

September 1, 2023

THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

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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.”



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Anderson September 3, Donna Topp September 4, Betty Wells September 8, John Fiedler September 9, Allan Lawrence September 11, Susan Faith September 12, Jane Frost September 12, Irma Weller September 13, Pauline Thorsen September 15, Vivian Cole September 16, Kate Clayton September 17, Al Kremer September 17, James Huff September 22, Della Smith September 25, Rick Young September 25, Dawn Bender September 26, Jane Sudhoff September 27, Dottie Young September 28

LITURGIST FOR SEPTEMBER—Melita McGrath

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER—Wayne Melchior, Ann Brown, Sandy Stearns, Susan Ferguson, Debbie Burbridge

SANCTUARY PREPARATION—Melita McGrath

COMMUNION PREPARATION—Sharon Ryer

GREETERS—Sally Zarnowiec, Peggy Adams, Tina McCurry, Don McCurry

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

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4,
FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

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.

Kara Savage and Linda Peters, Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP

Summer will soon be coming to an end and Fall will be here soon. We want to welcome back our snow-birds.

We welcomed on August 27, 2023 the following new members:

Fred Jones, Della and Doug Smith - Roger Hileman - Deanna Smith –
Sharon and John Butzer- Gloria and John Goulet.

If you see any of these new members, please say hello and give them a good Countryside welcome.

Just a reminder to any members who joined since October, 2022, we will be having a new member social on October 7, 2023.

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

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**



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 July 2023:

Contributions
\$27,089

Expenses
\$29,715

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Clayton, Finance Chair



Interesting Observances in September

Patriot Day—9/11/23

Air Force Birthday—9/18/23

National POW/MIA Recognition Day—9/15/23

September Equinox—9/23/23

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day—9/17/23

Gold Star Mother's Day—9/24/23



DID YOU KNOW ?

...that September 1 begins National Suicide Prevention Month? During September, join others around the world in raising awareness and learning ways to prevent suicide and bring hope and healing to those affected by suicide.

Visit suicideprevention/hotline.org.

COUNTRYSIDE LUNCH MEETINGS
(Organized by your Fellowship Committee)



We are delighted to have Pat Gabriel return as the guest speaker for the first Countryside Lunch meeting on **Wednesday, September 13 at 12 noon**. Pat has a wealth of knowledge on new businesses, new housing communities and new “infrastructure” that are in the discussion stage or planned or under development in our area of Marion County and especially along the Highway 200 corridor.

Pat always has interesting information and can answer many questions about plans for our area of the county.

Sign up and come along for a great lunch and leave with much more information on our fast-growing county.


Lunch cost is \$10 per person. Sign-up Sundays in September are the 3rd and the 10th.

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 2:00 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 Sunday.

COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARTS CONCERTS

 **EIRINN ABU**, saxophone recording artist, will present our first concert of the season on Sunday, September 10 at 3:00 P.M. He was very well received two years ago at Countryside and we have had many requests for a return. He will play a mixture of music genres from his many recordings and will relay his experience that led to Eirinn Abu and his wife, Brandy, forming Music for Life Ministries, whose aim is to serve Christ through their music. He still records but on a much smaller scale. This will prove to be an enriching, entertaining afternoon of music and we hope for a full house.

Our schedule of concerts is now complete for the year with some rearranging from our original list. A partial is listed below.

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 – Southern Express, 17 piece BIG BAND plays music that spans generations and will be saluting our veterans.

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

Grace Dunlevy, Concert Chair



COUNTRYSIDE MISSION CORNER

Interfaith records donations by weight. During the month of August, we gave 432 pounds of ramen noodles and applesauce and 91 pounds of miscellaneous foods. We also donated 247 pounds of school supplies. Great job folks! Thank you!



September is Rice and/or Beans.

Crafty Christians has a mission goal to provide three hundred Christmas Stockings to Marion County. **Christmas fabric and patterns are available.** What is **needed** are folks who can cut out stockings and/or sew them together. If you can help, please see Kathie Paules or Dottie Valentine.

