



Siesta Key Chapel



NEWSLETTER

February 2023

From the Pastor's Desk



**“How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity.”**
(Psalm 133:1)

My goodness! **Chapel on the Beach** has grown by leaps and bounds, from 18-83 worshipers. The Holy Spirit is surely at work as more and more seekers are finding their way to Patriot’s Pier each Sunday morning at 9AM. Feet in the sand, coffee and scones in hand, a song on our lips, and a prayer in our hearts, fellowship grows in abundance. Mike brings a dozen chairs to share; Beryl, Beverly & Louise welcome people and hand out bulletins; Rick and Roger organize The Frog Hop shuttle from the Chapel to the beach and back; Greg & Jeanine bring smiles as they ride up on their bicycles; and the rich notes of Conner’s singing and Dr. Zach’s acoustic guitar draw us close as if around a campfire. This is what Christian community looks like. The semi-circle of chairs grows ever-wider as beach-walkers are drawn into the warmth and joy that is *Chapel on the Beach*.

From the Gulf shore, we move up Ocean Boulevard to the Chapel for **Adult Christian Education** classes at 10:00am, with a rich variety of new classes. Thirty-ish participants are nourished, challenged, and engage in Christian growth in an interactive setting, all while breaking bread together in community as the Family of God.

Next, we become part of the flow of parishioners, visitors, and brand-new members streaming up the ramps for our 11:00am **worship service in the Sanctuary**. From the Welcome Desk, to ushers, liturgists, and Fellowship Hour, we are all part of God’s Liturgy, or “The Work of the People,” here at God’s Treehouse.

Weekdays are filled with Men’s Fellowship, Knit & Sew, Bible Studies, Mission activities, committee meetings, and a bustling Volunteer Corps in the Office and around the Chapel grounds. Come find your place in **the joy of ministry and mission** of Siesta Key Chapel!

My prayer this month for our congregation comes from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*:

**May our life in community reflect
the dance of the Trinity
by which the world is blessed.**

Grace & Peace, Pastor Ruth

CHAPEL ON THE BEACH - 9am every Sunday through April 2



MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST - Conner Stigner



February has arrived! I write this, with a grateful mind and heart, sitting on my lanai the evening before I take a week long excursion to the Caribbean. One year has blown by so quickly and all that I can muster to share is my gratitude for the warm welcome into the Siesta Key Chapel family that I have received. I'm looking forward to the hiatus; however, I cannot deny that I'm looking forward to returning to SKC with a renewed vigor for all of the exciting musical events we have planned for the Spring!

I recognize that I am notorious for writing lengthy, informational, articles in the newsletter that would give Homer a run for his money. You've read this far so I'm going to go on with yet another informational, but not lengthy, article!

Our SKC Concert Series will resume this month. My goal for these events is to brand us as a host that gives voice to groups that are traditionally not represented in the historical standard of concert series repertoire. This Spring we will host a local string quartet playing music composed by **Latin American** composers; a **Jazz Band**; and an **Operatic husband and wife** who will share with us the joys of Opera beyond Bugs Bunny and the "lady with the horns". To compliment these events we, will host the **Romm Trio** and the **Sarasota Piano Trio** playing more traditional repertoire.

If you have any thoughts on potential groups for the future please don't hesitate to reach out to me! The full schedule will be out soon, mark your calendars!

Our normal Wednesday evening **Choir rehearsals** will resume on February 15th in preparation for Lent and Easter. We need all hands on deck for this liturgical season! Please consider joining us! All are welcome. If this time and day do not work for you, do not hesitate to join us at 10AM on Sundays. I am particularly pleased with our **Chapel on the Beach** ministry. Dr. Zach Johnson and I have pulled out all the stops creating quality music for these events. If you have the opportunity, make the trip out to the beach and join us for these events at 9AM on Sundays!

And now for my monthly terrible joke:
What is Beethoven doing now? *De-composing*

STEWARDSHIP - Sheryll & Dwight Wilson, Co-chairs



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:21)

MATCH CHALLENGE: We have a challenge! If we collectively contribute \$50,000, over and above our tithe by Easter, an anonymous donor will match it. Just imagine what Siesta Key Chapel could do with \$100,000. It takes a congregation to build a church, so help Siesta Key Chapel in **Building the Future Together.**

2023 PLEDGE: If you haven't pledged, it is never too late (seriously, never). If you'd like to verify we received your pledge, please call the office (941-349-1166).

Siesta Key Chapel Concert Series

Sunday Afternoons at 3 PM



Siesta Key Chapel

FEBRUARY

19th Chamber Music Society of Sarasota, String Quartet:
"A Latin American Musical Journey"

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - Pete Barnhart

We are proud to announce that Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce awarded Pete Barnhart of Siesta Key Chapel **Volunteer of the Year**. The awards dinner was held at Marina Jack. It was a lovely evening that honored many local volunteers.

We would like to congratulate Pete on his award and recognize him in appreciation for his volunteer efforts at Siesta Key Chapel, with the local community, and globally through our Missions Committee. This is a well-deserved award. Thank you Pete, for all you do!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BLANKET SUNDAY- Ruth Ulrich



Presbyterian Women will sponsor **Church World Service Blanket Sunday** on February 26. Last year our Chapel donated \$2400!

