

June 1, 2023

## THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

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June 4, 2023



**Trinity Sunday**

**The Father, The Son,  
The Holy Spirit**

**God sent his Son into the world  
that it might be saved through him.**

**Let the Holy Spirit and God guide  
us on the right path and cleanse  
our soul of all darkness.**

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Bigelow Robinson June 1, Cheri Loftis June 3, Sally Rickolt June 4, John Wade June 4, Evonne DiPiazza June 12, Kathy Smith June 21, Dotty Huston June 23, Sandra Norman June 23, C.J. Daane June 25, Don Tan-nery June 26, Bonnie Heinrich June 27, Dick Newberg June 28, Cholaine Lawrence June 28, Fran Szutar June 29, Helga Therkildsen June 29

**LITURGIST FOR MAY—Dottie Valentine (Melita McGrath 6/18/23)**

**USHERS FOR JUNE—Wayne Melchior, Carol Melchior, Sandy Stearns, Mary Drake, Paul Drake, Ann Brown**

**SANCTUARY PREPARATION—Jane Sudhoff**

**COMMUNION PREPARATION—Sharon Ryer**

**GREETERS—Sally Rickolt, Sally Zarnowiec, Ed Valentine, Dympna Bain**

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

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**COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARTS CONCERTS  
September 10, 2023 - MAY 12, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M.**



**September 10, 2023 – Eirinn Abu (Irish Forever)**

Returning to Countryside with his amazing saxophone, Eirinn Abu will be playing favorites from his many CDs.

**October 8, 2023 – Soprano Jennifer Foster**

has performed internationally from San Francisco to Brussels and will present an unforgettable afternoon of music.

**November 12, 2023 – The Marion Civic Chorale**

Directed by David Bedenbaugh, and accompanied by Gary LaCroix, The Chorale will present their SALUTE TO VETERANS concert.

**December 10, 2023 – The Central Florida Master Choir**

will present their annual winter concert, directed by Dr. Hal McSwain and accompanied by GayLyn Capitano and The New Moon String Ensemble.

**January 14, 2024 - The “Amazing” Steel Drums**

will present sounds of islands and sunshine.

**March 10, 2024 - Ocala Youth Symphony,**

composed of young people from Marion and neighboring counties, directed by Cindy Warringer.

**April 14 TBD -- The Central Florida Master Choir**

presents their Spring Concert, directed by Dr. Hal McSwain and accompanied by GayLyn Capitano and The New Moon String Ensemble.

**May 5, 2024 – The Marion Civic Chorale**

will present their Spring Concert, directed by David Bedenbaugh and accompanied by Gary La-Croix.



**ANNUAL COUNTRYSIDE CHURCH PICNIC**

Just a short note to thank each member of the Fellowship Committee and many other church members who helped organize, purchase, transport, set up, cook, serve, entertain, and cleaned up afterwards for the Annual Countryside Picnic. Thanks to you, 84 attendees had a very enjoyable time of Fellowship at Silver Springs State Park on May 20.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARTS CONCERTS



Countryside Presbyterian's last concert of the season was presented by the Marion Civic Chorus on Sunday, May 14. The concert was titled *Some Enchanted Evening – Music from Stage and Screen*. The famous Broadway favorites delighted 217 guests.

Our 2022-2023 season has been our most successful one yet! Offerings totaled \$10,348 compared with the previous high of \$9,137.90 for the 2016-2017 season. The amount is split 50/50 between Countryside and the performing group. Attendance was 1,863 for the six concerts. It was especially exciting to have over 550 guests for both the December and April performances by The Central Florida Master Choir. Many thanks to all who attended our concert and to those who were so helpful in bringing these great experiences to our church. A special thanks to John Bain and John Berry who put in long hours at Countryside on Concert Sundays. We are also grateful to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings, who spent the entire day at Countryside on Concert Sundays. Thanks to Rina who coordinates programs and announcements. Our deep gratitude to program proofers, ushers, greeters and all dedicated volunteers who helped to make this concert season successful. In addition, a final thank you to our amazing audience!

