

KEY NOTES



*Siesta Key Chapel
April Newsletter
2023*



From the Pastor's Desk

Humble and riding on a donkey

Palm Sunday was a joy-filled morning! One hundred and fifty participants at *Chapel on the Beach*, and another 150 at the *Worship in the Chapel* service, complete with lines of children and youth waving palm branches and dancing the grapevine to "The King of Glory Comes." The music was glorious and inspired.



Now we turn to the events of Holy Week following Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem. **Maundy Thursday** we will recreate the Last Supper as we join in conversations, fellowship, blessings, and betrayal. **Good Friday** at noon we will hear *The Seven Last Words of Christ* accompanied by Taizé music; a quiet and powerful noontime service.

And then... **Easter Sunday**, the Day of Resurrection. The stone is rolled away from the tomb. Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Colorful Easter dresses and baskets and chocolate; magnificent music capped off with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus;" and festive Coffee Hour with Hot Cross Buns after worship. Together we receive and share the amazing grace of God that changes the world forevermore.

In light of the events of Holy Week, culminating in **Jesus' resurrection**, how then shall we live? How might it feel to truly live as **Easter people**?

In his book "Living the Resurrection," Eugene Peterson, author of the Biblical interpretation, *The Message*, writes that perhaps the most important thing we can do is simply keep our eyes open. Resurrection is not something we do or accomplish or control. It is God's work and God's way. But it surrounds us all the time. Our job is to see it in our midst— **"cultivating wonder"** by "stopping and being quiet long enough to see, open-eyed with wonder.. sitting in open receptivity to what is beyond us, so that our souls are formed by what we cannot work up or take charge of. We respond and enter into what God continues to do."

Enjoy this newsletter; put activities on your calendar; plan to bring a friend or neighbor; ask an elder if they would like a ride to Sunday morning Christian Education and Worship, or Tuesday Men's Fellowship, or Wednesday Bible Study. And along the way this April, find times to be still, **to be open to God at work in your life**, and to cultivate wonder.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Ruth*



MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST - Conner Stigner



Greetings!

What an exciting Spring for the Siesta Key Chapel Music Program!

Many thanks to all who were with us, physically and in spirit, the afternoon of March 19th for our Gypsy Jazz concert in tribute to Jazz master Django Reinhardt. Nine talented local musicians came together to produce a program that ran the gamut from traditional Jazz standards to popular music all in the Gypsy style. If you missed this one do not fear! On April 2nd at 3PM we will present a concert in tribute to the late Black composer Robert Ray. Sung by a community choir, many of whom sing at Siesta Key Chapel with regularity, this concert will include Dr. Ray's exceedingly popular Gospel Mass. On April 16th we will again host the Sarasota Piano Trio featuring: Jesse Martins, pianist; Milene Moreira, violinist; and Nadine Trudel, 'cellist. The following Sunday, April 23rd, we will host the long awaited return of the Romm Trio! Truly a family affair, this group boasts Aaron and his father Ron who are both highly distinguished area trumpeters. Aaron's mom Avis, a well respected pianist in her own right, provides the harmonic foundation for the group. Don't miss these events as April promises some truly exhilarating musical moments!



Kevin Çelebi and Harmonic Sanity Jazz Band featuring Michele Pruyne



Dr. Martha Stiehl, to whom I am incredibly grateful for her continual support and guidance, will join us for our 11AM service on Easter Sunday. While the Sarasota Baroque group was not one of our Concert Series events this Spring, she has continued to share her joy of music through concerts and private lessons. One such student has been studying with Martha on our Schantz organ! **Huong Pham** arrived in the United States from Vietnam in 2017 with no knowledge of the English language. Over the past six years he has excelled in his studies, graduating at the top of his class, and is currently applying to and auditioning for colleges seeking to

study Baroque Performance Practices including both the harpsichord and pipe organ. I am thrilled that SKC can play a role in continuing the performance of Baroque music!

Our **Siesta Key Chapel Choir** meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30AM in the Music Room. We have some very exciting music planned for the coming months and I would love to have YOU involved! To quote The Price is Right, "Come on down!!!" All are invited to join without regard to musical ability! See you there!

