

THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

**October
2024**

Countryside Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Tel: 352-237-4633 Fax: 352-873-3974
Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Traditional Worship 10:30 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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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Authur Burditt October 1, Carl Berry October 2, John Butzer October 2,
James Dygert October 2, Connie Miskov October 4, Ginny Redden October 5,
Susan Jones October 7, Sharon Ryder October 8, Mary Drake October 10,
Annette Leo October 10, Karen Titus October 10, Terry Dolan October 11,
Kathy Niebo October 11, Dave McCarthy October 12,
Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings October 16, Grace Dunlevy October 17,
Carol Fiedler October 19, Deborah Nagel October 19, Dympna Bain October 22,
Carol Mann-Pierce October 22, Linda Peters October 26, Lloyd Unfred October 26,
Conrad Massa October 27, Lois Gaugler October 28, Brian McNally October 29,
Cindy Kinney October 31, Diane McCarthy October 31, Sue Reed October 31

LITURGIST: Dottie Valentine, Melita McGrath

COMMUNION PREP: Peggy Adams

SANCTURARY PREP: Dympna Bain

USHERS (October): John Bain, Dympna Bain, Marie Stachnik, Trudy Jones, Elinor Greer, Jim Porch

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carl Berry, Tom Cherubino, Roger Hileman, Ken Jacob, Al Kremer



Remember or honor
someone, or mark a
special occasion, by
placing flowers in the
sanctuary on a Sunday
morning

COUNTRYSIDE MISSION CORNER

This is a reminder that we will be collecting for the "Peace and Global Witness Offering" on October 6, 2024. There will be envelopes provided in the October 6th Sunday bulletin, or you can give through the myeoffering.com website. According to the PCUSA website, "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 for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. 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." Any support you can give to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Also being collected in October will be our Annual collection of "Sock-It-To-Me/Undies". You can bring in your choices of a variety of sizes and kinds to be distributed in the Narthex during October 20th - October 27th. This will be in addition to our monthly "Food of the Month" collection. This month, our collection will be "Canned Fruit".

If you are unsure of planning your giving, here are three words that might be of some help:

Knowledge - Finding out what Mission items are needed most.

Understanding - Why this is an important part of serving God and community.

Wisdom - Praying to the Triune God to show us how to accomplish these things.

Have suggestions for making our program more possible? Our next "Mission Possible" meeting will be: Tuesday, October 8th at 1:00. We meet in the Parlor off the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Sue Jones and Kara Savage Co-Chairs Mission Committee

Your Upcoming Missions:

****October – CANNED FRUIT/Manuel Openers****

Monthly Hunger Offering (October 13th)

Peace and Global Witness Offering (October 6th)

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Special Offerings:

****Peace and Global Witness Offering! October 6th****

****Hunger Offering! October 13th ****



We want to thank everyone for your more than generous donations to Missions.

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Another Nobody Asked Me But.....

One of the comments I have often heard is that “I was hospitalized and nobody visited me. Allow me to address this.

When we are sick or in the hospital it is important for you or a friend/family member to let the church know. The HIPPA regulation prevents the hospital from giving out any patient information. Violations result in a lot of potential legal issues.

A real simple fix is to inform Margarita, our church secretary by calling the church at 352-237-4633 or send her an email at penny@countrysideocala.org. The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. After 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, Friday or the weekends please call Pastor Rhonda at 352-875-3002. You may also call your Church Sheppard. In the near future we will publish a listing of Shepards and their flock of church members.

Pastor Rhonda, the Membership Committee and our Session members all want to make all of our church members and those who regularly attend services know that we are here to support you. All it takes is a call or email to let us know.

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A second issue needs to be considered. The church holds many events during the year. At most events Melita or someone will be taking pictures of individuals or groups. These pictures are great opportunities to publish in our Courier, Web Site or Facebook page. We want the community to know that we are not only a welcoming church but that we are a fun-loving church and hold several events that the public is invited to.

We ask anyone who does not want to be in a picture that may end up in the courier or other public forum to take the time to let us know. Preferably in an email or letter to the church. We do not want to make anyone uncomfortable with a picture that they did not want to be in.

Blessings,

John Redden

Stewardship Committee October 2024

Please keep your pledge up to date. Countryside is open each Sunday through Thursday. Building & Grounds most weeks has a seven (7) day presence to make sure you are comfortable on Sundays and for scheduled meetings during the week.

