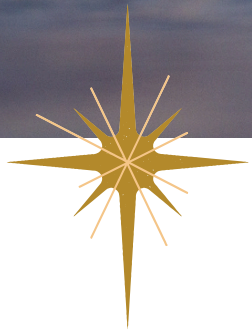


# *THE WAVE*

*December 10, 2025*



## *Church News*

**COTI Christmas Party -  
12/14 @ 5pm**

On 12/14 at 5pm at the East Bay Golf Club, COTI is having our annual Christmas party! This fellowship event is at no cost to participants. You can sign up to join the party in Pilgrim Hall or by calling the church office.

**Caroling in the Park -  
12/16 @ 6pm**

The COTI choir is singing Christmas Carols at the Florida Botanical Garden. Come out to enjoy the lights and the music!

## *THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP*

***Reading: Luke  
1:46b-55***

***Message: "A Song of  
Flourishing"***



## HOLIDAY WORSHIP at CHURCH OF THE ISLES



### 7PM - THE LONGEST NIGHT

A service for those in grief during the holidays. @ Church of the Isles chapel.

### 4PM - LESSONS AND CAROLS ON THE BEACH

@ 25th Ave Beach Access IRB

### 7PM - CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

@ Church of the Isles Sanctuary



### 10AM - CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

@ Church of the Isles chapel



*\*LOCATIONS OF CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO BEACH RENOURISHMENT AND SANCTUARY POWER CONCERNS. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE WAVE AND COTI FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION AS THE MONTH PROGRESSES.*

## Contemplative Prayer Offerings for Advent

Advent is a time of quiet reflection, anticipation, and a yielding to the emergence of God's incarnation in the world. In celebration of this season, Rev. Wesley is leading two weekly contemplative prayer offerings during advent.

For the four Sundays of Advent, we will hold silent prayer in the memorial garden at 8:30am.

Then, on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm beginning on December 3rd, we are bringing back our candlelight service in the the garden. Assuming we continue to have a solid turnout, this service will be offered until the Wednesday of Holy Week.

## Coffee Hour

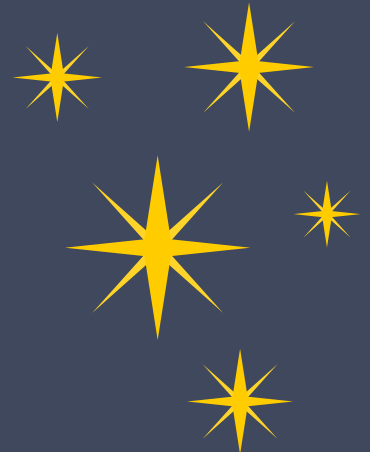
**1st Sunday of the Month:** Birthday Sunday/ Church Council

**2nd Sunday:** Deacons

**3rd Sunday:** Men

**4th Sunday:** Congregation

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



# *Prayer List*

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

The family of Kathleen Addison, following her passing.

John Waller, Jeannie's brother, on the passing of his significant other Cindy

Otis and Linda Taylor

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

Helen, who has been admitted to hospice.

Mary Mallon, who is recovering from a fall

Barbara Wilkins, who is recovering from hip surgery after a fall

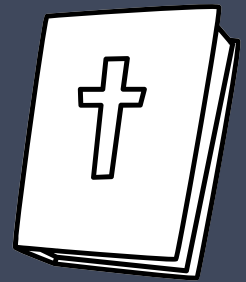
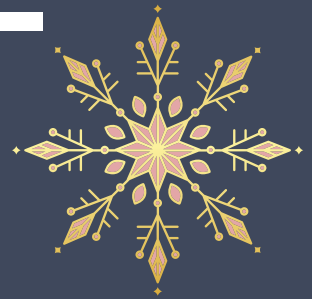
Wanda Boss, who is recovering from a recent hospitalization.

Members of Marla Boeman's family, who are experiencing hardship.

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

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox



**STUDY- Sundays at  
11:30 am**

"Women in the Bible"  
Week 2: Tamar  
Read: Study guide +  
Genesis 38 and 2  
Samuel 13





# Missions and Social Action

## Tampa Bay area Interfaith Vigils in Solidarity with Immigrants

Every Sunday at 4pm, people of faith and conscience from a diversity of traditions and perspectives are gathering at the Pinellas County Courthouse at 49th St N and 144th Ave N to raise moral witness against the inhumane and unjust treatment of our immigrant neighbors. All are welcome to join in raising witness at this peaceful gathering!

## 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

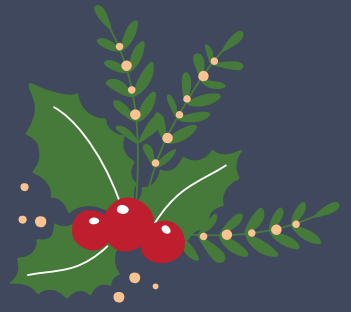
As the conflict in Palestine rages on, leaders in the United Church of Christ Movement for Palestinian Solidarity continue to offer reflection and guidance concerning the church's response and responsibility to the violence. Please click the link below to go to the UCC Movement for Palestinian Solidarity 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**.



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## BEACH COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

### *Join the Team*

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Like many organizations right now, we're experiencing a shortage of regular volunteers. People's schedules have changed, and some of our faithful helpers are no longer able to serve due to health, family, or work responsibilities. We are deeply thankful for the dedicated team we do have, who continue to give their time and energy to keep the store open and welcoming to the community. The thrift store plays an important role in both serving our neighbors and supporting the ministries of the church. We would love to see more people involved—even a few hours a month makes a difference. If you or someone you know might be interested, we warmly invite you to join the team. Together, we can ensure the thrift store continues to be a place of service, fellowship, and blessing to the community. Thank You, Jeannie Waller, Resource Coordinator

