

THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

March

2024

Countryside Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Tel: 352 237-4633 Fax: 352 873-3974

Sunday Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m.

Pastor-Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings 352 875-3002

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

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Easter Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday 3/24/24

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Cantata at 10:30 service

Maundy Thursday 3/28/24—7:00 p.m.

(Communion will be served)

Good Friday 3/29/24—12 Noon

Easter Sunday 3/31/24

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Valerie Sanders March 1, Linda Heenan March 3, Steven Norman March 6, Wilma Foreman March 10, Donna James March 13, Al Whitford March 14, Edna Fazio March 15, Anna Benedetti March 17, Joanne Tieman March 20, Edie Loeffler March 21, Jim Porch March 21, Janet Hendrix March 22, Claire Baker March 27, Dave Gibbs March 27, Catherine Whitehead March 27

LITURGIST FOR MARCH—Carol Melchior

USHERS FOR MARCH—John Bain, Dymrna Bain, Trudy Jones, Marie Stachnik, Jim Porch

SANCTUARY PREPARATION FOR MARCH—Sharon Ryer

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR MARCH—Sue Reed

GREETERS FOR MARCH—Sally Rickolt

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

Don't forget to attend the Craft Faire on March 9!



March 10, 2024



2024 BEST CHILI

DAVE AND GAIL GIBBS

CONGRATULATIONS!

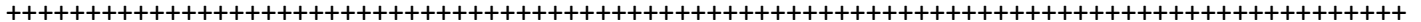
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Memorial Gifts
In Memory of Jack Tieman
 Joanne Tieman
 Memorial Fund

B - BASIC
 I - INSTRUCTIONS
 B - BEFORE
 L - LEAVING
 E - EARTH



BOOK ROOM IS OPEN - During the Countryside Yard Sale, we accumulated a lot of Books, CDs, DVDs and Puzzles. For a while, we are going to leave them in Classroom One (by the restrooms) for you. Take one or several. Donations will be accepted in the plastic jug provided. Any questions, please see Melita McGrath. Thank you.



COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

SATURDAY March 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Numerous vendors (outside and inside) with hand-made items, gift ideas, bake sale items and much more.

Food and drink will be available.

MISSION COMMITTEE

January Mission Donations — 275 Cereal Items
February Mission Items — over 600 Soup Items

May the peace of Christ be with you during this blessed month of the Christian Faith.

March Food of the month — Pasta

Any type of pasta, pasta sauce, ramen noodles,
grated Cheese, Italian Spices
Only non-perishable items

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will be collecting for the **“One Great Hour of Sharing.”** These contributions are used for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-development. 100% of our Church’s Remittance is sent to the Presbyterian Mission Committee.

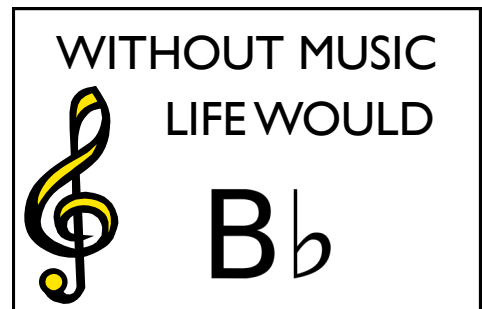
This is some background information about how the “One Great Hour of Sharing” was started...

In 1946, a goal was set to raise one million dollars in one hour, for World Relief. On national radio, Bishop Henry Sherrill challenged the members to raise this amount. He actually raised 3 million dollars over 3 years. This was used to make the love of Christ real for communities around the World.

Remember what Christ sacrificed for us and share His Spirit of giving!

Thank You for Caring.

Sue Jones and Kara Savage, Co-chairs
Mission Committee.



WORSHIP MUSIC COMMITTEE

WHY IS MUSIC IMPORTANT TO GOD

Throughout the Bible we are told to sing “to God” and “to the Lord” because He is the object of our praises. God wants us to express joy! Psalm 100:1-2.

Music in church complements the sermon in many ways. The choice of music can set the tone of the service by preparing us for worship and reflection. Upbeat songs might energize and uplift, while slower hymns encourage introspection and reverence.

Music provides a way for the congregation to actively participate in worship by allowing us to express our faith and emotions through singing and clapping.

Certain songs or hymns sometimes evoke strong emotions that resonate with the theme of the sermon or even the song itself. I find that I am often moved to tears by the music. For me, one song in particular is “Here I am Lord.”

Lyrics of songs often echo the underlying message that God wants us to hear in the sermons given. Music creates moments of spiritual reflection allowing us to examine our own relationship with God.

Overall music plays a crucial role in enhancing our worship experience. Singing fosters a sense of unity and fellowship among us and reinforces the message of love and community that is preached in the service.

We at Countryside are blessed to have many talented singers and musicians. We want to take this opportunity to let them know that we acknowledge and appreciate their hard work and their commitment to serving this congregation.

