



**Siesta Key Chapel**  
God's Treehouse

SUMMER(*June, July, August*)2024



# Key Notes

NEWSLETTER

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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### *In Praise of Song*

Summertime is the season to delight in slowing down to listen to good music; to enjoy long gentle evenings singing *Taps* at the shore; and of joining the birds in singing joyfully at the break of day. Summer is the season where we sing **hymns of awe and praise** for Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing love.

Peter Marty, Editor of *Christian Century*, credits **gifted church musicians** with encouraging us as a congregation to sing together, to lose ourselves in **wonder, love and praise**. Marty believes that a caring music director "yearns for

each and every soul to discover that singing is sacred duty. Led well, those who thought they couldn't sing, or who don't want to sing, suddenly find themselves enveloped in lovely ways by **the resonant voice of the church singing together.**"

Here at Siesta Key Chapel, we are deeply fortunate to be led by Conner in a robust and thoughtful repertoire of weekly music. These past few years, **Conner has developed a ministry of music** that includes vocalists, instrumentalists, young voices, Chapel Choir, Handbell Choir, concerts, and, most importantly, a richness of **congregational singing**.

Growing up, I learned much of my **theology through hymns**. Church choir—from an early age through seminary—offered the opportunity to continually grow in my understanding of scripture, particularly the Psalms, which were meant to be sung. Here at the Chapel, it is a complete joy to plan worship with Conner as together we consider the scripture for the week, and build out a complete thematic service encompassing the Psalms, sermon, prayers, liturgy, and song.

Theologian Eugene Peterson names just how vital singing is to our soul, writing, "When we are normal, we talk. When we are dying, we whisper. **But when there is more in us than we can contain, we sing.**" This summer, I encourage you to **sing boldly**, with the record player or Spotify, with the songbirds at daybreak, and especially with one another in worship. Thanks be to God.

*Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Ruth*

## CLERK OF SESSION - Pat Chandler-Smith

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# Vacation Donations

After a stay, give it away

Siesta Key Chapel is currently working with Vacation Donations in partnership with Community Harvest SRQ to collect non-perishable surplus food for distribution to those in need in the Sarasota community. Visitors or seasonal residents can donate food by dropping it off in a bin on the Pavilion deck before they return to their homes up North. The food will be collected and delivered to local agencies such as Second Chance Last Opportunity, Salvation Army, Harvest House, and others.



Community Harvest SRQ is a non-profit organization that is part of the Transition US movement. They are dedicated to creating community-led solutions for the local food system. In addition to collecting non-perishable surplus food, they also gather excess fruits and vegetables from local farms to distribute to food banks and the Newtown Farmer's Market.

A graphic for a Bible study session. It features an open book at the bottom with three tulips (two pink, one yellow) resting on its pages. The background is a light, neutral color.

*Bible Study*

“LEARNING with JESUS”

10:30AM in Fellowship Hall  
Refreshments provided  
no RSVP needed  
come and bring a friend!

**Wednesday, June 5**  
Mark 3:20-27  
The Strong Man

**Wednesday, July 10**  
Mark 6:6b-13  
Two by Two

## MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST - Conner Stigner

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### *Greetings, friends!*

Firstly, a huge message of appreciation and gratitude to ALL who have assisted our Music Ministry over these past spring months and the year over. In particular, thanks to the members of our SK Chapel Choir who made time on Wednesday mornings to toil long and hard learning everything that I put in front of them. The fruits of their labor were notable. In addition, many thanks to all of our talented singers and musicians who come from far and wide to be a part of what we do musically here at SKC. I may coordinate, plan, and rehearse everything; however, none of what we do would be possible without their commitment.

On May 19th we hosted **Kevin Çelebi and the Harmonic Sanity Jazz Band** featuring the brilliant **Gospel singer Ariel Blue**. This yearly event is always a huge success and truly exemplifies the diversity we showcase here at Siesta Key Chapel. One would be hard pressed to truly define what exactly "Jazz" is. Originating in New Orleans, traditional Jazz blends Creole influences, which include the period of French Colonization, African heritage, Ragtime, and traditional western harmony.

I'm particularly proud of our Memorial Day service. The music was joyous and God was praised. I am thrilled that on back-to-back weekends we can present completely different styles of musical worship with many of the same musicians. Pentecost held a palpable laid back Jazz style with plenty of improvisation while Memorial Day followed in line with more traditional choral music.

Do not miss our **final Music Series** event of the season! On **Sunday June 30th** we will host the **First Brass of Sarasota at our 8:30AM Beach Service** followed by a concert of Patriotic Brass Band standards.

Our SK Chapel Choir will take a summer hiatus but will resume in the Fall. Please do consider joining this wonderful ministry come Autumn!

Stay cool,  
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# BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & TECHNOLOGY - Barry Cline

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## SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

### Pavilion Ladies Restroom Renovation

#### Phase 1: Plumbing Completed

**Details:** The second sink was removed and replaced with an additional toilet.

#### Phase 2: Pending

**Tasks:** Installation of a new stall partition and door, drywall repair, and painting.

**Status:** Pending the availability of the handyman service.



### Walkway Ramp Painting

**Details:** The ramps were painted with non-slip additive to ensure better footing when wet.

**Timeline:** Expected to be completed by the end of May.



## MAINTENANCE & INSPECTIONS

### Fire System Inspections

**Frequency:** 1-year and 5-year mandatory inspections.

**Completion:** Successfully conducted by Piper in May.

### Air Conditioning Maintenance

**Frequency:** Every 6 months.

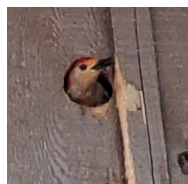
**Details:** Maintenance for 13 units.

