

THE WAVE

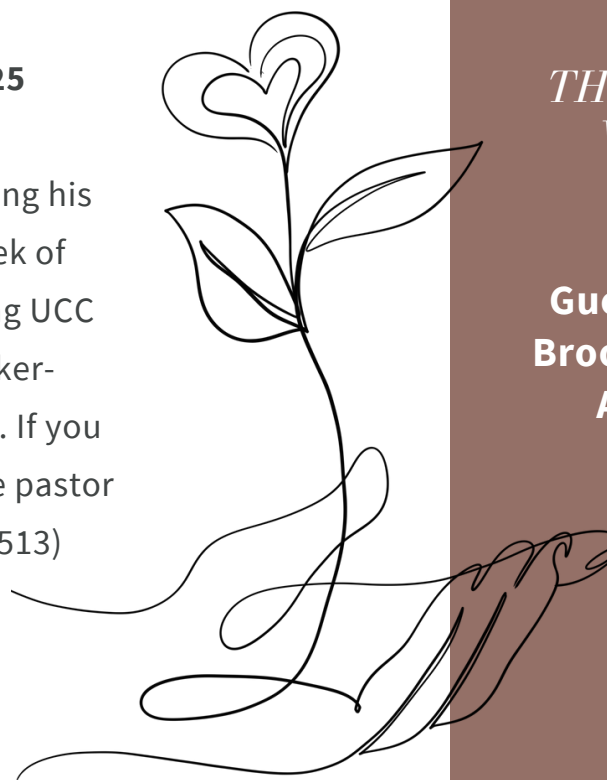
October 17, 2025



Church News

Rev. Wesley out of town 10/17-10/25

Rev. Wesley will be in Denver, CO defending his PhD dissertation proposal the third week of October. COTI looks forward to welcoming UCC Member in Discernment Brooks Snedeker-Applegate as our guest preacher on 10/19. If you experience a pastoral emergency while the pastor is away, call Rev. Dr. Sarah Melcher at (513) 692-8491.



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

**Guest preacher:
Brooks Snedeker-
Applegate!**

**Congregational Meeting 11/2,
Information sessions 10/19 and
10/26**

Church Council is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday November 2 at 11:30am to vote on COTI entering a relationship with a general contractor for building repairs. A zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date for those participating remotely.

Pet Blessing 10/26

Bring your pet to church that day if they need Jesus!

All Saints Sunday 11/2

On All Saints Sunday, we recognize those we have passed on. You are welcome to bring an artifact that reminds you of someone you've loved and lost to place on the altar that Sunday.

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

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.

The Dalina family, on the passing of Lorraine

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

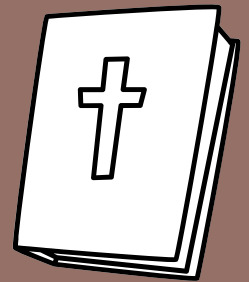
Deep concern for Nancy Ertz's dear long-time friend and co-worker
for her diagnosis of cancer. Prayers for complete healing

Healing for Skip and Nancy Ertz

Judy and Phil Pratt, on the loss of Judy's father Edwin Smith

Shirley Finkenstadt as she recovers from a recent hospitalization

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox



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

**Next meeting: 11/9
We'll discuss what we
want to study next
from the Yale Divinity
Online Bible Study!**

Missions and Social Action

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

People of Faith Raising Moral Witness in Response to "Alligator Alcatraz"

Leaders of faith and conscience from across Florida are holding weekly interfaith vigils each Sunday, outside of the Everglades Detention Center that is cruelly known as Alligator Alcatraz, starting August 3, from 5:00pm-6:00pm to pray and witness against the inhumane and unconstitutional treatment of our neighbors. To learn more:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article311730090.html>



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)