We want to thank Raúl Ramírez Lugo for his leadership and sharing his extraordinary piano playing with us. We want to thank the Chancel and Bell choirs (affectionally called ding-a-lings) for the beautiful music they sing and play. We want to thank the Praise team that leads the Contemporary Service. We want to thank Susan Jones for playing the drums for us. Last but certainly not least, we want to thank the Solo singers that have gifted us with their talents.

So, when you get a chance, please take the opportunity to thank them personally and let’s all MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!!!

Sharon Janes for Worship and Music Committee



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education class will be concluding the online study “Ancient Christianity” presented by Hillsdale College on March 7. It has been discussed by the participants of the class to explore additional courses in the future. Stay tuned for possible courses in future Couriers! Following the online course, we will use a study from our library that will follow nicely with Lent, “Why Did Christ Have to Die?” The study is from the Discovery Series Bible Study. There are plenty of books available to accommodate the class size. This study will begin March 14 and will meet in the choir room at 3:30 on Thursdays. We welcome new participants to our discussions!

Once again, the next Book Club gathering fell on a national holiday. Since the church was closed to honor Presidents’ Day, we met at Starbucks to enjoy a hot beverage and a great discussion of The Saints of Swallow Hill, by Donna Everhart. For next month, we are going to read The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. But wait! There’s more!! We will get together at Kara’s house, and the best host around will greet everyone and escort them to a comfy seat to watch the movie! Stay tuned for the movie date. Remember: Book Club is open to EVERYONE! We meet in the Choir Room for our monthly discussions on the 3rd Monday of every month at 2:00. Our next discussion will be March 18.

The committee has been meeting and gathering some great ideas for the 2024 Vacation Bible School!! Right now, the only information that is going to be revealed is that it will be held June 10th-13th from 4 pm-7pm, and each day is going to be filled with interactive activities that will be sure to deepen your relationship with Jesus! Keep a look out for additional information in future Couriers and Sunday Minutes! If you would like to be a part of the “behind the scenes” excitement, we meet in the Session Room on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 2:00.

Kara Savage and Warren Janes, Co-Chairs

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you, all members who attended the Chili Cookoff and Dinner on February 24. We had 14 chilis of vastly different styles and flavors. Congratulations go to Dave and Gail Gibbs whose chili was voted **Best Chili** of the evening by the 44 members and friends who attended. Thanks to the donations of chili, salad and desserts, and of course the love offering, the event raised \$208 for the church funds.



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1
World Day of
Prayer

2
9:00 Bldg. &
Grounds
10:00 Countryside
Farms

3
9:00 Contemporary
Service
10:30 Traditional
Service
Online Service
3rd Sunday in Lent

4

5
9:00 Bldg & Grounds
10:00 Fellowship
6:00 Master Choir

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

7
3:30 Christian Ed Class
6:00 Girl Scouts
*** Line Dance
Instructions

8

9
9:00 Bldg. &
Grounds

Daylight Saving
Time Begins

10
9:00 Contemporary
Service
10:30 Traditional
Service
Online Service
3:00 Concert
4th Sunday in Lent

11

12
9:00 Bldg & Grounds
1:00 Mission Com.
6:00 Master Choir

13
10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Bell Choir
3:00 Praise Team
3:30 Chancel Choir
4:00 JB Ranch

14
2:00 Christian Ed
Committee
3:30 Christian Ed Class
7:00 Southern Express
*** Line Dance
Instructions

15

16
8:30 DAR Mtg.
9:00 Bldg. &
Grounds

17
9:00 Contemporary
Service
10:30 Traditional
Service
Online Service
5th Sunday in Lent

18
2:00 Book Club

19
9:00 Bldg & Grounds
6:00 Master Choir

Polling Station
(Republican only)

20
9:30 Membership Mtg.
10:00 Al Anon Mtg.
1:30 Bell Choir
3:00 Praise Team
3:30 Chancel Choir

21
1:00 Crafty Christians
3:30 Christian Ed Class
6:00 Girl Scouts
*** Line Dance
Instructions

22

23
9:00 Bldg. &
Grounds
10:30 Cantata
Rehearsal
1:00 Line Dance
Social

24
9:00 Contemporary
Service
10:30 Traditional
Service
Online Service
Palm/Passion Sun-
day
Cantata at 10:30
service

25

26
9:00 Bldg & Grounds
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
6:00 Line Dance
Social

28
10:00 Session Meeting
7:00 Southern Express
*** Line Dance
Instructions
Maundy Thursday
Service 7 p.m.
(with communion)

29
Good Friday
Service
12 Noon

30
9:00 Bldg. &
Grounds

31
9:00 Contemporary
Service
10:30 Traditional
Service
Online Service
Easter Sunday

*** Line Dance Instructions
1:00 Intermediate Plus
2:00 Intermediate
4:00 Improver