We all do our best to pay our bills on time and so does our church. Again, please keep your pledge up to date.

Thanks for your cooperation,

John Redden for the Stewardship Committee

MEMORIAL DONATIONS for MRS. BONNIE HEINRICH

Names of Donors:

Kathy Paules, Connie Valoris, Kathy Smith, Linda Heenan, Sue Jones, Anonymous donor, Carol Mackensie



What's New in Christian Education?

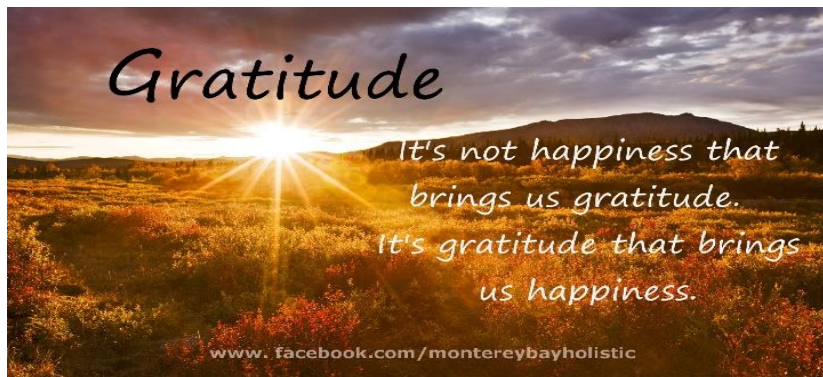
We've been meeting for the 3:30 Christian Education classes with a FREE online course: "C.S. Lewis and Christianity" presented by Hillsdale College. We will hold our classes on Thursdays at 3:30 in the Choir Room. If you are interested in attending these discussions, IT IS NOT TOO LATE!! Here's is what you will need to do: Go to the Hillsdale College website:

<https://online.hillsdale.edu/courses/promo/c-s-lewis-on-christianity>. If you have not enrolled in one of their courses in the past, you must first create an account by providing your email. If you have, all you will need to do is enroll in the "C.S. Lewis on Christianity" course. The lesson we will be viewing and discussing for the upcoming week will be in the Sunday bulletin. If you have any questions or issues, please contact Kara Savage at karamorey@yahoo.com or text her at 407-340-3375. We will follow this 7-week course with a book study on C.S. Lewis' book Mere Christianity. More information will be given during the online class and as we get closer to the book study regarding purchasing of the book and dates of the study. Here's a look at future plans Christian Education will be exploring: watching the documentary, "Monumental: In Search of America's National Treasure", an Advent Study (to still be chosen), and whatever God inspires us for 2025!

Book Club will continue with our new adventure for our gatherings! Instead of settling on ONE specific book to read and discuss, we will review the book(s) that each member chooses on their own. If you have a love for books and would like to share what you've been reading, simply keep track of the book(s) and their author(s), rate your choice(s) and give a brief description. Then join us Monday, October 21st at 2:00 in the Choir room. We look forward to having you join us and are ALWAYS looking for our next Good Read!

As always, if you have ideas on Christian Education and would be interested in sharing your inspirations, we meet as a committee on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2:00 in the Session Room (1st door on the left on your way to Fellowship Hall). Our next meeting will take place October, 10th. We have things already planned but are always eager to hear new ideas and ways we can improve to inspire God's Word into the lives of others!

Kara Savage and Warren Janes, Co-Chairs



The Season of Gratitude and Harvest

As we step into the month of October, we are surrounded by the beauty of the fall season—the leaves change color, the air becomes crisp, and the bounty of the harvest reminds us of God's abundant blessings. This is a time when the earth seems to whisper a message of gratitude, calling us to reflect on the many gifts we have received and how we can use them in serving God.

On October 6th we will be installing our newly elected Elders who have answered that call to serve on session for the next three years.

Also, on this month's calendar we have Reformation Sunday, observed in the Presbyterian Church on the last Sunday of October and commemorates the Protestant Reformation and its impact on Christian faith. It honors the theological breakthroughs of reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin.

For Presbyterians, Reformation Sunday is a reminder of their Reformed heritage, a celebration of the ongoing call to renewal in faith, and a reflection on the transformative power of God's Word in the life of the church.

Naomi Brandt will be playing the bagpipes for us this year. Naomi's family has a long history of filling this role for our service and we are very grateful to have a family member play for us again this year.