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

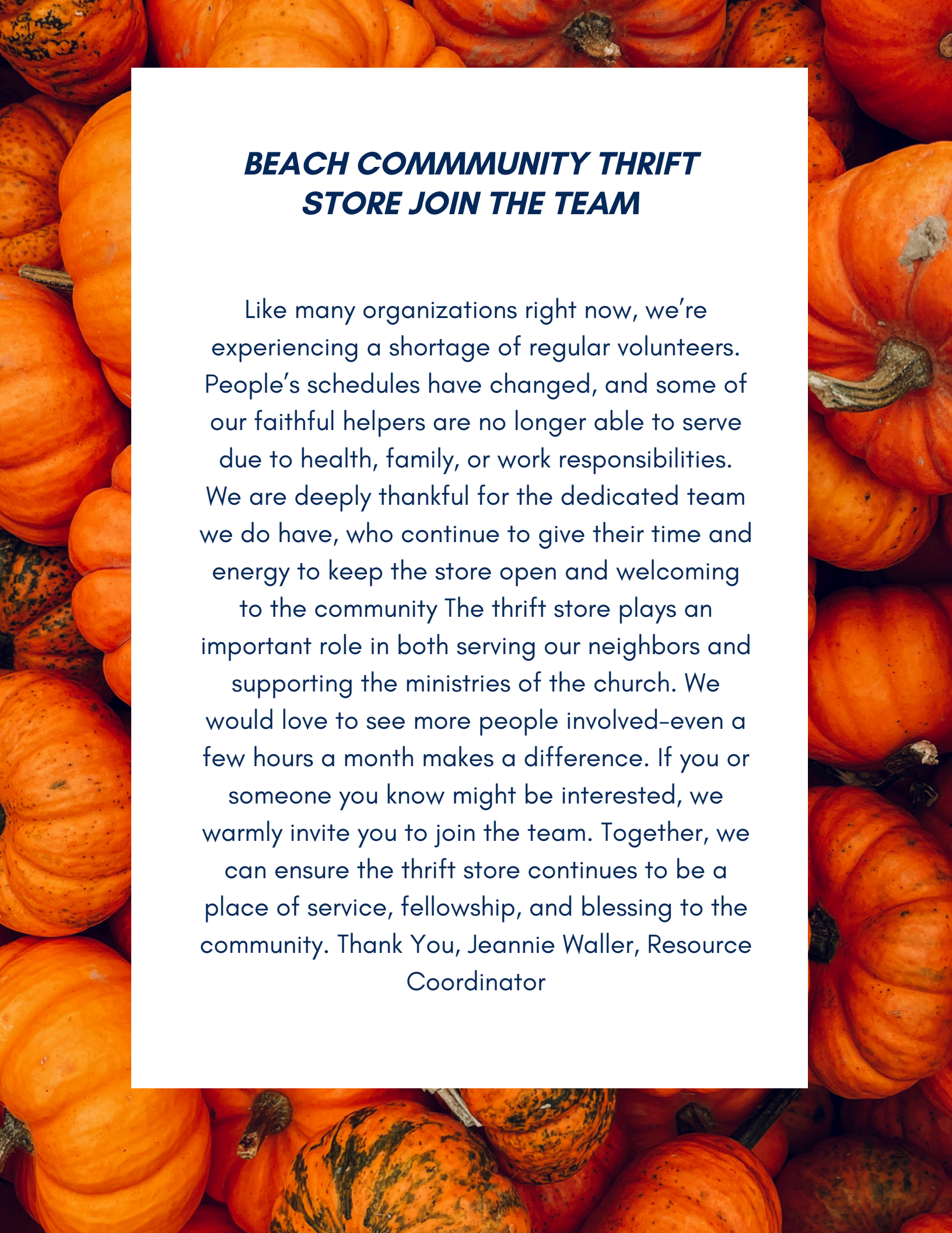
We continue to collect food items and hygiene supplies for those in need of our assistance. Residents of nearby Largo and Seminole benefit from our food pantry gifts. Contribute as you are able.



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**.

The background of the entire page is a dense, close-up photograph of various pumpkins and gourds. The colors range from bright orange to dark, mottled green and black, suggesting different varieties. The pumpkins are piled together, creating a textured, autumnal backdrop.

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