



Siesta Key Chapel
God's Treehouse

NOVEMBER 2023



Key Notes

NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

A hearty thank-you and ***Job Well Done!*** to all the volunteers and staff who worked together in joyful unity to prepare for and host the recent **Peace River Presbytery meeting** here at Siesta Key Chapel. *How good and pleasant it is when the children of God work and play together in unity!* (Psalm 133).



With gratitude for: **Rick Chenoweth, Sherry Davis, Scott Duink, Margie Kraft, Nick Pearce, Beryl Perry, Marsha & Gary Rhodus, Mickey Shoop, Pat Chandler-Smith, Joyce & Sam Tucker, Ruth Ulrich, Barry Cline, Karen Davare, and Conner Stigner.**

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Ruth*





October 25, 2023

Dear Pastor Ruth,

Thank you for your willingness to host the October 2023 stated meeting of Peace River Presbytery on October 21, 2023. Your gracious hospitality, warm and loving welcome, and excellent refreshments helped contribute to a successful and wonderful day of business, worship, and fellowship. We thank you further for engaging so many tremendous volunteers who worked diligently to guide parking cars, set out lunch, decorate tables, and so much more.

Our worship service was one of the highlights of our day. It was truly representative of the talented gifts of so many dedicated individuals from our Peace River Presbytery. Thank you for coordinating such a beautiful service for all to enjoy!

On behalf of Peace River Presbytery thank you. We are grateful for Siesta Key Chapel and your kind welcome, hospitality, and ministry! It was a great pleasure to experience our Stated Meeting at God's Treehouse, a beautiful place!

With great thanks,

Carson Brown, Moderator of Presbytery,

Rev. Melana Scruggs, General Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Stated Clerk,

Alesia Sharpe, Presbytery Office Administrator

Jim O'Harrow and Amy Cerniglia,

Co-Moderators, Communication, Connection, and Community Team



MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST - Conner Stigner



*“God of every choir member,
we need sleep to sing our best.
Help each singer to remember:
take that extra hour of rest.
Change those clocks one backward hour:
don’t arrive at church too soon!
Or the anthem by yourself you’ll croon!”**

Above is a hymn text that I have historically shared with my choirs for time change weekend. The meter of the text is 87.87.877 which is typically placed with the tune CWM Rhondda (*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*). Give it a sing through and see if you can make the text fit the tune!

Judging by all of the Christmas decor out in stores one would be inclined to believe that we are just days away from the Birth of Jesus. In fact, we have one of the most joyful periods yet to look forward to - Advent. This period marks the beginning of the new upcoming liturgical year. We have done some marvelous music over the past year and I cannot wait for the year to come!



Our weekly **choir rehearsals** will resume on **Wednesday November 8th at 9AM** in the music room in preparation for Advent and Christmas! Please join us! We will continue to rehearse on a weekly basis **Sundays at 9:15AM in the Chapel** to prepare for weekly Worship. All are welcome!

A bit of November levity:
Why did the fish make such a good musician?
He knew his scales.



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BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & TECHNOLOGY - Barry Cline

Listed below are the latest changes to the campus.

- SKC has a new Limestone defined Center Campus Driveway. **Greg Anderson** was highly instrumental on the project with his expertise and he single handedly made it happen from beginning to end. A huge Thank You to Greg!
- There are now (4) upgraded Lamp Post Lights on Campus – (3) in the Pavilion Walkway Area and (1) on the Memorial Garden Stairway.
- There have been several Electrical Issues that have been resolved so we have our two Ocean Blvd Sign Lights working again. A bad breaker, a bad Photocell and a wiring short contributed to the lamps not working.
- Session has approved a quote for Interior Chapel “stage” lighting to improve the local and streaming experience for Sunday Services and other events in the Chapel. The lighting installation will be scheduled soon by the contractor.



UKULELE GROUP - Sarasota Strummers, Eleiza Faria

Sarasota Strummers welcomes everyone to **join in the fun playing the ukulele**. The group's first meetup was on the beach which was uncomfortable and sandy. Next they moved to a park where they were attacked by ants. Needless to say they are very grateful to be meeting now at Siesta Key Chapel on **Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm in Fellowship Hall**. The evening meeting time allows those who work a chance to participate in the group.