As September ends, we are looking forward to the return of our summer travelers and hopefully some additional volunteers to help in the upcoming months as we start preparing for the Advent Season.

However, as we celebrate this season, let us cultivate a spirit of gratitude. Let this be a time to thank God for the people in our lives, the lessons learned and the opportunities to grow closer to Him.

Remember, that gratitude is the heart's response to God's generosity.

Respectfully submitted by the Worship and Music Committee



COUNTRYSIDE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY October 9th, 2024,

12 noon at the Founders Hall

Guest speaker: Karen Alexander, MS, RDN, CSO, LD

Clinical Oncology Nutritionist

With the Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute



Karen is a board-certified clinical oncology dietitian. Her patient-centered approach allows her to partner with patients and caregivers to deliver individualized counseling during and after cancers treatments to help manage nutrition-related side effects and assist patients in achieving their nutritional goals.

Come for lunch and then learn what's good to eat!

Menu: Salad Bar, Pork Tenderloin, mashed potatoes, gravy and dessert.

Sign up for lunch in the Hallway at church as of Sunday September 29, 2024, Cost \$10 per person.

John Bain (for the Fellowship Committee)

Line Dance Social October 26, 2024



COUNTRYSIDE RESERVATIONS



Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in The Founders Hall

Cost: \$5:00 per person

Sign up in the Hallway on Sundays: September 29 and October 6, 13

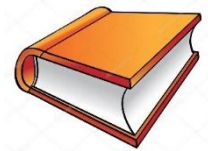
Fellowship Committee

BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS!



Check out the books in classroom 1 by the bathroom!

There are hardbacks and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, cookbooks and religious books, AND puzzles, CD's and DVD's.



Take what you want and enjoy. Donations are welcome, but not required.
Read, Read, and Read some more!
Any questions, see Melita McGrath.



Cancer Support Group



One of my favorite passages from the Bible is James 5:14 “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.” I was looking for directions and this reminded me that I am not alone. That’s part one.

Part two – When Sharon got diagnosed with breast cancer we headed for Moffitt in Tampa. During the drive we lost the radio and Sharon played the music on her phone. A song from Martina McBride came up called “**I’m Gonna Love You Through It**” about a lady who got breast cancer. Sharon doesn’t remember downloading it but there it was. That became my call for us and how we approached dealing with cancer. My job was to love her through it and now my call is to pass on the process we used together.

The mission of the Cancer Support Group is to show people that they are not alone, and we will love them through it. Jesus loves you and so do we. Whether you have been touched by cancer directly or thru family or friends, join us to share your faith and God’s love.

We meet on the Second Tuesday of every month at 3PM in the choir room. Sometimes people just need to borrow your faith while theirs catches up. I hope to see lots of you there.

Submitted by Warren Janes

**COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN**

October, 2024

Monthly prayer chain requests can be submitted on the Prayer Chain Requests Form under the blue cards in the narthex.

Please also remember in prayer all of the missions we support.

Margarita will e-mail the names for the Prayer Chain list to Pastor Rhonda and the Elder's every Monday morning



Please consider joining the prayer chain – we are always looking for new volunteers!





Hello, everyone! I love living here. And I see and hear lots of interesting things even though you don't see me.

Like in the storage room behind the cross. Did you know that there's lots of medical equipment back there? Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, toilet seats, chairs, all for borrowing as a compliment from Countryside. If you need something, borrow ours before you buy anything. Ask anybody in the church office if you need something. Oops, gotta go, I'll be back later.

I'm back, and I was wondering, what is Crafty Christian about?

Is it a Mission? I heard they give lots of what they make away.

Is it a Fellowship? I can hear laughing and even singing.

I think I figured it out. They are a Blessing and they found the joy of sharing God's love. I can't wait til Advent: There will be...

Countryside Crafty Christians Crooning Carols. I had to say it.

There is a small dumpster at the back of the parking lot, it's full of aluminum cans to recycle. They used to turn them in for \$30 but recently the prices went up. Last load earned \$90 for the church.

So rinse them out, and turn them into cash for the church.

God Bless us every one!

Sunday Afternoon Concerts are Back!

