

THE COUNTRYSIDE COURIER

**September
2024**

Countryside Presbyterian Church (USA)
7768 SW Hwy. 200, Ocala, FL 34476
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.
E-mail us at: connie@countrysideocala.org



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Donna Topp September 4, Betty Wells September 8, John Fiedler September 9,
Allan Lawrence September 11, Susan Faith September 12, Jane Frost September 12,
Pauline Thorsen September 15, Vivian Cole September 16, Kate Clayton September 17,
Al Kremer September 17, James Huff September 22, Rick Young September 25,
Jane Sudhoff September 27, Dottie Young September 28

SEPTEMBER

LITURGIST: Warren Janes, Linda Peters, Linda Heenan

COMMUNION PREP: Peggy Adams

SANCTURARY PREP: Marie Stachnik

USHERS: Sharon Janes, Elinor Greer, Pauline Thorsen, Sharon Ryer, Edie Loffler, Mary Drake

AUDIO/VISUAL: Carl Berry, Tom Cherubino, Ken Jacob, Roy Russell



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

COUNTRYSIDE MISSION CORNER

The Webster Dictionary defines a Mission as a “specific task with which a person or a group is charged”, as well as “a ministry commissioned by a religious organization to propagate its faith or carry-on humanitarian work.”

Through all the generous donations, we have succeeded in both. We call our program “Mission Possible” because through your hard efforts, we make it possible to change the lives of those in need.

Your July/August Mission Results:

In July, your contribution of Rice and Beans collected = 252 items!
As of August 18th, the collection of Ramen Noodles and Applesauce = 587!!!
Backpack foods = 37 items
Interfaith extra foods and personal items = 10 items
Crafty Christians completed 62 items for our local charities

We recently had a drive for school supplies.

It was decided to divide the items collected among 3 schools in our immediate area:

Marion Oaks Elementary (Pre-K thru 3rd Grade)

Sunrise Elementary (Pre-K thru 5th Grade)

Horizon Academy (6th thru 8th Grade)

Our School Supplies = 656 items!

If you ever had any doubt that our donations actually do make a difference, the proof is in the reaction Pastor Rhonda received after dropping off one of the deliveries. The principal for Marion Oaks Elementary School was brought to tears!



Your Upcoming Missions:

****September – Oatmeal****

October – Canned Fruit/Manual can openers
Monthly Hunger Offering (September 8th)
Peace and Global Witness Offering (October 6th)



**Have suggestions for making our program more possible?
Our next “Mission Possible” meeting will be: Tuesday, September 10th at 1:00 pm.**

Sue Jones and Kara Savage Co-Chairs Mission Committee

Special Offerings:

**** September 8th will be Hunger Offering! ****

A Friendly Reminder

Let's continue our wonderful show of support by giving either through your e-offering account or the provided offering envelope! Thanks!!!



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

September 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

What's New in Christian Education?

The 3:30 Christian Education classes are back in session! Come join us for our first FREE online course: "C.S. Lewis and Christianity" presented by Hillsdale College. We will hold our 1st class Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 3:30 in the Choir Room. 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 is taking on a 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, September 16th 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 1st meeting of the year will take place September, 5th. 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



SUMMER REFLECTIONS



As the summer months end, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new season. It is a time for fresh beginnings and renewed energy. It's also a perfect moment to reflect on the **JOYS** of the past few months while we set new goals and embrace opportunities that lie ahead.

While the choir and bells took a much-needed break for the summer, we were blessed with special music by various members of our congregation.

Carmen Vanderbeck sang "As the Wind Song".

Arthur Burditt sang "Come as You Are" and "Purpose"

Carmen Vanderbeck and Kathy Paules sang "Known Only to Him"

Paul Drake sang "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Dottie Valentine, Sharon Blansett, Al Kremer, and Warren Janes sang "It is Well with my Soul"

And of course, Raul Ramírez Lugo who played many beautiful pieces for us.

The choirs start practice again on August 21st and due to a generous contribution, we were able to order new music for the Christmas cantata called "LOVE" which we are very excited about.

With so many members absent or traveling for the summer we wanted to take a moment to thank the members who stepped up and answered our call to Usher and served as greeters. Many of the volunteers took several weeks. Some members signed up for eight weeks, and Elinor Greer came to us in July and indicated she would usher for the remainder of the year!!!!

We welcomed Tom Cherubino to the AV booth and a special shout out to Carl Berry for getting our sign to work.

As we have stated in the past, "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" and we have many people behind the scenes that help to make things run smoothly. Those that prepare the sanctuary for the Sunday service, the people who prepare the elements for Communion and others who take care of ordering flowers. And let's not forget the volunteers who prepare for and run the early service every week. To each one of you we say "THANK YOU"

Now, summer comes to an end and September brings a transition from the warmth and leisure of summer to the crisp, invigorating days of autumn. As we begin this next chapter, let's carry forward the spirit of growth and enthusiasm and make the most of the vibrant days that September has to offer.

