

THE WAVE

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Church News

Black History Month at COTI

February is Black History Month! Each of the four Sundays in February will observe and celebrate significant Black folks and achievements throughout US history, Christian history, and local history here in Pinellas County. We begin this Sunday with a guided discussion on significant Black cultural, scientific, literary, and scholarly figures.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Readings: Micah 6:1-8

Message: Black Luminaries throughout History

Church of the Isles Honored at Friends of Ridgecrest MLK Breakfast

On Monday, the Friends of Ridgecrest held their annual breakfast celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. day. At the ceremony, they honored their mission partners and service providers, including Church of the Isles, for our support of their events and participation on their steering committee. Thank you for your ministry!



Ash Wednesday - 2/18

In a few short weeks we recognize Ash Wednesday, one of the most solemn and intimate observances of mortality in Christian practice and the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent.

COTI will offer a traditional Ash Wednesday service at 12pm on 2/18. Then, from 1pm to 4pm, Rev. Wesley will be in the sanctuary roundabout (on the Bay Blvd side of campus) to administer ashes to folks who drive or walk up. Please join us for this edifying spiritual observance.

Contemplative Service to become Midweek Prayer on Wednesdays at 12pm beginning on February 4

Our contemplative service offering is changing shape. Church of the Isles will no longer offer our 5:30pm contemplative candlelight service after next week (Jan. 21). Instead, we are beginning a new prayer service at noon on Wednesdays, leaning on the Spirit and one another for healing and community in the midst of our always-hectic weeks. We hope you can join us for this moment of quiet solidarity, prayerful community, and hopeful restoration each Wednesday at noon beginning February 4.

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.

Barbara Wilkins, who has been admitted to hospice.

Shirley Forrest, who is experiencing health concerns.

Shirley Finkenstadt, who was hospitalized again following a fall.

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

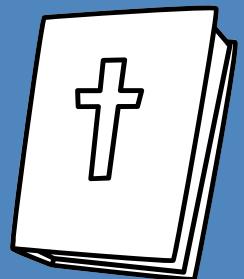
Members of Marla Boeman's family, who are experiencing hardship

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox

**STUDY- Women in
the Bible**

**Week 7: The woman
at the well**

**Read: Study Guide +
John 4:5-30, 39-42**



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



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>

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.



SUBMIT YOUR OWN WAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write up your announcement and send it to the church office (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**.

B E A C H C O M M U N I T Y T H R I F T S T O R E

Join the Team

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