Grace Dunlevy, chairman of Countryside Presbyterian Church Concerts, announces that our first musical concert will be on **October 13, 2024** when the **Southland Dixie Stompers** kick off our 2024-2025 concert season. The Southland Dixie consist of six Village residents who grew up listening to and playing Dixieland jazz throughout their lives. They joined forces to create The Southland Dixie Stompers after the musicians retired and moved to The Villages. The origins of The Stompers materialized when Rod Jacobs asked Lew Buckley, during a jazz workshop rehearsal, if he had any interest in traditional jazz. "I laughed," said Buckley. "I had been missing playing that music." Everyone they asked was interested and was willing to form the band. A vocalist, Dodie Fisher, has recently joined the group.

A second concert will follow on October 27th. Originally founded in March 1990, the **Kingdom of the Sun Concert Band** is an all-volunteer organization and longtime community band. The band rehearses every Monday evening. Their repertoire offers a wide variety of music including marches, big band medleys, classical, popular music, show tunes and patriotic tributes. The band performs throughout the year at venues in the greater Ocala/Marion County area.

All Countryside Concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted. It will be a wonderful concert season. Please join us! Submitted by Sally Zarnowiec



**COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARTS CONCERTS
OCTOBER 13, 2024 -MAY 4, 2025**

October 13, 2024 - Southland Dixie Stompers**

Six- piece band spreads The Joy of Dixieland Jazz.



October 27, 2024 - Kingdom of the Sun Band**

Long-time Ocala community band presents lots of Sousa.

November 10, 2024 - Southern Express

17- piece BIG BAND plays music that spans generations and will be saluting our veterans. Marion County Honor Guard will present colors.

December 1, 2024 - The Central Florida Master Choir

Presents their annual Winter Concert, directed by Dr. Hal McSwain and accompanied by GayLyn Capitano, and the New Moon String Ensemble.

January 12, 2025 - The “Amazing” Steel Drums

Will present songs of islands, joy and sunshine.



February 9, 2025 - NO CONCERT

Attend our Yard Sale on February 8, 2025.

March 9, 2025 - Ocala Youth Symphony

Composed of young people from Marion and neighboring counties, directed by Cindy Warringer and Jonathon Couch.

April 6, 2025 - The Central Florida Master Choir

Presents their String Concert, directed by Dr. Hal McSwain and accompanied by GayLyn Capitano, and the New Moon String Ensemble.

May 4, 2025 – Raul Ramirez Lugo

**** THERE WILL BE TWO CONCERTS IN OCTOBER**



Countryside Pastor & Shepherds - providing pastoral care for you

“Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God,” _2 Corinthians 1:4



Dear Countryside Shepherds, do you know if all the members of your flock are well?

Dear Countryside Members, do you know who your Shepherd is? If not, please call John Bain at 804-677-5664

Countryside Presbyterian Church has a congregation that is welcoming, loving and caring. Many times, we know when a member of our congregation has health issues or family issues and needs the emotional and spiritual support of the church. Sadly, sometimes we do not know soon enough!

Please keep our Countryside Shepherds aware of the support you need and they will follow-up by advising our Pastor and if requested they will visit you. If you prefer, you can leave a message directly with the church or with Pastor Rhonda.

Church Office phone: 352-237-4633
phone: 332-875-3002

Pastor Rhonda's cell



The Countryside Luncheon for September

Our September Luncheon featured Karla Grimsley-Greenway, the Chief Executive Officer of Interfaith Emergency Services. Ms. Grimsley-Greenway spoke of how the services at Interfaith have grown over the years, from an agency that started out predominantly feeding the needy that has now grown into an agency that offers a "hand up" not a "hand out".

Among the services now offered:

- Food Pantry
- Sheltered housing for homeless women and children
- A boutique that dresses men and women for job interviews
- The Food for Kids Backpack program which supplies food for Homeless children who normally get their meals at school but no meals on weekends. The Backpack Program fills in this need on the weekends when they are not in school.
- Shower ministry that allows homeless people to take showers.
- A program that helps people get ID's that have been stolen so they can get back into the workforce (she told us that all homeless at one time or another have their ID's stolen)
- Counseling
- Programs that get people back into the workforce and ultimately back into housing.
- A medical division that helps people get their needed medications.

They have also branched out and have bought and rehabbed an apartment building to give people affordable housing that have gone through their programs. This list is not inclusive, but you can see how they have grown and serve the community with the help of local churches and their ministries which started this agency.

Miss Grimsley-Greenwood was so interesting and gave us such a good feeling about how our donations are benefiting so many.

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2:00 Intermediate
4:00 Improver