

TIDINGS OF JOY

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LOVE, LISTEN, LEARN, LEAD



Dear *JOYful* family,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

Our Gospel readings in recent weeks have been from John, chapters 14-17, otherwise known as the High Priestly Prayer or the “Farewell Discourse”. The scene is what we now know as Maundy Thursday, from the Latin *mandatum* or “mandate.” Strange, I know, to have readings from Holy Week during the Easter season. But Jesus has much to say to his disciples of every time and place before he departs. Final instructions, most importantly the greatest commandment, the mandate that is covenantal and sacramental. It is LOVE. It reinforces the two-fold, prime commandment given to Moses for the people.

Our Lord speaks words of reassurance. He knows full well that their (our) hearts are indeed troubled as circumstances beyond our control propel us through uncertainty. Jesus is always telling them (us) to not be afraid. Our congregation of JOY is in a state of flux for a few weeks, as our sanctuary gets a much-needed face-lift. Jesus will still be in our worship. He will still host the feast that has no end.

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JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**Worship Services
held in:**

SWENSON HALL

**SUNDAYS:
8:15 AM and
11:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAYS:
5:30 PM**

***Our mission is to share the Good
News of grace and love with all
through worship, service, and
fellowship.***



MEET OUR STAFF

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICERS

Pastor—Art Wuertz

Administrative Assistant—
Zsuzsanna Jobbagy

Organist/Pianist—Silas Daniel

Handbell Director—Melissa
Daniel

Sexton—Harold Decker

Treasurer—Terry Owen

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President—Robert Irish

Vice President—

Ray Ihlenburg

Secretary—Linda Aker

Treasurer—Terry Owen

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

JR Frederiksen

Hank Groth

Ethel Kleiner

Stanley Mahabeer

Joy Olsen

John Voyles



1 *Barbara Johnson*

2 *Anne Burkett*

3 *Lee Bay*

4 *Ron Piper*

5 *Mike Beaver*

6 *Emery Bjerkmann*

10 *Marcia Cox*

11 *Doreen Robinson*

13 *Jean Groth*
Dan Schellenbach

17 *Brenda Hofmann*

18 *Jack Cawley, Jr.*
Sheila Mixdorf
Dolly Schember

19 *Linda Ware*

21 *Terry Owen*

24 *Jennie Halvorsen*
Joe Spillane

25 *Randulf Hardy*
Carol Schellenbach

28 *John Henderson*

29 *Jill Davis*
Pat Smith



3 *Don & Yvonne Conner*

4 *Tom & Deb Koerner*
Doug & Karen Snorek

8 *Norman & Jennie Halvorsen*
J.R. & Beth Frederiksen

12 *Ken & Jean Kutscher*

15 *Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich*

19 *Calvin & Nancy Kraft*

22 *Rita & John Brokaw*

26 *Art & Carolyn Salzlein*

29 *Mike & Grace Noble*

Pastor Art would like to show a new way to measure our success by using the metrics below.

FIRST TIME GUESTS MONTH OF APRIL 2023

DATE	NO.
16	12
23	8
30	3

NEW VOLUNTEERS: 9

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He will still be the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. As we wait together patiently not just for a refreshed worship space, but also for his coming again in glory, we can rest assured that our spirits will be strengthened. We will continue on the path and our faith stories will live on. We will meet future and new brothers and sisters as they are claimed by the power of the Holy Spirit through faith in Christ Jesus.

You are a tremendously resourceful, holy people. We could not even consider attempting this three-phased “Refresh” project without the legacy of committed giving over the past twenty years. You have presently demonstrated that you have more to give. Your Council, Treasurer, and stewardship ministry thank you. We are fleshing out a vision that is rooted in the Word, and the word is love. Look for the strangers, invite them as guests, and lead them into the body of Christ.

May your faith be active and vibrant! May your hearts be strong, filled with the Savior’s love. We can create a new relationship with the present as we discover how tradition and change can function together.

