

## **Presbyterian Counseling Center**



### **From the Center – Mike Foley**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Counseling Center to thank you for your support of this ministry and update you on the latest news about the PCC. The Presbyterian Counseling Center is “alive and well” and continues to serve our community in three locations. The main office is located at First Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach. We now have two satellite offices at Christ Presbyterian in Ormond Beach and Port Orange Presbyterian Church. Referral and appointments to all three sites are made through the main office – 386-258-1618.

2016 has been a year of important transitions for the Presbyterian Counseling Center. We began the year receiving news that Dr. Lex Baer’s planned to retire in June. Lex has served as Director of the Presbyterian Counseling center since 2005. We give thanks for the wonderful listening ear and careful counsel he has offered to hundreds of clients alongside the team of therapists who joined the PCC staff during his tenure. In 2012 the Presbyterian Counseling Center was voted “Best Around” for its counseling services as part of the Daytona News Journals Reader’s Choice Awards.

April 15<sup>th</sup> 170 people gathered for the annual Hope and Healing Luncheon at the Palmetto Club in Daytona Beach. At this luncheon we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Counseling Center and thanked Dr. Lex Baer for his years of faithful service as Director of the Counseling Center. Those attending the luncheon voiced their appreciation for this important ministry in our community and generously reaffirmed their support by pledging \$12,800.

The Presbyterian Counseling Center continues its ministry today with a capable staff of therapists that is ready to serve those needing counseling services. Lisa Benitez – LMHC serves as Interim Clinical Director. Virginia Bunnell Graham continues to serve as Art and Sand Play Therapist. The newest members of the PCC staff of Therapists are Kristi Miller – LMHC, Dawn Billings – LMHC and Michael Abrahams – RMHC. Our Administrative staff is equally prepared to provide support and guidance. Laura Bond –Walker serves as Interim Administrative Director. Bri Williams is the Office Manager and Sherry Owens is Associate Director.

A task force appointed by the Counseling Center Board of Directors has been busy working on transition issues. Their focus of study is how to increase our clinical capacity with additional counselors, while fine tuning our scheduling, billing and administrative support functions.

We believe that God still has a place and a purpose for the Presbyterian Counseling Center here in Volusia County. We are grateful for your continued support, prayers and referrals and the support of our member churches.

### **Port Orange Family Days**

We will once again have a booth at Family Days, October 1-2. If you can help out with a shift promoting our church and handing out goodies we’d love to hear from you! Contact Ashley Camp at 386-843-3688.