THE WAVE

March 5, 2026

CHURCH OF THE ISLES
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church News

Organ Concert - 3/29 @ 4pm

Celebrate the return of our organ with a Palm Sunday afternoon concert from our organist and vice-moderator Phil Pratt!

Jazz Night at Pilgrim Hall - April 8, 15, 22, and 29 @ 7pm

Join us in April for a series of jazz concerts organized by our pianist Ayrias Pedigo. Come, support the arts, and bring your friends for what is sure to be a lively and fun series of concerts!

COTI New Member Class - March 8, 15, 29 at 11:30am

COTI will hold a 3-part class for people interested in becoming members of the congregation on March 8, 15, and 29 at 11:30am. If you or someone you know would like to join in, let Rev. Wesley know at wesleysnedeker@gmail.com!

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Readings: John 4:5-42

Message: Desiring Living Water

Greenfest Central!

IRB Greenfest, our biggest community event of the year, is on March 21, 2026! Come, have a great time, invite your family and friends, and consider volunteering!

Soft drink and water donations needed!

Our congregation sells soft drinks and water to keep folks hydrated and cool during greenfest. We're seeking donations of your favorite sodas, along with water in aluminum cans (e.g. La Croix, Open Water, etc.) or paper boxes (e.g. Boxed Water)--NO plastic bottles. Please drop your donations in Pilgrim Hall.

Bakers Wanted for Greenfest!

We are seeking bakers to contribute to the Greenfest bakesale! If you'd like to participate, there are cookie bins in Pilgrim Hall with instructions for bakers.

Volunteers Wanted for Greenfest!

We're looking for volunteers to serve two hour shifts setting up tents, selling drink and raffle tickets, helping with the 50/50, working the bakesale, and doing all sorts of jobs to make IRB Greenfest a wonderful event! You can sign up online by clicking here or on the signup sheet in Pilgrim Hall later this 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*

Midweek Prayer - Wednesdays at Noon until Easter

In the spirit of Lent, Church of the Isles is offering a midweek service of prayer and song every Wednesday at noon until Easter. Come to recharge, gather in spiritual solidarity, and get closer to God and neighbor in the act of worship.

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.

The family of Barbara Wilkins, following her passing.

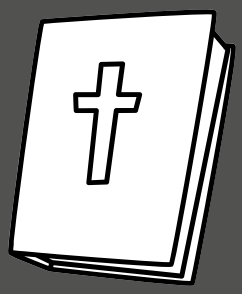
The family of Rodney Snedeker, following his passing.

Shirley Forrest, who is experiencing health concerns.

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

Marla Boeman's son Randy, who will undergo surgery on Monday, March 9.

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox.



STUDY- Women in the Bible week 10

"Sex and Desire"

Read: Song of Solomon 1-2, Proverbs 7, Numbers 5:11-28, Matthew 5:27-28

Missions and Social Action

Free bus to vigil at Everglades Detention facility - 3/22

On March 22, the Florida Interfaith Coalition is providing a free bus from Pinellas county to anyone who wants to attend their weekly vigil at the gates of the detention facility cruelly nicknamed "Alligator Alcatraz." This is an all-day trip but a powerful opportunity to join in worship and witness with people of a variety of faiths calling for migrant justice.

Seats are limited. Talk to Rev. Wesley for details.

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**

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.**

BEACH COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

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