

August 1, 2023

THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

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**Plan to prepare for World Day
of Prayer on
September 1, 2023.**

**Give thanks to God for the
wonder and beauty of the world
around us.**

HAPPY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gail Boerema August 3, Calvin Wonders August 8, Garret Vermeulen August 8, Sharon Janes August 10, Ed Valentine August 11, Wendy Madden August 13, Elaine Sullivan August 17, Marie Stachnik August 19, Ann Brown August 20, Karl Shetler August 24, Dee Shetler August 24, Marsha Jones August 25, Lorrie Aldstadt August 26, Warren Janes August 31, Kathy Keables August 31

LITURGIST FOR AUGUST—Susan Jones

USHERS FOR AUGUST—Ann Brown, Wayne Melchior, Linda Martin, Annette Leo

SANCTUARY PREPARATION—Gail Lott

COMMUNION PREPARATION—Sue Reed

GREETERS—Sally Rickolt

AUDIO VISUAL TEAM—Carl Berry, Ken Jacob, Al Kremer, Linda Peters, Valerie Sanders

**ERINN ABU IN CONCERT HERE IN SEPTEMBER!
SEE PAGE 6.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education will be resuming our classes on Thursday, September 7 at 3:30-4:30 in the Choir Room. We will be discussing another great book by Max Lucado, *before amen The Power of a Simple Prayer*. Christianbook.com describes it as: “Do you wish you prayed more---with more fire, faith, and fervency? Embarking on a journey to the very heart of biblical petition, Lucado explores the quotable, repeatable, portable prayer that Jesus gave his first followers when they struggled with this spiritual discipline. Discover how to have a heartfelt dialogue with God---and let the conversation begin!” I don’t know about you, but I wish I prayed more! I too often struggle with spiritual discipline and desire to have a heartfelt discussion with God! If you are like me, then I recommend you join us in our discussions. You can purchase your copy of the book on any of the major online purchasing sites.

Our Monday Book Club reading will be *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Amazon describes the book as: “A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan’s personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation, from *New York Times* bestselling authors Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.” This book can be purchased on Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, Target.com, and Thriftbooks.com. Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of every month. Our next discussion will be Monday, August 28 at 2:00 in the choir room. Refreshments provided!!

Kara Savage and Linda Peters, Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone is having a good summer. It sure has been hot out this past month, and rainy. But luckily, the weather does not affect our church attendance or having new members. We want to welcome Della and Doug Smith and Roger Hileman, who joined our church in July. We will introduce them to the congregation on August 27, 2023 at the 10:30 service. In the meantime, if you see them, introduce yourself, and welcome them to our church family.

For anyone who has joined our church since October, 2022, we will be having a new member social on October 7, 2023. So save the date.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and may God bless!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Peters and Don Faith, Co-chairs



NEW MEMBER SOCIAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
1—3 P.M.



REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



The Finance Committee has voted to share with the congregation our giving and fundraising contributions versus expenses each month so that everyone may see where we stand financially.

For June 2023:

Contributions	Expenses
\$22,748	\$32,898

The gap between expenses and contributions increased compared to May as contributions were below projections while expenses were roughly in line with projections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Clayton, Finance Chair.



Happy Birthday Countryside!

CPC was organized under the laws of Florida on August 16, 1988, making the church officially 35 years old on August 16, 2023.

Submitted by Kate Clayton

Interfaith Backpack Food needed

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| Macaroni and Cheese (boxed) | Instant Oatmeal (single serving) |
| Ramen Dry Noodle Soup Packets | Snack Bars (cereal bars, granola bars, etc.) |
| Crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese) | Canned Veggies (corn, green beans) |
| Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.) | Fruit Cups/Apple Sauce (single servings) |
| Canned Meat (tuna, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.) | Pop Tarts |
| Snacks (pretzels, raisins—all single servings) | Pudding Cups |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly (separate, plastic containers) | |



LINE DANCE SOCIAL

AUGUST 23, 2023

6—9 P.M.

DID YOU KNOW ?

...that August 21 is National Senior Citizens Day? Senior Citizens Day is held annually on August 21 which is a day to recognize the contributions older people have made and continue to make to our society.