Musical Joke of the Month:

Why didn't Handel ever go shopping? (*Because he was Baroque*)

Siesta Key Chapel Concert Series
Sunday Afternoons at 3 PM

APRIL
2nd Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass" with
Siesta Key Chapel's Community Choir

16th Sarasota Piano Trio

23rd Romm Trio: "Escapades"

MAY
7th Elizabeth Novella, Soprano
Nicholas Martorano, Baritone

CHAPEL ON THE BEACH - 9am every Sunday through May 28

(including Easter Sunday with Communion)

Patriot's Pier (10 Beach Road) is experiencing an ever-growing gathering of worshippers who find **faith and fellowship** at *Chapel on the Beach*. The half-hour contemporary service offers a variety of music and musicians, scripture, prayer and an inspiring message, along with a free, light breakfast. Join us, and invite your friends and neighbors to meet us at the beach on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to join in the joy of worshipping God in nature.

Sunday March 26 with Bagpiper



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Annual Retreat & Meeting at SKC

Siesta Key Chapel hosted over 50 Presbyterian Women at the annual meeting & retreat. The event started with a service in the Chapel led by Pastor Ruth followed by fellowship, a mission project, luncheon and presentation. The mission project involved decorating and filling gift bags with personal hygiene products for mothers who are farm workers in Immokolee, FL, part of the Misión Peniel Farmworker Ministry.

**Thank you to Men's Fellowship for directing the parking.*



STEWARDSHIP - Sheryll & Dwight Wilson, Co-chairs



MATCH CHALLENGE - FINAL WEEK!

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to join your fellow members in working for the future of Siesta Key Chapel.

We're over 60% there with one week to go.

Let's pull together and do it for the future of our church.

All you need to do is make your donation by Easter, April 9th.

Write a check to "**Siesta Key Chapel**" and put **MATCH** in the memo.

If we collectively donate \$50,000 by Easter, a generous member of our church will match it.

Imagine what we can do with \$100,000!

~ Building the Future Together ~



April All-Church Brunch will be at Keke's

Date: Sunday, April 23

Time: 12:30 PM

RSVP: Due by April 21

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

Location: 3456 Clark Rd, Sarasota, FL 34231

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Julia & Mark Musto

Sundays through May 28

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

Continental Breakfast will be served



April 16, 23 - Rev. Melana Scruggs - Book of Confessions, PC(USA)

April 30 - Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas - Dissecting the Bible: The surprising twist that happens when we look deeper into the Scriptures.

May 7 - TBD

May 14 - Craig Holiday

SKC Architecture; The History and the Architect's Inspiration

May 21, 28 - Dr. Chris Cortman - Forgiveness Revisited

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH- Presbytery Women Pastors



Pictured above are some of our Presbytery's Women Pastors, Rev. Genevieve Beauchamp, Rev. Jennifer Kirbas, Rev. Lauren Davis, Rev. Terri Jo Crego and Rev. Dr. Ruth Smalt. Rev. Towner calls them her "spiritual daughters". The stoles they are wearing were designed in honor of The Rev. Margaret Towner, the first woman ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. The stoles capture Rev. Towner's story, her love of music and Psalm 100.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY - April 12

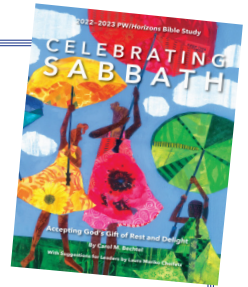
Siesta Key Chapel celebrated Girl Scout Sunday by honoring Girl Scouts of all ages and their adult volunteers. Pastor Ruth led the group in a traditional friendship circle and song. The Scouts sold cookies on the deck before and after worship, and engaged in lively conversation with the congregation.

