

July 1, 2023

THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

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**May your
Independence Day**

**be filled with
patriotic spirit!**

Happy Independence Day 2023!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jim Miller July 1, Marge Shults July 1, Trudy Jones July 2, Marcy Miller July 2, Gwyn Champlin July 5, Don Faith July 7, Janet Abrahamson July 10, Ruthann Briggs July 10, Georgia McWilliams July 13, Linda Dalesandy July 15, Joyce Wonders July 15, Karla Deen July 18, Nancy Colgan July 19, Sharon Vermeulen July 23, Joyce Rose July 28, Dave Kinney July 27, Jack Koehler July 29, Ed Parry July 30

LITURGIST FOR JULY—Linda Peters

**USHERS FOR JULY—John Bain, Dympna Bain, Trudy Jones, Marie Stachnik,
Sharon Ryer, Linda Martin**

SANCTUARY PREPARATION—Valerie Sanders

COMMUNION PREPARATION—Sharon Ryer

GREETERS—Sally Rickolt, Sue Jones, Cholaine Lawrence, Linda Heenan

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

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4,
FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

COUNTRYSIDE MISSION

Thanks to you,

Our 2023 Pentecost Offering was \$815.00. 40% (\$326.00) goes to Camp Montgomery Conference Center in Starke Florida for Summer Camp.

Thanks to you,

We have received 405 macaroni and cheese boxes for Interfaith in June.

July is Apple Sauce/Ramen Noodles

And a Great Big Thanks to Crafty Christians for making 126 items for Marion County Public School Homeless Liaison Office (101) and Hospice (25). An itemized list of items is posted on the bulletin across from the restrooms.

Upcoming Mission: School supplies July 23- August 6

Thanks!

Mission Committee

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I want to thank everyone who participated in making our 2023 Intergenerational Bible School a success! We began each evening with singing led by our Praise Team singers. Our Fellowship Committee did not disappoint in serving us scrumptious meals (and mouth watering desserts!). Pastor Ed Tenhor and Reverend Rhonda Link-Cummings inspired us through Scripture to answer the question of what is the most powerful force in the universe. We concluded each night with fellowship by playing games provided by Sharon and Warren Janes. Thank you, again, to everyone that joined us in our festivities!

Just like most schools break for Summer Vacation, Christian Ed will also be breaking for vacation for July. We will be resuming 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. I will be placing an order from christianbook.com for anyone that would like me to order them a book on Tuesday, July 11. Currently the book costs \$13.99 (minus shipping). If you prefer I order your book for you, simply email me at karamorey@yahoo.com no later than **Monday, July 10**.

Our Monday Book Club will be reading *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

STEWARDSHIP

Countryside completed two important elections this year. Three new (to us) elders and our transition team. Now would be a great time to read the back of the Sunday Bulletin and see our standing committees and find one that you would like to serve on. Being involved in one or more standing committees is a great way to become an involved member of the church and you will also get to know many of your fellow church members.

John Redden

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



Following are the financial results for May 2023

Contributions	Expenses
\$27,435	\$29,496

The gap between expenses and contributions narrowed for May as compared to April. Our contributions were greater and our expenses were substantially less as we did not have April's expense of repairing and updating our fire alarm system in compliance with new fire codes and replacing the lights and the projection system in the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued financial support of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Clayton, Finance Chair.

Gathering of Countryside Shepherds

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 11 at 9:30 a.m. in The Founders Hall

We will meet to provide member changes to your flock list. We welcome your feedback on the need for better communications and improved operation of our shepherding mission. We will discuss a future meet and greet meeting for shepherds and flocks to gather at Countryside.

Refreshments will be provided.



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

Congratulations Grace and Joy!

DID YOU KNOW ?

..that our own **Grace Dunlevy** (along with Joy David) won the judges choice for most elegant traditional table at Interfaith's Ladies High Tea to support their ministry to homeless women, children, and families.



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**

Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, visits, food, gifts, and especially the prayers. We appreciate all the wonderful people at Countryside!

Kate and Jerry Deen







We Remember.....JoAnn Shaw



Unsung heroine November 2001

By Marion Turbin

This month we are happy to honor our pianist, JoAnn Shaw. Her enthusiasm is a testament to her dedication as she presents the beautiful music we all love to hear.

JoAnn and her husband, John, who is retired from Kenworth Trucking Company where he served as District Manager for the Southeast region, came to Ocala in 1998 via Duluth, GA and settled in Marion Landing. Sadly, in 1978 the Shaws lost their only beloved child, Mark David, at 19 years of age.

JoAnn joined our church in April 1998 and soon after she became our pianist. How lucky we are that she decided to home. At present she and pianist for the became a Session direct the Handbell reality.

She comes from a her siblings started at the age of 3. Quite playing piano for his 90 years old. JoAnn at age 3, continuing for 5 years. She has sung pianist for children's 11 years in Chillicothe, committee at the Morristown, NJ. While



make Countryside her church is Chairperson of the Music Ministry choir and Sunday services. She member in 2000 and she plans to Choir when this group becomes a

very musical family and along with singing in the Presbyterian Church remarkably, her dad was still Sunday School class when he was began taking private piano lessons 19 years, and took voice lessons for in choirs in several churches, been choirs, was in a handbell group for Ohio, and served on the kitchen Methodist Church while living in in Georgia she directed and played

for "The Swinging Peaches", a women's chorus in Peachtree Corners a suburb of Atlanta.