I’ll see you in church as we journey together! *Pastor Art*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY



SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 9:45

DISCIPLESHIP

DEVELOPED FAITH

JOY WORSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH
is the beginning of

WORSHIP SERVICES BEING HELD
IN SWENSON HALL.

During the “Refresh” we will
retain our Two Service Schedule Times
of 8:15 am and 11:00 am on Sundays,
as well as our Wednesday Evening Service
Time of 5:30 PM.

These service times will remain in effect throughout
the summer.

We will keep you updated about the schedule as the
Refresh progresses.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO JOY!

Direct bank draft, offering envelopes, and also! VANCO ONLINE

Have you tried the VANCO link?



Focus your phone camera on the QR square.

Tap on the link when it appears.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9NX>

HOW TO USE VANCO ONLINE

Select Your Fund and Amount

Select your fund and click the
Donate button.

Next, choose a donation
amount and frequency, then
proceed to payment.

Enter Payment Method

Enter your credit card, debit
card or bank account infor-
mation.

Sign up for an account to save
your information for future
donations.

Complete Your Donation

Review and complete your
gift by clicking Submit.

COUNCIL

CHURCH COUNCIL JOYFUL NEWS

The Chair Campaign has been a wonderful success. Our goal was to have 250 chairs purchased by members of the congregation as a memorial or in honor of a loved one or someone very special. To date we have 254 chairs through the generosity of 75 donors for \$20,320. This money is now the seed money for a future building or renovation need.

As previously reported, we have a lease agreement with Press Forward, Inc. At this time, the occupancy permit has been applied for and then the house can be furnished for the children waiting to have a safe and stable home setting. We hope the home will open in June.

The Council reviewed a proposal and voted to enter into an agreement with Caruthers Concrete Inc. for the total amount of \$66,056 to begin the new drive and handicap parking project. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 17th, pending the receipt of the building permit from Marion County.

Joy will begin services in Swenson Hall on Wednesday May 31st. The Council, Worship and Music Ministry and the Property Ministry have planned for this transition. Hopefully, this interruption to our normal worship services will be just a slight bump in the road. Everyone is excited about the updates to our Sanctuary for the Glory of God. The Construction work in the Sanctuary will begin on June 19th. Prior to that date, we need many volunteers, beginning May 29 to help with many small tasks, such as loosen the pew floor anchors, remove the remaining concrete anchor bolts; move the hymnal and bibles to Swenson; assist in moving the Alter and keyboard for services in Swenson; move the clergy robes and choir robes, remove the shades and all the audio-visual equipment, plus many more. There will be a job for everyone that can spare some time. Please mark your calendar and watch for the call for **HELP** from the Property Committee.



PAUL HYATT
IN
CONCERT

THIRD OF OUR
SEASONS of JOY
CONCERT SERIES



Paul had three standing ovations and encores.
He closed with a special request to sing the
Lord's Prayer.

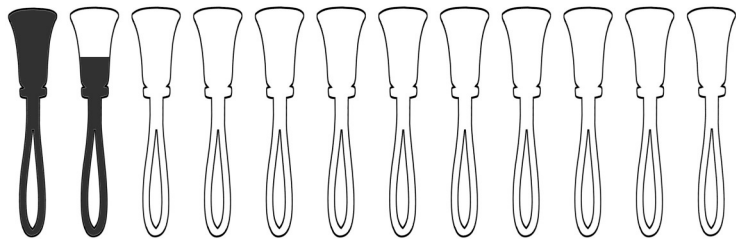
What a beautiful way to finish in our Sanctuary!
*(Not too many dry eyes in the house.
Attendance: 103)*

Seasons of JOY

Concert Series

To date we have raised \$1,788 of the estimated \$12,000 needed to purchase the fourth octave expansion for the JOY Handbell Choir.