The group "jams" are a joyous event making music together. There is no other way to describe it. Members range in **age from the 20's to retirees** and skill levels from **beginner to professional**. One man has played guitar for 50 years and now also plays the ukulele, while other members just recently started this year. Everyone is working to improve their skills playing. Starting only a few months ago, the group continues to grow. They believe the more the merrier.

The **ukulele is of Portuguese origin** but was popularized in Hawaii. In the Hawaiian language the word ukulele roughly translates as "jumping flea", perhaps because of the movement of the player's fingers.

Eleiza, the group organizer, got started playing the ukulele when she picked up a friend's ukulele and loved it. Previously trying the guitar, she realized her hands were too small and weak to play. The Ukulele was the perfect size and sounded beautiful! As an Autistic person, Eleiza organized the group to challenge herself socially and **share her love of playing the ukulele**.

Starting the group on a whim, she listed it on FaceBook and Meetup. The response was so much more than expected. She remembers thinking "Oh boy! I run a ukulele group now! I love it and **see it as a community service**".

After finding a 1600 page ukulele song book online, Eleiza began selecting music for the group. The selections are a **mix of old and new songs** that include both easy and more challenging pieces. The members get new music each week to practice before gathering to play.

The Sarasota Strummers will be **performing on November 9th** at Fogartyville Community Media and Arts Center at 6pm! Please come to listen and support the players. Find them on FaceBook at "Eleiza Faria" or Sarasota Strummers Group Page.



Pictured L-R: Patricia Hebert, Cynthia Hebert, Karen Shaver, Darienne Oaks and John Parkhurst

The Hawaiian Shirts have been playing together for eight years and have performed at memory care centers, assisted living facilities, private parties, charity fundraisers, a wedding and a funeral. We love bringing the joy of music to our audiences and firmly believe that **it is impossible to play the ukulele without smiling!**



MEMBERSHIP - Margie Kraft



"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it"

Psalm 118:24

It was wonderful to see so many Siesta Key Chapel members, friends, and neighbors—young and old alike—share good fellowship, great food, and joy on our Welcome Back Sunday Luncheon Cruise on the beautiful Marina Jack II.

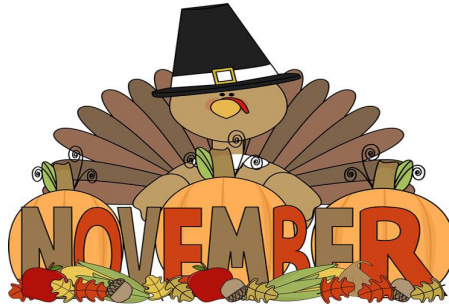
And the weather could not have been a more picture perfect, gorgeous October day to be on the water! One could not help but smile and be happy. I felt blessed to be there, and I hope you did, too. God is good.

-Margie Kraft





New Sunday Service Times!



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 10am Bible Study 3:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Ukulele Group	2 7pm AA	3	4 Set Clocks Back 
5 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel with Communion	6	7 6:30pm NA	8 7pm Ukulele Group	9 Cedarkirk Clergy/Elder retreat <hr/>	10	11
12 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel	13	14 9:30am Knit & Sew 6:30pm NA	15 3:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Ukulele Group	16 7pm AA	17	18
19 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel Thanksgiving Service	20	21 6:30pm NA	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed  7pm AA	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel 12:00 noon All-Church Brunch	27	28 4pm Session 6:30pm NA	29 7pm Ukulele Group	30		

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24 CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00am Chapel on the Beach 10:30am Worship in the Chapel 5:30pm Family Service with Live Nativity 8:00pm Candlelight Service with Communion	25 CHRISTMAS Office Closed 	26 6:30pm NA	27	28 7pm AA	29	30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Beth Murdock
Scott Ramsey
- 4 Susan Duink
- 5 Sara Block
- 7 Jane Werling
- 14 Dolly Little
- 25 Kay Wagner



DEACONS - Gary Rhodus



get well soon!



“Write a Card” Table

Write a Card 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 the Deacons will add the stamp and make sure it goes out in the mail.



SKC Bible Study “BIBLE 101”

Wednesday, November 1

10AM

Classes are Free

Coffee and light refreshments

No RSVP needed; Bring a friend!