

# THE WAVE

July 24, 2025



## *Important Church News*

### **Meal Train for the Watson Family**

Our church mourns the passing of Scott Elsass, Curtis Watson's husband, Christopher, Devin, and Gianna's father. As we strive to surround their family with our love and care, members of the congregation are invited to sign up to provide lunch for the Watsons any day between now and Sunday July 27 as an act of support. You can sign up to be part of the meal train here:

[www.mealtrain.com/trains/ow71ln/](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ow71ln/)

### **Turf, Truth, and the Spirit - General Synod Closing Sermon by Rev. Tony Coleman**

Looking for a source of inspiration this week? Enjoy Rev. Tony Coleman's powerful closing message from the UCC's General Synod. You can find a video of his sermon embedded in [this webpage](#) recap of [Synod's closing service](#).

### *THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP*

***Readings: Luke  
11:1-13***

***Message: What is  
prayer? And why do we  
pray?***

## Congregational Life Activities

**July 30 - Field trip!** Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Contact office for details

### August Worship in the Chapel

We will enjoy our regular Sunday services in the chapel for the month of August.

### General Synod 35 Recap with Rev. Wesley this Sunday 7/27

This Sunday following worship, Rev. Wesley will lead a review of this year's General Synod. After a brief explanation of what synod is and how it fits into the life of the UCC, we will take a bird's eye view of what was accomplished at Synod, including proposed changes to the national setting and, especially, the resolutions passed by the national gathering.



## Pride month altar items available for pick up

Come by the church office and pick up your items from our pride altar. Thank you for expressing your faith and our ONA covenant so beautifully for June!

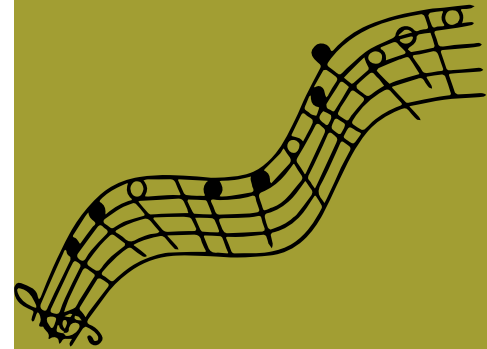


### Help us keep COTI cool for the summer

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 !"

### Rev. Wesley on vacation 8/3 - 8/14

In case of pastoral emergency while Rev. Wesley is on vacation, call Rev. Dr. Martin Lewis at (727) 580-0864.



### 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

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

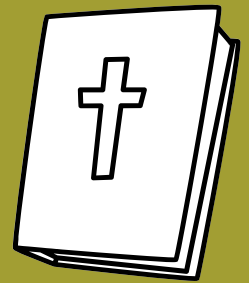
Patti Dalina's mother Lorraine, who has been admitted to hospice

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox had brain  
surgery yesterday.

Friends in Arkansas Jason and Crystal's young grandson having an  
upper body scope Thursday. Doctors believe he has celiac(s) disease.

Dad's cousin Gary in Iowa will be 88 tomorrow! He thought he had a  
stroke a few days ago. The doctors couldn't find anything. He's  
struggling with a few health issues.

Friends helping parents.



## **STUDY-**

See you in September  
for our study of  
Immigrants and the  
Right to Stay by Joseph  
H. Carens!

# *Missions and Social Action*

## **Church of the Isles at the Ridgecrest Y's Back to School Party!**

On August 9 from 11am to 2pm, COTI will have a table at the Ridgecrest Y's Back to School Party to hand out free school supplies to kids getting ready for the new year! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Rev. Wesley.

## **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.

## **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**.