"The motivating force in Girl Scouting is spiritual"
-Preamble, Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA



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
- **Siesta Key Chapel with Bay Village** - 12 noon with light lunch
 - **Wed. April 5, 2023**
 - Lesson 8: **Sabbath & Justice**
 - Isaiah 58
 - Lesson 9: **Sabbath & Community**
 - Acts 2:42-47

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Dick Ulrich



Next Meetings - April 11 & 25

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!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gerald Padfield
- 2 Susan Koch
- 3 Robert Bossert
- 5 Maggie Veeneman
- 8 Susie Wills
- 11 Cliff Menezes
- 12 Frank Mountcastle
- 14 Tim O'Neil
- 18 Martha Daley
- 22 Marilyn Wagmiller
- 25 Louise Cashman
- 30 Helga Williams



get well soon!



"Write a Card" Table

See Deacon Betsy Andrews at the *Write a Card* table after worship on the deck to brighten someone's day with a card of Thanks, Happy Birthday, Get Well Soon, Thinking of You, or Sympathy. Cards are available for you to personalize. Address the envelope and Betsy will add the stamp and make sure it goes out in the mail.

HAPPY 98th BIRTHDAY - Rev. Marg. Towner



Siesta Key Chapel celebrates the 98th birthday of Rev. Margaret Towner, the first woman ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. "Happy Birthday" was sung during worship with the playing of a bagpipe. The celebration continued afterwards out on the pavilion deck with fellowship, birthday goodies and a oversized card signed by well wishers.

CLOSE-UP

Two friends pin up a robe that Margaret Towner, who is only 4 feet 2 inches tall, borrowed for her ordination.

"I had worn church robes before, but this one was the most beautiful. Mostly, I gave, because of the day I wore it."

A First Lady Minister in Robes of a New Role

At her mother's apartment in Syracuse before the ordination, the ceremony happily.

"One old friend from college reminded me that day of what I had once said to her: 'One thing I'll never do is go into church work.' We all laughed about that."

WHEN the Reverend Margaret E. Towner was ordained as the first woman minister in the U.S. Presbyterian Church, the ordaining minister cautioned her: "I hope you will be the shepherd of the flock and not their pet lamb." The members of the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Pa. are fond of their new minister of Christian education but the Reverend Mrs. Towner is not the pet lamb type. She is an energetic, warm-hearted, unsentimental woman of 31, who has many talents. She might have been a doctor (she actually took a premedical course at Carleton College and later worked at the Mayo Clinic), or a commercial photographer (she was one once briefly), or a musician (on the violin or clarinet, or even a good girl-athlete. She rides, skis and pitches at her Sunday school picnic baseball games.

But Margaret Towner decided on the church as a career, graduated two years ago from Union Theological Seminary and 14 months later took on the job of directing education at the Allentown church. Last spring the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church became the first nationally organized Protestant denomination to authorize ordination of women, and, last month, Margaret Towner was ordained in her home church, Syracuse, N.Y.

Now, in charge of education—910 pupils and 60 teachers—she works under the new concept of a "team ministry" (LIFE, Aug. 20) by which she



April



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9am Chapel on the Beach 10am Adult Christian Ed. 11am Palm Sunday Worship with Communion 3pm Concert Series	3	4 6:30pm NA	5 12 noon Sabbath Bible Study at SKC	6 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Tables for 12 7pm AA	7 12 Noon Good Friday Service	8 9am-12pm Easter Egg Hunt at SKC
9 Easter Sunday Services with Communion and festal music 9am Chapel on the Beach 11am SKC Chapel	10 SKC OFFICE CLOSED	11 8:00am Men's Fellowship 9:30am NO Knit & Sew this month 6:30pm NA	12	13 7pm AA	14	15
16 9am Chapel on the Beach 10am Adult Christian Ed. 11am Worship 3pm Concert Series	17	18 6:30pm NA	19	20 7pm AA	21	22
23 9am Chapel on the Beach 10am Adult Christian Ed. 11am Worship Young Life at fellowship hour 12:30am All-Church Brunch 3pm Concert Series	24	25 8:00am Men's Fellowship 4:00pm Session 6:30pm NA	26	27 10am Int'l Theological Seminary Filming	28	29



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Siesta Key **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Siesta Key Chapel 9:00 am - Noon

4615 Gleason Avenue - Siesta Key, FL

Advance Registration Required

siestakeychamber.com or 941-349-3800

\$12 per Child (ages 1-6) includes Egg Hunt, Activities & Goody Bag



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