Warren Janes and Ken Jacob co-chairs for the Worship and Music Committee



NOTES :

During this incredibly difficult time, the love, prayers, and support I have received has been a tremendous comfort. I am deeply grateful for the outpouring of kindness, especially for those who helped with meals and preparations. Your generosity and compassion have been a source of strength for me and my family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for standing by us.

Love in Christ,
Jim Heinrich



For Bonnie Heinrich: Kathy Paules,
Connie Valois, Kathy Smith, Linda Heenan,
Sue Jones, Marie Stachnik, Anonymous Donor



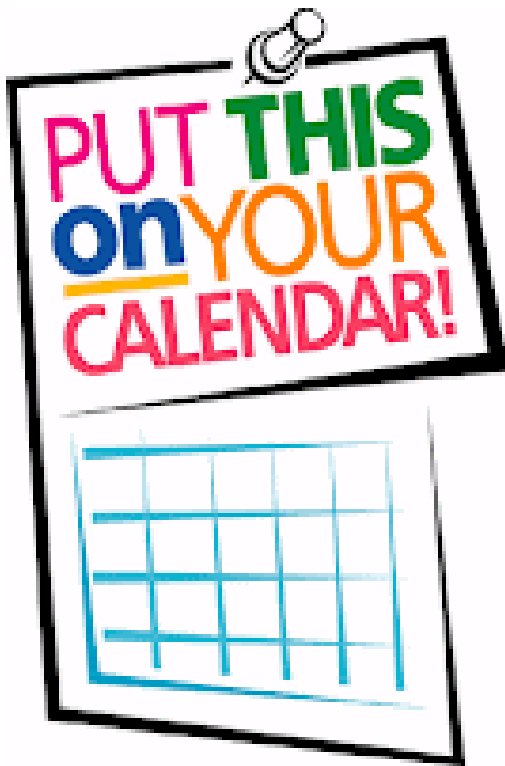
Thank you, Countryside Members
For your prayers, cards, food and visits
after my recent surgery.
I feel truly blessed!
Sincerely,
Melita McGrath

This is a picture of the ladies who organize and package the foodstuff for Interfaith. This was the ramen noodles/applesauce collected in August.



**COUNTRYSIDE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
12:00 p.m. in The Founders Hall**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.
Presentation on Interfaith Emergency Services
by Chief Executive Officer Karla Grimsley-Greenway**



For 3 decades, Interfaith Emergency Services has continued to serve the people of Marion County with sincere Christian love and caring devotion.

Countryside Presbyterian Church also for many years has donated items and money to Interfaith Emergency Services such as food and clothing, backpack meals, money for medication drugs, Peanut Butter Drive, Socks Drive, and of course the current collection of soup for the Souper Bowl. These donations are a major part of the church's Missions work.

By signing up for the September Countryside Lunch you can enjoy a meal AND learn more about Interfaith and the services they provide to the Marion County community.

**Sign up in the Narthex at church on Sunday.
Cost \$10 per person.**

John Bain (for the Fellowship Committee)

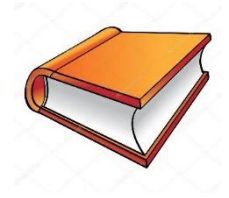
Fellowship Committee

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.

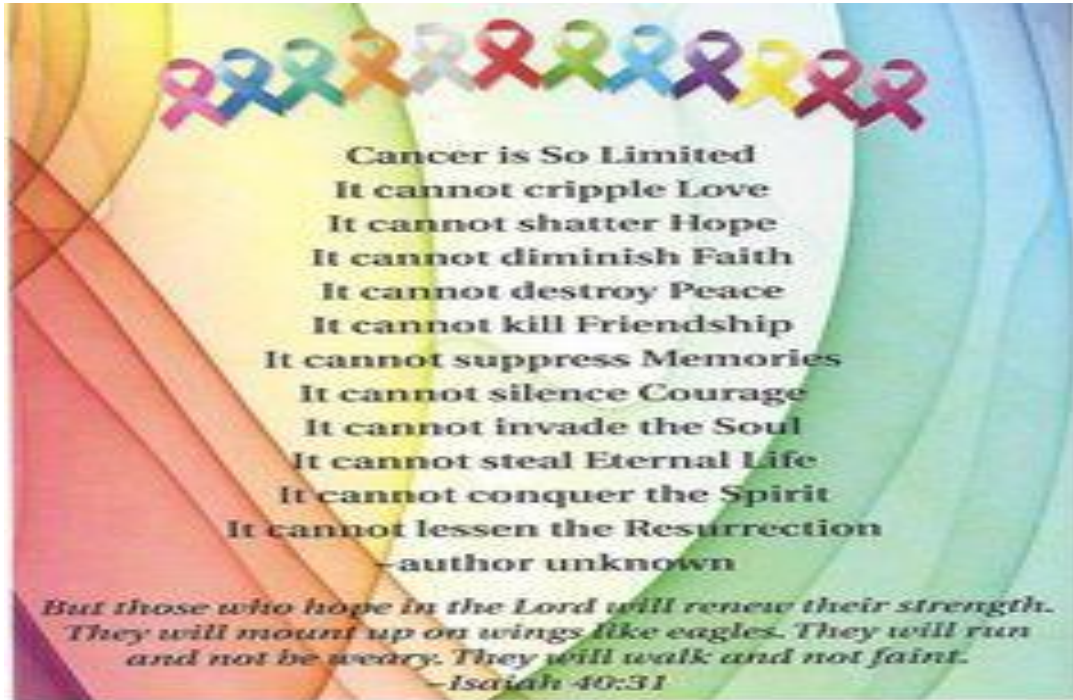


Take what you want and enjoy. Donations are welcome, but not required.