One of JoAnn's efforts, which is very near and dear to her heart, is being a member of the National League of Families, POW/MIA, Washington D.C., since her brother, Major James William Reed was declared missing in action July 24, 1970 in the Vietnam War. She served 6 years on the National Board - 3 as National Vice-Chairman. For 9 years she was President of the Georgia Committee for POW/MIA. During this same period she was a board member for the Georgia Veteran's Day Parade Assn. - 3 of those years as Executive Director. Quite an honor was bestowed upon her as she was named "Outstanding Citizen of Georgia" by the General Assembly in 1994 and "Outstanding Ambassador of Georgia" by Secretary of State, Max Clelland. Noting all of the above, is it any wonder that she was elected to her high school "Hall of Fame" in 1991?

In JoAnn's own words she says, "Belonging to Countryside Presbyterian Church is such a joy! It has and continues to be such a privilege to serve here. I call it my Music Ministry for my "Master". How blessed I am to have found this dear church and all the wonderful and loving people in it". It goes without saying that we are fortunate to have this energetic, pleasant lady in our church. Be sure to say "Hello!" (if you can catch her as she buzzes by) and thank her for giving so much of her time and talent to Countryside



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Contemporary Service 10:30 Traditional Worship Online Service	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	5 10:00 Fellowship 10:00 AI Anon Mtg.	6 <i>Line Dancing Instr.</i> 1-2 p.m. Beginner 2-3 p.m. Intermed. 3-5 p.m. Advanced	7	8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor Rhonda is on vacation through July 15 </div>						
9 9:00 Contemporary Service 10:30 Traditional Worship Online Service <i>Guest Preacher</i> <i>Rev. Clint Cottrell</i>	10	11 9:30 Shephard's Mtg 10:00 Haircuts	12 10:00 AI Anon Mtg. 5:45 JB Ranch HOA	13 <i>Line Dancing Instr.</i> 1-2 p.m. Beginner 2-3 p.m. Intermed. 3-5 p.m. Advanced	14	15 10:00 Countryside Farms Mtg.
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16 9:00 Contemporary Service 10:30 Traditional Worship Online Service	17	18	19 10:00 AI Anon Mtg. 6:00 Line Dance Social	20 1:00 Crafty Christians <i>Line Dancing Instr.</i> 1-2 p.m. Beginner 2-3 p.m. Intermed. 3-5 p.m. Advanced	21	22 Greet Your Shepherd 12:00—2:00
23 9:00 Contemporary Service 10:30 Traditional Worship Online Service Offering Parents Day Blood Drive 9:30—1:00	24	25	26 10:00 AI Anon Mtg.	27 <i>Line Dancing Instr.</i> 1-2 p.m. Beginner 2-3 p.m. Intermed. 3-5 p.m. Advanced	28	29
30 9:00 Contemporary Service 10:30 Traditional Worship Online Service	31					



AND EVERY-
ONE HAD A
GREAT
TIME!!!

Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins



- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.





**BLOOD DRIVE—JULY 23—9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE
LIFE AND HOPE!**

Received from Life South: “...on behalf of LifeSouth and the patients and hospitals we serve, our deepest appreciation for all you do. We could not provide the lifesaving blood to patients who need it without you. Not only on World Blood Donor day*, but every day, we say ‘thank you.’”

* “World Blood Donor Day is observed on June 14 and the objective of the national day in June is to celebrate the donors and also raise awareness about blood donation.”

Basket Raffle



We are excited to announce that we will again be doing a Gift Basket Raffle at our Arts and Craft Fair to be held in September. Our raffle was so successful two years ago when we tried it, and we are eager to try to duplicate our success.

We are asking anyone who is interested in donating to our Raffle, to donate one or two items of a specific theme to complete a basket. Of course, if you are interested in donating a complete basket, we will be happy to accept that too!

We will have sign-ups in July and a basket-making class in August. Details will follow next month. Please stay tuned!

Kathie Paules and Connie Valois for the Crafty Christians

MEMBERSHIP

Have you ever wondered who your shepherd is or if you would recognize them if you saw them? Shepherds, have you ever wanted to meet your flock in person, but didn't know what they looked like? Well, your wish is going to be fulfilled on July 22, 2023 at 12:00 noon. We are having a get together so that the shepherds can meet their flock and people can meet their shepherds. There will be light refreshments served.

Everyone who is a member of Countryside has a shepherd. This is the person who contacts you through a call, email or card. If you ever need to let someone know if you are going to the hospital, are ill or just need someone, you can call the church office or your shepherd. I hope everyone can come and meet their shepherd. Remember, the date is July 22, 2023 at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Peters and Don Faith, Co-chairs

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Sunday at Countryside—Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service—9:00 a.m.
Worship online at countrysideocala.org

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