Sock it to me Donations of socks and underwear will be from September 3 -17

UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Peace and Global Witness Offering
October 2, 2022

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

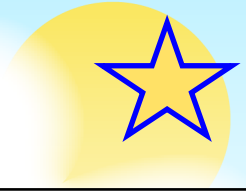
Thanks
Mission Committee



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



We Remember Fenton Overly



A Resident of Note

By M. Keith Nadel

Fenton George Overly

"Okay," the order was, "snap it" and the Army Air Force photographer caught the essence of Mount Fujiyama, the Japanese icon, flying in a Gooney Bird (DC-3) during an initial surveillance flight which included pictures of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Flight Officer Fenton Overly was pilot-in-command in the left seat. Overly was the last of the "flying sergeants."

His next assignment in 1945 was flying air, sea and rescue operations at the controls of a Catalina flying boat or a C-46 or even another Gooney Bird whose bomb bays contained small boats. "We had a B-17 with a boat attached to the bomb bay and would drop this to stranded personnel in the water," explains Overly.

Flight Officer Overly was directly involved in transporting our American prisoners of war (POW) from the prison camp in Fukuoka to Manila hospital ships for medical treatment. "The condition of the POWs was deplorable," describes Overly.

Each JC-47 he flew carried 60 litter patients; the larger C-47 would carry 120 litters. "We were instructed not to shoot the Japanese prison guards – still a mystery to me 68 years later." The author of this article visited many of these camps in September 1945 and can concur with Flight Officer Overly's assessment.

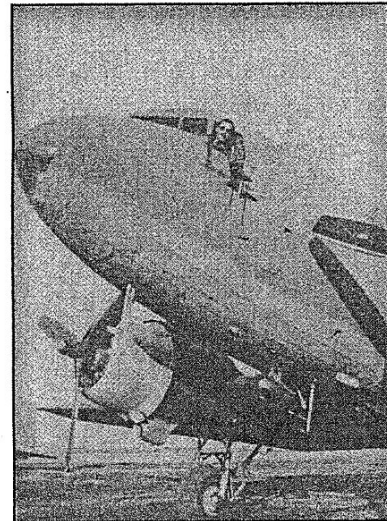
Before conscription, Overly worked as an aeronautical engineer at Ford, testing engines, from 1938 to 1941, during which time he purchased a Piper Cub for \$945. He learned to fly and received a pilot's license in two weeks. He was then inducted into the Army Air Corps where he was sent to non-commissioned officers flight school in Greensboro, N.C. and became proficient as a flying sergeant due to the paucity of commissioned pilots. He became familiar with the L-5 observation plane while stationed in Ft. Wayne, which served as a stepping-stone for the left seat of the B-24 (four engines), thence to navigation school.

Overly then flew and delivered all types of planes to the services throughout the United States.

Overly flew the L-5 with cameraman over the invasion of Okinawa as well as Ie Shima from which the first contour maps were fashioned for the ground forces. He observed the troops under combat conditions causing this writer to wonder if Overly was flying and mapping the area while he was eating sand. Typical of all islands attacked by Allied Forces in the SW Pacific, accurate mapping was highly inadequate, thus Overly's successful assignments invariably saved many lives.

Upon being released from the service in 1946, he reverted to his staff sergeant rank and joined General Motors for whom he worked for 30 years as manager of technical service zones specializing in the Buick. He moved to On Top of the World in 1985, co-founded Countryside Presbyterian Church and founded and staffed the Alzheimer's Club of Ocala with the writer helping as counselor.

Fenton Overly participated in the Ocala Honor Flight in 2010 and found the occasion rewarding.



Fenton George Overly, the last of the flying officers of World War II.

Fenton and Dorothy Overly were long time members of Countryside. Both Fenton and Dorothy died in 2012. Fenton, as well as being an Elder and co-founder of CPC, was also at one time President of the Corporation of Countryside Presbyterian Church. Their many gifts and contributions to CPC over the years were greatly appreciated.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

This month is sure to be full of excitement and anticipation as we get back in gear from a summer pause in some of our activities.

Wednesday choir rehearsals have resumed. They are scheduled for each Wednesday as follows: Bell Choir at 1:30 p.m., Praise Team at 3:00 p.m., and Chancel Choir at 3:30 p.m. (There will be no rehearsals, however, on September 6, the day of our church picnic.) Chancel Choir anthems are expected to resume as a part of our 10:30 services beginning on Sunday, September 17.