Our first concert of the 2023-2024 season is on September 10, 2023. Many have requested a performance by saxophonist Eirinn Abu who previously performed at Countryside two years ago. He is finishing a new CD and will play numbers from it as well as his previous CDs. The 2023-2024 concert schedule is on page 2 of this Courier. We look forward to being with you again next year for another exciting Sunday Series!

Grace Dunlevy and Sally Zarnowiec



## 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 April 2023:**

**Contributions**  
\$23,220

**Expenses**  
\$36,941

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Clayton, Finance Chair

### DID YOU KNOW ?

...that we also accept donations for The Path Rescue Mission. The Path serves the homeless and hungry in Citrus and Marion Counties.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

We begin our worship month for June observing Trinity Sunday, which comes on June 4 this year. As explained in the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003):

*Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher.*

At our 10:30 service, we will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup>, following the method of intinction. We also will make the elements available in pre-packaged form for those who prefer that method, and gluten-free bread will be available. We continue to offer the Sacrament also each Sunday as a regular element of our 9:00 service.

Our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir both are now on summer break. During the summer months, we invite singers who would like to lead the congregation in hymns to do so each Sunday from the choir loft. We also invite singers and instrumentalists to provide special music pieces as part of our Sunday worship. Please see Raúl if you would like to offer a special music piece.

We are in special need of members to serve as greeters and ushers for our worship services. These are especially enriching service roles as they provide a chance to connect personally to fellow members and guests. Some church members sign up for a month of Sundays at a time to serve in greeting and ushering, but a month-long commitment is not required. If you are available and can help on any given Sunday, let us know and we can count you in!

We also invite any persons with a “technical knack” to learn more about helping in our audio-visual booth in the Sanctuary, or with our AV support at the early service in The Founders Hall. A.V. work includes camera recording, microphone and soundboard operation, and preparing and showing our worship service slides using MS PowerPoint.

If you have any interest in opportunities to join in support of our worship services, please leave your name, phone and expression of interest with Sharon Janes at member and greeting table at our 9:00 service, or with Ken Jacob in the A.V. booth in the Sanctuary at our 10:30 service. They'll be glad to help you connect.

Arthur Burditt and Susan Jones, Co-Chairs



*Dear Countryside Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all your concern and prayers. I have completed my first round of chemo and so far so good. 5 more cycles to go!  
God Bless You,  
Dottie & Rich (Young)*



Grocery bag collection is suspended for the summer months (June—September). Thank you for your previous donations and assistance for my bed mat project.

Kathryn Smith



MAY 20



2023



*Look for a complete picnic picture album  
coming to the narthex in the new few weeks!*

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee has been working on ways to get new members. One of these ways is postcards that were sent out for February and March to new homes. We have received the hanger postcards to hang on doors. If anyone would like to take some hangars to give to neighbors, please pick them up at the visitor's table in the narthex.

The New Member Social will be October 7, 2023 from 2 to 4. Anyone who joined after October 1, 2022 will be invited. So new members, remember to save the date.

I and others often hear we don't know who our shepherd is or the shepherds will say they haven't met all of their flock. We will be having a Meet and Greet your Shepherd on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 12 to 2. A light lunch will be served. Everyone, please come and meet your shepherd. It helps the shepherds, and you, if you can put a face to a name.

Welcome to Fred Jones, who was recognized Sunday, May 28, 2023 during church, as our newest member. Welcome Fred!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join our church family, please go to the Session room after church and an elder will come and greet you.

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



*Jesus recruited his own disciples – the foundation of the church. We should all be doing the same – recruiting members for our church. After all that is the mission and ministry of Countryside Presbyterian Church, spreading the word of Jesus Christ.*

*Submitted by John Redden*



## COUNTRYSIDE MISSION CORNER

Thank you for your generous donations of **439 lbs.** peanut butter and jelly jars for Interfaith in May.

