

# THE WAVE

January 3, 2026



## Church News

**Merry Christmas!**

Thank you for a joyous Christmas season!

### **Seeking nominees for church officers and committees**

The annual meeting is coming up on the last Sunday in January! Church leadership is seeking a new treasurer and clerk, as well as folks to serve as deacons and on the missions and social action committee. If you would like more information, or if you would like to nominate yourself or another, please contact the church office, Rev. Wesley, or Phil Pratt (Vice-moderator and chair of nominating).

### **THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP**

**Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

**Message: What gifts do you bring?**

## **Coffee Hour**

### **Wednesday Contemplative Service - 5:30pm**

On Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm from Advent through the end of Lent, we are bringing back our candlelight service in the the garden. All are welcome to gather, sing, pray, and experience the spiritual solidarity of our good community and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**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 Finkenstandt, who is experiencing health concerns

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

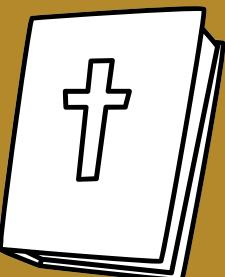
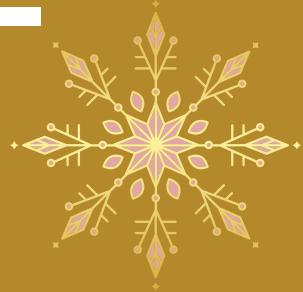
Otis and Linda Taylor

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

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

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

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox



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

**Women in the Bible  
wk 4**

*Readings: Study  
Guide + Proverbs  
31:10-31*



# *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](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**.



## 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