Regular monthly Worship & Music Committee meetings have resumed. Beginning this month, we are scheduling them for the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

We'd like to repeat our invitation to members and regular visitors to join us in volunteering our time and talents in support of Countryside's worship and music program. Both greeters and ushers will be needed in greater numbers as we enter the fall season and attendance is higher than during the summer months. Please consider these service opportunities.

New singers, bell ringers and musical talents are always welcome too as we come together making joyful noise! See our music director Raúl in the choir room if you'd like to join in. Soon and very soon we'll also start preparing for our Christmas Cantata. You can join in being part of the Cantata even if you don't sing in the choir loft every week – the more the merrier!

Additional members of our A.V. team are needed and welcome too. We have a dedicated team of church members who record our 10:30 services, handle our microphones, and prepare and show our slides on-screen. If you'd be willing to rotate or substitute in any of these tasks, you'll find it very satisfying to serve as part of our A.V. servant family. Just inquire at the A.V. booth any Sunday.

Our weekly observance of Communion at the 9:00 service continues as it has been, and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month at the 10:30 service. We follow the method of Intinction in serving the elements, and offer pre-packaged elements plus gluten-free bread at the 10:30 service for those who prefer either option.

Arthur Burditt and Susan Jones, Co-Chairs



Worship and Music committee

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



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

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9:00 Bldg.&Grounds
Labor Day
Office Closed

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10:00 Fellowship Mtg.
 6:00 Master Choir

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10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
 10:00 PNC Mtg.
 2:00 Indoor Picnic

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2:15 Christian Ed Meeting
 Line Dancing Instr.
 1-3 p.m. Intermed.
 3-4 p.m. Improver
 4-5 p.m. Beginner
 3:30 Christian Ed
 6:00 Girl Scouts

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9:00 Contemporary Service
 10:30 Traditional Worship
 Online Service
 3:00 Concert

 National Grandparents Day

11

9:00 Bldg.&Grounds

12

11:00 Membership Meeting
 6:00 Master Choir

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10:00 Lydia Circle
 10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
 10:00 Worship & Music
 12:00 C'side Lunch
 1:30 Bell Choir
 3:00 Praise Team
 3:30 Chancel Choir
 5:45 JB Ranch

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Line Dancing Instr.
 1-3 p.m. Intermed.
 3-4 p.m. Improver
 4-5 p.m. Beginner
 3:30 Christian Ed
 7:00 Southern Express Band

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8:30 DAR Mtg.
 10:00 Countryside Farms Mtg.

17

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

BLOOD DRIVE

18

9:00 Bldg.&Grounds

19

6:00 Master Choir

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

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1:00 Crafty Christians
 3:30 Christian Ed
 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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23

3 p.m.
 Wedding & Reception

24

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

25

9:00 Bldg.&Grounds
 2:00 Book Club

26

6:00 Master Choir

27

10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
 11:00 Finance Mtg.
 1:30 Bell Choir
 3:00 Praise Team
 3:30 Chancel Choir

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10:00 Session Mtg
 3:30 Christian Ed
 Line Dancing Instr.
 1-3 p.m. Intermed.
 3-4 p.m. Improver
 4-5 p.m. Beginner
 7:00 Southern Express Band

29

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CRAFT FAIR
 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

THE MAGIC OF OUR TALENTED BASKET MAKERS!

From this:



To this:



**Thank you for your hard work— such a fantastic job!
You are awesome!**

Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins



- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Baskets Are Back

Flamingo Basket
Comfort Basket W/Lap Throw
Wine Basket
Gator Basket #1
Gator Basket #2
Tea Basket #1
Tea Basket #2
Christmas Basket #1
Christmas Basket #2
Vera Bradley #1
Vera Bradley #2



Florida State University Basket
Gator Autographed Basketball
Flower Quilt w/Pillows
Vintage American Doll
Comfort w/Quilt
Baby Girl #1
Baby Girl #2
Baby Boy
Golf Basket
Sewing Basket
Greeting Card Basket

CRAFTSMAN Tool Basket

Don't forget Craft Faire on Saturday, September 30th.

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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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