After Hurricane Ian, CWS sent 12,000 emergency items such as hygiene kits, clean up buckets, and blankets to hurricane-affected counties in Florida. Please consider donating again this year.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Julia & Mark Musto

Sundays January 8 through April 2

Classes are held in Fellowship Hall at **10:00 AM**

Continental Breakfast will be served

Feb. 5, 12, 19 – Chaplain Chuck Moffett, 3-part series

“Parables of Jesus through a Jewish Middle-Eastern lens”

- 1) The Parables of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep
- 2) The Parable of the Prodigal Son
- 3) The Parable of the Good Samaritan



Feb. 26, Mar. 5 – Elder Carson Brown, 2-part series

“Joy – The Christian roots of happiness and emotions”

March 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2 – Dr. John Parks, 4-part series

“Spiritual and moral issues in American fiction:

Short stories to challenge our faith”



February All-Church Brunch will be at Carrabba's

Date: Sunday, February 26

Time: 12:30 PM

RSVP: Required by February 24

- Call: Church office 941-349-1166
- Email: administrator@siestakeychapel.org
- Sign-up: Sundays at the Coffee Table

Location: 1940 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota

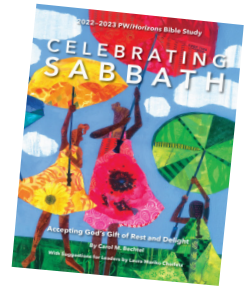
Siesta Key Chapel Bible Study

CELEBRATING SABBATH:

Accepting God's Gifts of Rest and Delight

Overview:

- Sponsored by *Presbyterian Women of Siesta Key Chapel*
 - October 2022-April 2023
 - Open to ALL women and men; members, visitors, and friends
 - Drop-in format; no registration required
 - Study Guides (\$11) available from Ruth Ulrich Sundays after worship or in the Administrative Office during the week
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- **Bay Village** - 10am
 - **Siesta Key Chapel** - 12 noon with light lunch
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- Wed. February 1, 2023
Lesson 6: **Sabbath & Hospitality**
 - Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15
 - Wed. March 1, 2023
Lesson 7: **Sabbath & Self-Care**
 - Luke 13:10-21
 - Wed. April 5, 2023
Lesson 8: **Sabbath & Justice**
 - Isaiah 58
Lesson 9: **Sabbath & Community**
 - Acts 2:42-47



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Dick Ulrich



Next Meeting - February 14

Men's Fellowship is a Christian organization for the men of Siesta Key Chapel and their male friends. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, the gatherings begin at 8:00 A.M. with a light breakfast and Christian fellowship, current topics, study, and stories. All men are welcome and it is a wonderful way to start the day, with good old-fashioned fun and laughter in a relaxed atmosphere. Invite a male friend!

TECHNOLOGY, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Barry Cline



Birds, Trees, and more Bees...

With the Barn Owl perched in the Pavilion on Christmas Eve, attention to birds enjoying the SKC property has increased. Compliments of Jim Yesket and some bird sighting/counting sessions, an ebird report was created for the Siesta Key Chapel property including over 11 species including Woodpeckers, Starlings, Warblers, Robins and Waxwings amongst other types. The SKC ebird report can be viewed at the following link, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S124983119>.

Jim has also installed an Owl house on a Palm tree near the Chapel in hopes of drawing nesting Screech Owls over the next month or so.

The Post Ian Hurricane Tree cleanup was finally completed with several dead and damaged trees taken down for safety reasons. In addition, Bees found a new home in the Australian Pine as noticed by the Tree Trimmers. The extent of the hive is unknown at this point but preliminary assessments are that it is just starting to form. Beekeepers will be tasked with relocating these bees as well. All in all, the landscape is healthy again and a full canopy cut will be scheduled in 2023 to trim all the Palms. Other things being assessed are improved lighting options for the parking lot areas and walkways as well as erosion control options for the gravel drive entrances on Gleason Ave.



February

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Sabbath Bible Study 12 noon SKC	2 7pm AA	3	4
5 9am Chapel on the Beach 10am Adult Christian Ed. 11am Worship with Communion & Receiving New Members	6	7 6:30pm NA	8	9 7pm AA	10	11
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19 9am Chapel on the Beach 10am Adult Christian Ed. 11am Worship 3pm Concert Series	20	21 6:30pm NA	22 12 noon Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes	23 7pm AA	24	25 9am-12 noon SKC Officer Training
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Allison Menezes
- 2 Sidney Marcum
- 5 Edith Schoonmaker *100!**
- 8 Mickey Shoop
- 10 Sherry Davis
- 12 Judy Sandt
- 15 Helene Shaffer
Shirley Teeter
- 17 Gerald Spore
- 18 Alan Perry
- 20 Marilyn Rowen
- 22 Judy Jenkins
- 25 Dick Ulrich
- 26 Mark Halboth
- 27 Sue Donaldson
- 28 Ruth Ulrich



"Souper" Bowl - Soup Drive
Sunday February 12, 2023
Bring in canned or packaged soup
to give to the hungry in Sarasota.
***Sponsored by the Youth
of Siesta Key Chapel***