the fellowship. As a youngster, we used to run up and down the halls and stairs playing with each other. I remember, as an older child, many of the adults playing Trivial Pursuit until the wee hours in the dining room. The strategic decisions made in preparing the teams and laughing are etched in my memory. And then there were the "rockers"; these are the people that sat outside the dining room on the balcony and rocked and talked about anything and everything. Summer Camp with my friend Catheryn Wilcher was an event I looked forward to every year. We spent many weeks, year after year, meeting new people, building our relationship with God and enjoying eating and singing in the dining room. By this time, there were 2 lodges, Cedar and Pine. More and more people were attending the Summer Camps. We were outgrowing our space. You'll notice a thread through out my experiences...the dining room. The dining room is where we prayed together for our food and new and old friends. The dining room is where we sang about God and grew closer to him. The dining room is where relationships were built with laughter and love. And now it is time to build a new dining hall so more people can experience Family Retreats, Summer Camps and attend Conferences. I want my daughter and her friends to create their own memories about this very special place.

Lisi Unterholzner

My daughters, now 12 and 10, have gone to Cedarkirk almost every summer since they were old enough for the 2-night Explorer camp after first grade. When I asked them what makes Cedarkirk special, they describe caring counselors who are role models and friends, a feeling of community, fun activities and delicious food. Their comments echo my own happy memories of Cedarkirk from my childhood. As a parent, I'm happy for my children to learn, grow, and appreciate nature in a supportive environment. I hope that our congregation will embrace this opportunity to enhance the

Carrie Fowler

I grew up going to Family camp at Cedarkirk and I have such fond memories of running around with my church friends and growing deeper in my faith. There is nothing more powerful than removing yourself from the craziness of the day to day and spending time in the woods. The last 4 years I have had the opportunity to take my own family back to Cedarkirk and it is one of our favorite weekends of the year. Having such a special place that is so close to home where we can share in faith and fellowship with our PCPC family is why we love Ce-

Maggie Fuller

With fond memories of spending 7 straight summers at Cedarkirk, I was so excited to introduce my children to summer camp. My oldest daughter will be attending Cedarkirk for the third time this summer and says her favorite parts of camp are the fun activities, the delicious meals, the welcoming and silly counselors, and the spirited music time. My twins are counting down the days until their first stay this coming June and are looking forward to the campfire with s'mores and the night swims. As a parent (and former camper), I appreciate and value the experiences in nature that allow the campers to be independent and loved while feeling God around them. We all love forward to the summers ahead!

Children, Youth, and Young Adults are the future of the church