Thank you for all the wonderful concerts!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 16, 2023

Marion Civic Chorale Disbands

After nearly 40 years, the Marion Civic Chorale community chorus is disbanding. Started in 1984 by Grat L. Rosazza and 12 civic minded vocalists, the Chorale incorporated in 1986, bringing the beauty of choral song to the public. Since then, the chorale's vocal harmonies have entertained the citizens of Marion County, honoring our veterans, celebrating the Christmas holidays, and announcing the coming of spring.

This extraordinary group of dedicated music lovers also established an annual scholarship in 1995 in Mr. Rosazza's name to assist talented local students who planned to continue their education in the music field. Over 25 students have received this award since the scholarship's inception.

We are grateful to the Marion Cultural Alliance, Advent Health, St. George Anglican Cathedral, Countryside Presbyterian Church and the many other venues, our generous and loyal patrons, and all our wonderful audiences for their love and support over the years.

At our June 11, 2023 Congregational Meeting, the following members were elected to the Elders Class of 2026:



**Tari Ambler
Ken Jacob
Warren Janes
John Redden**



**In Memory of Polly Bailey-Jefferies
Fran Bolson
Memorial Fund**



COUNTRYSIDE MISSION

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”— Luke 6:38, NIV

Many blessings to all who contributed **452 lbs. foodstuff to Interfaith** in July. This does not include the applesauce/ramen noodles collected throughout the month. As of this writing, we have taken in over 1000 items to donate.

And a great shout-out to those who contributed **\$492.00 for Prescription Drug Assistance thru Interfaith.**

Thanks to Crafty Christians
for donating
49 items to Hospice

School Supplies
July 23 - August 13

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST IS CANNED MEATS
(Tuna, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Chicken, etc.)

SOCK IT TO ME
Donations of socks and underwear will be from
September 3 -17.

Thanks
Mission Committee

SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES



crayons(24)-paper-tissues-hand sanitizer-sandwich bags-
plastic folders with prongs-highlighters-flashlights-glue sticks-
gallon size sealable bags-post it notes-dry erase markers and
erasers-colored paper-1 inch binders w/plastic cover-Lysol
disinfecting wipes/spray-cotton balls-plastic spoons and straws
(science projects)-3x5 index cards.

Note: these recommendations were randomly selected from
school supply lists provided by a Countryside member.



COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARTS CONCERTS

Our first concert of the year is coming up quick! Please put this on your calendar!



ERINN ABU
Saxophone Recording Artist
Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Erinn Abu, always a favorite in the Marion County area, has been called “The instrumental version of Josh Groban or Andrea Bocelli.”

FELLOWSHIP NEWS ANNUAL INDOOR COUNTRYSIDE CHURCH PICNIC



Please **save the date** for our annual indoor picnic on **Wednesday September 6, 2023**. We will gather at 3:00 p.m. for indoor games and outdoor games weather permitting. Food will be served at 5:00 p.m. The regular picnic food will be hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins, side dishes and dessert. Save the day but also sign up in The Hallway on Sundays starting August 13.



Fifth Annual Arts and Crafts Show
Saturday, September 30, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

August seems to have rolled around fast. Even as many of us travel and take time away for family gatherings during the summer, our Sunday worship services have been active with spirited attendance and participation.

Our Praise Team continues to lead in songs of praise and worship every Sunday at our 9:00 a.m. service, and we have a regular complement of singers leading our hymns at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Regular monthly Worship & Music Committee meetings will resume beginning on Wednesday August 9, at 12:30 p.m.

On August 23 Wednesday rehearsals will resume for the Bell Choir, Praise Team and Chancel Choir. Tentative rehearsal start times are as follow: Bell Choir at 1:30 p.m., Praise Team at 3:00 p.m., and Chancel Choir at 3:30 p.m. (Chancel Choir anthems are expected to resume at our 10:30 services beginning on Sunday, September 10.)

Our weekly observance of Communion at the 9:00 service continues as it has been, and Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of the month, August 6 at the 10:30 service. We continue to follow the method of Intinction in serving the elements, as well as offering pre-packaged elements for anybody preferring that method.

We'd like to repeat our invitation to members and regular visitors to join us in volunteering our time and talents in support of worship and music at Countryside. Helpers in the A.V. booth are needed when our regular team members need to be away, and both greeters and ushers will be needed in greater numbers as we enter the Fall season. New singers and ringers and musical talents are always welcome too as we come together making joyful noise!