We sincerely appreciate the generosity of our concert attendees and those who have made contributions outside of the love offerings collected at our events.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10, 2023
Handbell-stravaganza

October 15, 2023
Die Ocala Musiker

November 5, 2023
UF Organ Spectacular

December 17, 2023
3rd Annual Christmas Concert

Worship & Music

May 1st meeting of the Worship & Music ministry focused on the following discussion items:

1. **Fifth Sunday Ushering:** We need a strong system in place to cover worship service ushering needs when a month has five Sundays.
2. **Transitioning Service to Swenson Hall:**
 - A. Work will commence to move items out of the Sanctuary on Monday, May 29th and will be conducted by the Property Team.
 - B. The counting room will be cleaned to set up space for the supplies we need from the Sacristy.
 - C. Worship service set-up in Swenson Hall will be ready prior to our first service on Wednesday, May 31st.
 - D. Station Communion will be observed during all services.
 - E. All doors will be open to permit entry for worship.
 - F. Suggestion was made to use the ELW Hymnal for the music, since we will not have Power Point availability.
3. **Seasons of Joy Concert Series:** Silas announced that we will have a bonus concert in November, when organ students will perform. Schedule as follows:
September 10th —JOY Handbell Extravaganza
October 15th—Octoberfest with Die Ocala Musiker
November 5 —University of FL Organ Spectacular
December 17—Third Annual JOY Christmas Concert



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We will suspend the collection of food for the pantry during the time that we worship in Swenson Hall. We'll look forward to a "Pack the Pantry" Day once we have returned to the sanctuary.

Judy & Joe Spillane

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Excerpt from Property Ministry e-mail for a call to “arms”.

Prepare the Sanctuary Prior to Construction starting June 19

1. Move piano and organ console to narthex
2. Move all speakers, screens, amps, etc to narthex or off-site storage
- 3 Remove alter rails to off-site storage. Place bolts in place so carpet guys can properly relocate holes to reinstall
4. Remove existing AV equipment to off-site storage
5. Remove all wall plaques, shelves, hangings to storage

Miscellaneous Storage

1. Place all stuff on kitchen counter under the counter in cabinets
2. Move Choir robes
3. Move white robes -coordinate with move to Swenson
4. Move kneeling pads
5. Move clergy chairs – to Ray’s house
6. Store all bathroom knickknacks under the counters
7. Remove all shades
8. Place plastic over the wall hanging/Alter vestments in the sacristy,
Cross on Wall

Please keep an eye out for requests from the Property Ministry as the need for help progresses. Whatever you can do to assist is greatly appreciated.



Home-bound & Assisted Living

Homebound

JoAnne Boyer
Millie Fetterhoff
Bill Mooney
Pat Ulrich

Brentwood at Fore Ranch

Ralph Wright

Bridgewater Memory Care

Connie Shirley

**Bridgewater Park
Assisted Living**

Bob Vogel

**Brookdale of
Canopy Oaks**

Marilyn Husted

Brookdale Chambrel

Carol Hobbs

The Bridge at Ocala

Grace & Arnold Hansen

Marion Woods Asst.

George Spong

**Life Care Center
of OCALA**

Violet Frey

Military

Ray Allen
Jessie Bleikhardt
Christopher Borkenheim
Gorwin Boyd
Jamie Boyd
Jeremiah Caspersen
Cody Ehulund
Daniel Miller
Benjamin Numa
Samuel Stephenson
Matt Willerick

Around the World

Caregivers
Congress
First Responders
Hospital Workers
Police Depart-
ments
President
Relief Workers
Children of War-
Foster Parents
Missing People
Persecuted Chris-
tians
Travelers

Economy
End all the vio-
lence
Environment
Jobs

ALL THE PEOPLE OF
THE WORLD
Especially:

China
Cuba
Egypt
Haiti
Iran

Israel
Iraq
Kenya
N. Korea
Pakistan
S. Korea
Syria
Ukraine

Current Needs:

Ann Mary
 Tony Argano
 Dorrie Bay
 Paul Bispo
 Lucy Brown
 Helen Buckley
 Pat Ditmar
 Frank
 Katie Fransen
 Fred
 Timothy Gause
 Jennie Halvorsen
 Bobby Hyatt
 Husted Family
 Bob Irish
 Barbara Johnson
 Jim Lyons
 Dalton Maddox
 Karl Nettles
 Merrick Owen