**Vendor Update:** This will be the first scheduled maintenance with a new vendor, as the previous long-term vendor has been bought out.



### Woodpecker

A woodpecker has built a nest in the wall of the upper floor Music Room Building.



## SIESTA KEY CHAMBER - Golf Tournament

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Bob Bossert graciously provided the funds to sponsor the Siesta Key Chamber Golf Tournament at Prestancia Golf Club, granting SKC valuable exposure and networking opportunities. This sponsorship not only boosts SKC's name recognition but also offered a splendid day on the course for friends and members to enjoy.



Left to Right - Bob Bossert, Pastor Ruth, Nick Pearce, Barry Cline, Mary Metzler, Judy Barnhart, Pete Barnhart



Barry Cline with resident Sandhill Cranes who are waiting to critique his drive distance.

## CHAPEL ON THE BEACH - Rick Chenoweth

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Find **faith and fellowship** at *Chapel on the Beach* every Sunday at **8:30AM**. The half-hour contemporary service offers a variety of music and musicians, scripture, prayer and an inspiring message, along with free coffee and bakery. Join us, and invite your friends and neighbors to meet at the beach on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to join in the joy of worshiping God in nature at Patriots/Sunset Pier, 10 Beach Road. Take the 8AM shuttle from Siesta Key Chapel to the Beach Service.



## NEW MEMBERS - Mark & Susan Scheppler

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We are very thankful for our new church home, Siesta Key Chapel. We moved down to Sarasota in July 2023 from the suburbs of Chicago after many active years at a Presbyterian Church, which Susan had attended since childhood, and where we got married in 1985. Last fall we began the journey to find a new church home here in Sarasota, and that journey ended right after we found Siesta Key Chapel. From the moment we walked into God's Tree House we felt welcome, at peace, and at home!

Since joining we've split our attendance pretty evenly between the regular Chapel service and the Chapel on the Beach service. We're enjoying meeting new people. . . both newcomers like us and long time members. Groups like Knit & Sew for Susan, and the Men's Fellowship for Mark have been very welcoming. We are looking forward to meeting more people and continuing the friendships we've started through future activities at SKC!

We especially like and appreciate the enthusiasm and energy of SKC! Everything from the missions to the wonderful music is just such a joy. We couldn't be happier with our decision to try that church-down-by-the-beach-that-we-love, and we'd really like to thank Pastor Ruth and everyone else here for making us feel so welcome and at home!

-Mark & Susan Scheppler

### **All-Church Brunch at Turtles**

**11:30AM Sunday, June 23**

8875 Midnight Pass Rd, Siesta Key

RSVP by June 21

Sign-up is at the visitor's desk or  
call/email Margie Kraft 941-323-5900  
[membership@SiestaKeyChapel.org](mailto:membership@SiestaKeyChapel.org)  
or Office Administrator 941-349-1166







SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 <b>8:30am</b> Chapel on the Beach <b>10am</b> Worship in the Chapel with Communion	3	4 <b>4:00pm</b> Called Session Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> NA	5 <b>10:30am</b> Bible Study	6 <b>12pm</b> Men's Fellowship at Marina Jack <b>7pm</b> Ukulele Group <b>7pm</b> AA	7	8
9 <b>8:30am</b> Chapel on the Beach <b>10am</b> Worship in the Chapel	10	11 <b>9:30am</b> Knit & Sew Chrismon Workshop <b>6:30pm</b> NA	12	13 <b>7pm</b> Ukulele Group <b>7pm</b> AA	14	15
16 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>8:30am</b> Chapel on the Beach <b>10am</b> Worship in the Chapel	17	18 <b>6:30pm</b> NA	19	20 <b>7pm</b> Ukulele Group <b>7pm</b> AA	21	22
23 <b>8:30am</b> Chapel on the Beach <b>10am</b> Worship in the Chapel <b>11:30am</b> All-Church Brunch	24	25 <b>6:30pm</b> NA	26	27 <b>7pm</b> Ukulele Group <b>7pm</b> AA	28	29
30 <b>8:30am</b> Chapel on the Beach Patriotic Concert with First Brass of Sarasota <b>10am</b> Worship in the Chapel						



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	1	2	3	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Happy 4th of July <b>7pm</b> Ukulele Group <b>7pm</b> AA	5	6
7 <b>8:30am</b> Chapel on the Beach <b>10am</b> Worship in the Chapel	8	9 <b>9:30am</b> Knit & Sew Chrismon Workshop <b>6:30pm</b> NA	10 <b>10:30am</b> Bible Study	11  <b>7pm</b> Ukulele Group <b>7pm</b> AA	12	13
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# Hello August

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# SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

## **June**

- 1 Amy Parker
- 3 Pete Barnhart
- 6 Lee Valenta
- 10 Jim Shaffer  
Richard Schultz
- 14 Margie Kraft
- 18 Richard Edging
- 30 Dorothy Emmick

## **July**

- 6 Mark Musto  
Marvin Cundiff  
Sam Tucker
- 7 Susan Padfield
- 8 Anne Linn
- 12 Deborah Yates  
Diane Block
- 13 Betsy Bartlett
- 14 Fred Heina
- 16 Carol Ann Henderson  
Jane Daniel
- 21 Pastor Ruth
- 22 Janice Million  
Kevin Gatewood  
Mary Jane Smith
- 26 Joe Andrews
- 28 Nick Pearce
- 29 Louise Schultz



## **August**

- 1 Bob Lane  
Dianne Ramsey
- 13 George Wagner
- 17 Leanna Moen  
Sharon Roush
- 18 Joyce Tucker
- 19 Brad Koch
- 23 Joan Kyle  
Robert Million
- 26 Wendy Weiss
- 29 Donald Hughes
- 30 Bob Doll  
Julia Musto
- 31 Roger Sandt