We're especially thankful this month for those who have filled in as summer substitutes for volunteer functions essential to offering worship services. We're grateful too for those who have offered special music at our services. And of course, we're equally anxious to welcome back those who have been away this season. We wish you safe passage and return.

Arthur Burditt and Susan Jones, Co-Chairs



Worship and Music committee

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



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10:00 Al Anon Mtg.

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9:00 Contemporary Service
10:30 Traditional Worship
Online Service

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10:00 Haircuts
11:00 Membership Meeting

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10:00 PNC Mtg.
10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
10:00 Fellowship
12:30 Worship & Music

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Line Dancing Instr.
1-3 p.m. Intermed.
3-4 p.m. Improver
4-5 p.m. Beginner

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9:00 Contemporary Service
10:30 Traditional Worship
Online Service

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10:00 Baskets
10:00 Al Anon Mtg.

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1:00 Crafty Christians
Line Dancing Instr.
1-3 p.m. Intermed.
3-4 p.m. Improver
4-5 p.m. Beginner
6:00 Girl Scouts

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10:00 Countryside Farms Mtg.

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9:00 Contemporary Service
10:30 Traditional Worship
Online Service

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Senior Citizens Day

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10:00 PNC Mtg.
10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
11:00 Finance Mtg.
1:30 Bell Choir
3:00 Praise Team
3:30 Chancel Choir
6:00 Line Dance Social

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10:00 Session Mtg.
Line Dancing Instr.
1-3 p.m. Intermed.
3-4 p.m. Improver
4-5 p.m. Beginner

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9:00 Contemporary Service
10:30 Traditional Worship
Online Service

Introduction of New Members

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2:00 Book Club

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10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
1:30 Bell Choir
3:00 Praise Team
3:30 Chancel Choir

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Line Dancing Instr.
1-3 p.m. Intermed.
3-4 p.m. Improver
4-5 p.m. Beginner
6:00 Girl Scouts

COUNTRYSIDE SHEPHERDING MINISTRY



On Saturday, July 22, sixty-one members of our church enjoyed fellowship and a lunch provided by the fifteen Shepherds, including Pastor Rhonda Link-Cummings, who were in attendance. Three of our Shepherds were unable to attend. The objective of this first annual “Meet-n-Greet Your Shepherd Lunch” was to help our members get to know their shepherds better and discuss how the Shepherds can continue to serve members and advance this mission. We hope that those in attendance enjoyed the lunch and discussions.

The role of the Countryside Shepherds is summarized in this simple mission statement:

Current Mission Statement:

We will establish a communication network between the Church’s Lead Shepherd, the Pastor, and members of the congregation that is founded on small groups (flocks) each having a local area contact, (a Shepherd). We are a welcoming, loving and caring ministry for each member of our congregation.

In the beginning four years ago, members and affiliate members of the church were divided into 30 neighborhoods or local areas. Members of each area became a flock and a shepherd living in that area was assigned to serve that flock. As membership and shepherds changed, flocks were merged and currently we have 21 flocks but only 18 shepherds. If you are interested in serving this ministry as a shepherd, please contact John Bain at email address jbgr8scot@gmail.com

Through the Shepherd Ministry, we are updating the church membership records. Some members have changed their house phones in favor of cell phones only. Other members have changed their emergency contact person or have not provided one. If you need to change or add to your church profile, please contact your shepherd.

John Bain
804-677-5664
(for the Membership Committee)



Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins



- **Coming Up—Theological Open House.** We Discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
- **The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water”** The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus”
- **Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday.** Please use the back door.



Basket Raffle

Just a reminder to everyone who signed up to make baskets, we will be meeting in The Founders Hall, Wednesday, August 16 at 10 a.m. If anyone else is interested in joining us, please come. It is always a lot of fun.

Also, we will start selling raffle tickets on Sunday, August 20. Please check out our baskets.....we think you will be impressed. We also will be selling tickets for quilts (we are expecting 2 of them) and a tool package. Please visit us in the hallway after services and bring your address labels to help you fill out tickets.

Crafty Christians

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Part Time Interim Pastor—Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings
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Sunday at Countryside—Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service—9:00 a.m.
Worship online at countrysideocala.org

E-mail us at
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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