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**

September, 2024

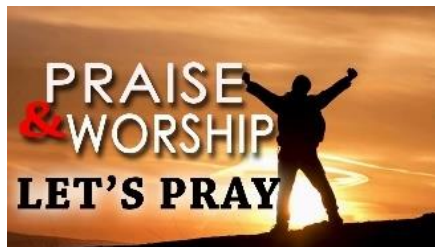
Monthly prayer chain requests can be submitted on the Prayer Chain Requests Form under the blue cards in the narthex.

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!





Sixth Annual Arts and Crafts Show!!! September 28, 2024, 9am – 1pm Arts, Crafts, Bake Sale, and Basket Raffle!

Save the date on your calendar and plan to volunteer in the following areas:

- Assist our vendors move into the church on Friday (September 27th) afternoon from 2 pm - 5 pm and Saturday (September 28th) morning from 9 am.
- Assist our vendors move out their boxes/bins back to their cars after the show closes at 1 pm.
- At the end of the show, help is needed to return The Founders Hall back to its normal configuration for the Sunday fellowship coffee/refreshments.
- During the show we need a few folks to stand in for any vendors that need a short break, or any additional assist during the show.
- Plenty of additional opportunities to sign up to help the Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, and the Country Cafe.

Sign-up sheets will be available in The Narthex on Sunday September 8, 15, and 22.

The Crafty Christians are again sponsoring a Basket Raffle at our Arts and Crafts Show on September 28th. Please check out our baskets in the hallway after services and get your raffle tickets.



Basket Raffle



SUNDAY AFTERNOON ARTS CONCERT



We want to thank all who regularly attended our concerts and to all the support folks who got our church ready for concerts: John Bain, John Berry, AV, ushers, program folders, proof readers and all news outlets that publicized our concerts. Paster Rhonda, you have been a support beacon with your unfailing support and presenting your meaningful invocations.

Talk up our concert series and bring someone with you. We increased attendance this year to 2,596 and love offerings for eight concerts were \$12,637, both large increases from prior years. The corrected concerts flyer for 2024-2025 is included in this Courier. Browse the concerts and note the ones you don't want to miss.



Call Grace at 614-312-2599 if you would like to join us.
Grace Dunlevy and 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 scans 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

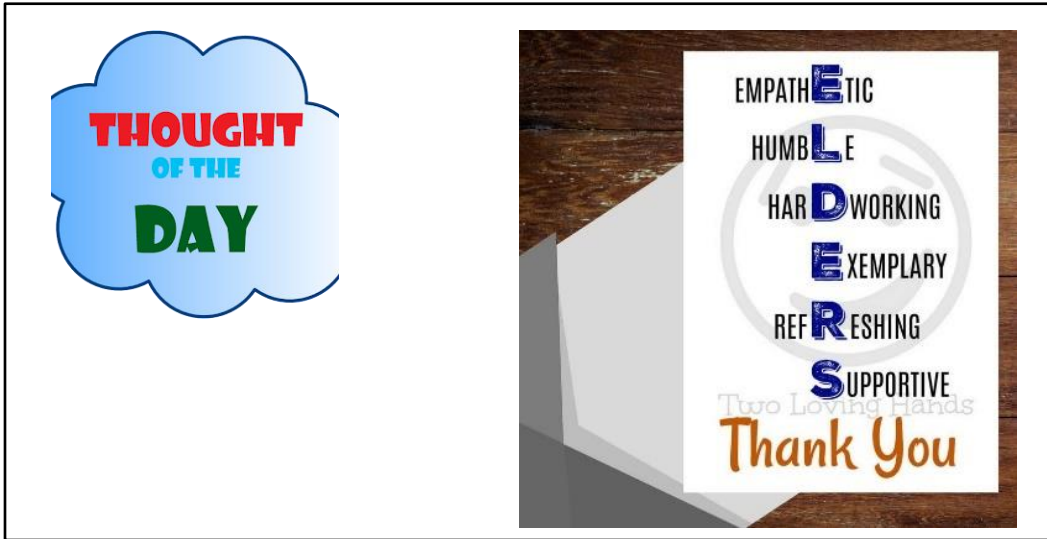
Composed of young people from Marion and neighboring counties, directed by Cindy Warringer and Jonathon Couch.

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**



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SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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