### June is Macaroni and Cheese

**Local Mission**  
**Interfaith RX Program Offering**  
**June 18**

Interfaith provides prescription assistance to Marion County residents who are financially stressed and uninsured. The Prescription Assistance Program is housed in the Center for Life and supports the work of local free clinics by ensuring that patients have access to their prescribed medications. If making checks, please make payable to Countryside Presbyterian Church and annotate Interfaith RX in the Memo line.

**Upcoming Mission**  
**School supplies**  
July 23- August 6

**Thanks**  
**Mission Committee**



## Buildings & Grounds

### Report on our Annual Spring Clean-up Day



Once again, we were blessed with the best weather for our work on the annual Spring Cleanup on Saturday May 6. A happy group of 21 members and friends of the church tidied up our gardens, cleaned windows and polished woodwork. We enjoyed great fellowship while working and having a light breakfast and lunch together. Thank you clean-up crew for making this an enjoyable, successful event and thank you for your stewardship. Much

work was completed in just a few hours of labor by the following talented people: Jim Heinrich, John Berry, Don Faith, Dymrna Bain, Marie Stachnik, John & Ginny Redden, Trudy Jones, Marsha Jones, Jim Porch, Larry Keables, Thom Savage, Sherry Lowry, Linda Heenan, Paul Drake, Linda Peters, Choline Lawrence, Jim McCarthy, Doug Smith, Dale Ambler, Yvonne DiPiazza, and Jack Alderton.

John Bain & John Berry  
(For Buildings & Grounds)



Sun

Mon

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Sat

# June 2023

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10:00 PNC Meeting

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Private Party

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9:00 Contemporary Service  
10:30 Traditional Worship  
Online Service  
**Trinity Sunday**

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10:00 Nominating Committee

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10:00 Fellowship Mtg  
10:00 AI Anon Mtg.  
11:00 Praise Team

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9:00 Contemporary Service  
10:30 Traditional Worship  
Online Service  
**Congregational Meeting.**

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10:00 Haircuts

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10:00 PNC Mtg.  
10:00 AI Anon Mtg.  
11:00 Praise Team  
11:00 DAR Lunch  
11:30 VBS Mtg.

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1:00 Crafty Christians

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8:30 D.A.R. Mtg.  
10:00 Countryside Farms Mtg.

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9:00 Contemporary Service  
10:30 Traditional Worship  
Online Service  
*Interfaith Rx Offering*  
**Father's Day**

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10:00 AI Anon Mtg.  
11:00 Finance Mtg.  
11:00 Praise Team

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10:00 Session Mtg.

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INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL  
5 to 8 p.m.

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

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10:00 PNC Mtg.  
10:00 AI Anon Mtg.  
11:00 Praise Team

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# Come One, Come All!

## Vacation Bible School for All Ages

### At Countryside Presbyterian Church

June 19, 20, 21, 22

7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala, FL, 34476

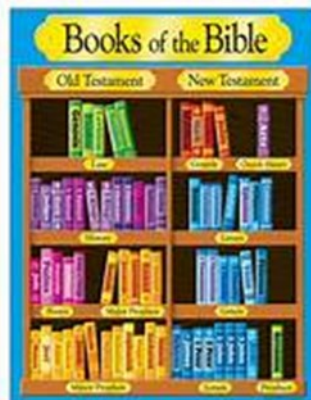
4 evenings: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Music   Teaching   Light Supper   Outside   Casual Dress   Recreation

### Theme: “The Most Powerful Force in the Universe”

Monday: “Faith,”   Tuesday: “Hope,”   Wednesday: “Joy,”  
Thursday: “Love”

Please sign-up by calling or stopping in at the Church Office  
Monday through Thursday between 9:00am-3:00pm, (352) 237-4633



**More Picnic Pictures**



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**Part Time Interim Pastor—Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings**  
**352 875-3002**

**Sunday at Countryside—Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Service—9:00 a.m.**  
Worship online at [countrysideocala.org](http://countrysideocala.org)

E-mail us at  
[rina@countrysideocala.org](mailto:rina@countrysideocala.org), [connie@countrysideocala.org](mailto:connie@countrysideocala.org)

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

