

# *THE WAVE*

*August 20, 2025*



## *Church News*

### **Healing After Helene - Joint Beach Service on 9/28 at 6pm**

On September 28 at 6pm on the 25th Ave beach access, Church of the Isles and Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church will hold a joint service of healing and celebration of our communities' resilience in the year since Hurricane Helene. All are welcome.

### *THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP*

***Readings: Jeremiah  
1:4-10 ; Luke 13:10-17***

**People of Faith Raising Moral  
Witness in Response to  
"Alligator Alcatraz"**

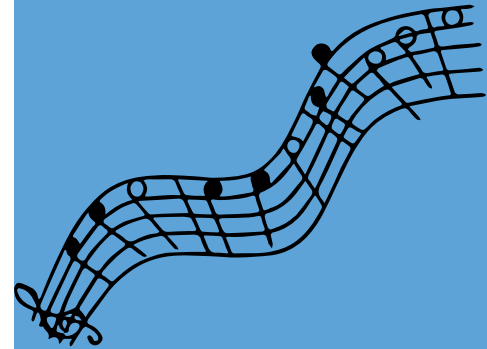
Leaders of faith and conscience from across Florida are holding weekly interfaith vigils each Sunday, outside of the Everglades Detention Center that is cruelly known as Alligator Alcatraz, starting August 3, from 5:00pm-6:00pm to pray and witness against the inhumane and unconstitutional treatment of our neighbors. To learn more:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article311730090.html>



**Help us keep COTI cool for the  
summer**

When you see a closed door, know that we're not trying to keep you out, we're trying to keep you cool! Office, Pilgrim Hall, Sanctuary, and Chapel. You will be helping keep the cool air in and our electric bill down! Bless you for your awesomeness and cooperation with this. And all God's COOL people said, "AMEN !"



***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*

Curtis, Devin, Christopher, and Gianna Watson, on the passing of Scott

Deep concern for Nancy Ertz's dear long-time friend and co-worker for her diagnosis of cancer. Prayers for complete healing

Healing for Skip and Nancy Ertz

Judy and Phil Pratt, on the loss of Judy's father Edwin Smith

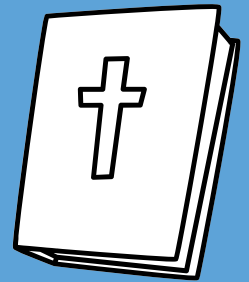
Shirley Finkenstadt as she recovers from pacemaker replacement surgery.

Marla Boeman, who is experiencing health concerns

Patti Dalina's mother Lorraine, who has been admitted to hospice

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox

Friends in Arkansas Jason and Crystal's young grandson



## **STUDY-**

Our first fall book study begins on Sunday 9/7 after worship. We're reading Joseph H. Carens' *Immigrants and the Right to Stay*. Rev. Wesley will send a study guide to last year's bible study participants soon. If you're not on that list but want to be involved, reach out to Rev. Wesley or the office.

# *Missions and Social Action*

## **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

## **Pinellas Hope**

On the second Tuesday of the month we will 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.

## **Voices on the Israel Palestine Conflict**

As the conflict in Palestine rages on, leaders in the UCC's Palestine Israel Network and allied organizations like Churches for Middle East Peace 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 Palestine Israel Network website for the latest. [https:// www.uccpin.org](https://www.uccpin.org)

## **Renew your Mail-in Ballot**

All Florida mail ballot requests expired after last November's election. To renew your mail ballot requests. Call the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections office at **727-464-8683** from 8:00 am-5:00 pm M-F or do it online today at [votepinellas.gov/VoteByMail](http://votepinellas.gov/VoteByMail).



## ***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**.



# **INTERFAITH VIGIL**

**OUTSIDE THE CRUELLY NAMED  
ALLIGATOR  
ALCATRAZ  
DETENTION CAMP  
SUNDAYS @ 5 PM**

**54575 TAMiami TRAIL E (RT. 41), OCHOPEE, FL 34141**

Leaders of faith and conscience from across Florida are holding weekly interfaith vigils each Sunday, starting August 3, from 5:00pm-6:00pm outside the detention center to pray and witness against the inhumane and unconstitutional treatment of our neighbors.

*We ask clergy to don vestments as appropriate to their office*

*Everyone is welcome to this peaceful gathering*

*Dress for mosquito protection*

*Park on the side of the road near the detention center.*

**RSVP IF YOU CAN TO  
HELP US PLAN**

**<http://bit.ly/4l2KwrH>**