Joe Parra
 Sharon Polus
 Ann Mary Park
 Linda Raffa
 Cindy Regis
 Joel Weiss
 Candace Welsch
 Cathy Willoughby
 Francine Wolff

Ongoing Needs:

Noreen Anderson
 Sean Aronson
 Odd Bjerkmann
 John Bond
 Jennifer Brady
 Alfonso Cave
 Sharon Cawley
 Darlene Clairmont
 Kylene Clemens
 Mo Cooper
 Ed Correo
 Riley Correo
 Barbara Dean
 Deena
 Deborah DeGaetan
 Linda & Ken Erhardt
 Scott Fair
 Millie Fetterhoff
 Joanne Olson Finnorm
 Beth & JR Frederiksen
 Lynn Garno

Andrew Gause
 Maleila Gonzalez
 Norm Halvorsen
 Ray Heinzen
 Diane Hendricksen
 Bertha Hendrickson
 Joyce Kerlin
 Joe Kenney
 Kerry
 Patsy Kleeman
 Lori Kleiman
 Cheryl Kemmer
 Cleo LeForge
 Grant Liples
 Helen Lofsten
 Tim Long
 Mike
 Audrey Grace Miller
 Phyllis Minos
 Dylan Nerud
 Asta Marie Nielsen

Mike Noble
 Ed & Terry Owen
 Pat & Paul
 Mary Pfeiffer
 Diane Plessner
 Karin Rokjar
 Art Schneider
 Connie Shirley
 Elizabeth Smithson
 Lorraine Souch
 Sonja
 Denise Stevens
 Rita Stotz
 Karyn Thomas
 Jeff Tuckey
 Pat Ulrich
 Cindi Valli
 Greg Valli
 Ken Werner
 Barbara West
 Irene Willoughby

Earl Winblad
 Irene Winton
 Bill Wojcik
 Raymond Woodall
 Ralph Wright

JOY CINEMA PROUDLY PRESENTS!

Bring a Friend



COMING ATTRACTION!

FREE !!

Relax & Enjoy

FREE !!

ATTENTION MOVIE FANS:

JOY CINEMA will be closed during the months of June, July, and August. Please watch for our GRAND REOPENING!

PASTOR ART'S BIBLE STUDY

will take a brief break during the months of June, July, and August.

Please watch for updates.





2023

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Please observe article deadlines for both the Sunday Bulletins and the monthly Tidings. Please submit proofed, copy ready articles as word or pdf documents . Deadlines are 8:00 am on dates indicated on calendar. Thank you.</i></p>						
<p>PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR REFRESH. ALL WORSHIP SERVICES -MEETINGS ARE IN SWENSON HALL.</p>				1	2 TOPS 8-10am	3
<p>4 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am 9:45A-Christian Ed Meeting</p>	<p>5 Stephen Ministers 9:30am Member Care 2:30pm Worship & Music 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>7 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Worship 5:30pm</p>	8	9 TOPS 8-10am	10
<p>11 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am STEWARDSHIP 9:30 am</p>	12	<p>13 Bulletin Deadline Property 10:00am Grief Support 11am Finance 1:00 pm Outreach 2:30pm</p>	<p>14 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Worship 5:30pm</p>	15 Tidings Deadline	16 TOPS 8-10am	17
<p>18 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am</p>	<p>19 Stephen Ministers 9:30am</p>	<p>20 Bulletin Deadline Council 1:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Joyful Hands- 9:00am Worship 5:30pm</p>	22	23 TOPS 8-10am	24
<p>25 Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 am</p>	26	<p>27 Bulletin Deadline Tiding Angels- 9:30am Grief Support- 1:00pm</p>	<p>28 Joyful Hands- 9:00AM Worship 5:30 PM</p>	29 Interfaith Dinner Delivery	30 TOPS 8-10am`	

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JOY Lutheran Church

S. W. 83rd Place



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4.5 Miles to I-75

Paddock Downs Homes

4.5 Miles to County Hwy 484