

# THE WAVE

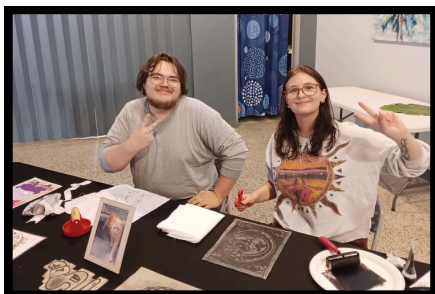
April 29, 2026



## *Church News*

### **Jazz Night at Pilgrim Hall**

Thanks to all our volunteers and attendees. We have ONE MORE Jazz night coming up! So be at Pilgrim Hall tonight, April 29th, at 7pm to hear some amazing local Jazz from the Ayrias Pedigo Quintet!



*THIS WEEK IN  
WORSHIP*

***Readings: Psalm  
31:1-5, 15-16 ; Mark  
2:1-12***

# Easter Season Sermon Series: Carry the Mat

In the second chapter of Mark, four friends bring their paralyzed comrade to Jesus for healing. When reading this story, it can be easy to imagine ourselves as the man on the mat, waiting passively for healing. It can also be easy, for our churches, to imagine ourselves in the role of Jesus--all encompassing communities that can (or should) be able to meet any kind of need.

Our Eastertide sermon series, "Carry the Mat," imagines things differently. It asks: what if our congregation took on as our collective charge the role of one of the friends carrying the paralyzed person's mat? We are not Jesus and can't be everything to everybody, but we can find our own corner of the ministry of salvation--contingent, limited, and networked with others doing different and important work. This Easter season, let's consider together what it means for Church of the Isles to Carry the Mat!

## Book Study

COTI's next adult learning opportunity is a five-part study of Brian McLaren's Faith After Doubt. This compelling book invites us to reconsider the place of doubt in the life of faith--reimagining it as a companion that moves us into deeper and more complex explorations when our beliefs no longer work for us.

The book is available for purchase on all major online retailers. Rev. Wesley recommends used copies (often steeply discounted) from [Thriftbooks](#), or searching for a copy at your [local library](#).

Schedule:

May 17 - Preface and Introduction

May 31 - Part 1

June 14 - Part 2

June 28 - Part 3

July 12 - Conclusion and Harvest

## Coffee Hour

**1st Sunday of the Month:** Birthday Sunday/ Church Council

**2nd Sunday:** Deacons

**3rd Sunday:** Men

**4th Sunday:** Congregation

**5th Sunday:** "Free for all" Potluck



# *Prayer List*

The family of Helen, following her passing.

The Watson family, on the passing of Scott and of Curtis's father, Curtis Watson Sr.

Shirley Finkenstadt, who is in the hospital.

The family of Barbara Wilkins, following her passing.

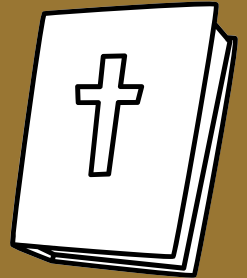
The family of Rodney Snedeker, following his passing.

Shirley Forrest, who is experiencing health concerns.

Morgan, the daughter of one of Susan's neighbors, who is battling breast cancer.

Marla Boeman's son Randy, who is experiencing health concerns.

Maddox, who just celebrated his 2nd birthday!



**STUDY-  
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Section**

# Missions and Social Action

## Weekly vigils against injustice in migration detention

Join people of faith and conscience every Sunday at 4pm at the Pinellas County Justice Center on 49th St. in Clearwater to raise a moral voice against injustices in migrant detention in the state of Florida. These vigils happen concurrently with other vigils all across the state, including a weekly gathering outside the detention camp cruelly nicknamed "alligator alcatraz." [You can read more about the vigils here.](#) If you'd like to contribute to the bus fund to help folks attend the Everglades vigil, you can give by [clicking here.](#)

## Fluff Rescue Donations

Fluff Rescue is requesting bath sized towels for the rescued dogs and cats looking for their forever home. There is also a basket outside **Pilgrim Hall** for supplies I will give to my friend Diana who volunteers there.

-Susan Gage



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## UCC Movement for Palestinian Solidarity

As the conflict in Palestine rages on, leaders in the United Church of Christ Movement for Palestinian Solidarity continue to offer reflection and guidance concerning the church's response and responsibility to the violence. Please click the link below to go to the UCC Movement for Palestinian Solidarity website for the latest. [https:// www.uccmps.org](https://www.uccmps.org)

## Pinellas Hope

On the second Tuesday of the month we will be returning to Pinellas Hope. Cookie bakers, this is the date you've been waiting for. Everyone is invited to join us to prepare and serve lunch for the housing insecure.

## Food Pantry

We continue to collect food items and hygiene supplies for those in need of our assistance. Residents of nearby Largo and Seminole benefit from our food pantry gifts. Contribute as you are able.



## *SUBMIT YOUR OWN WAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Write up your announcement and send it to the church office ([churchoftheisles@gmail.com](mailto:churchoftheisles@gmail.com)) with the subject line "Wave". For a prayer request contact pastor Wesley or submit your item by email with the subject line "WAVE prayer request".

Please submit your announcements by **10am on Tuesday morning.**