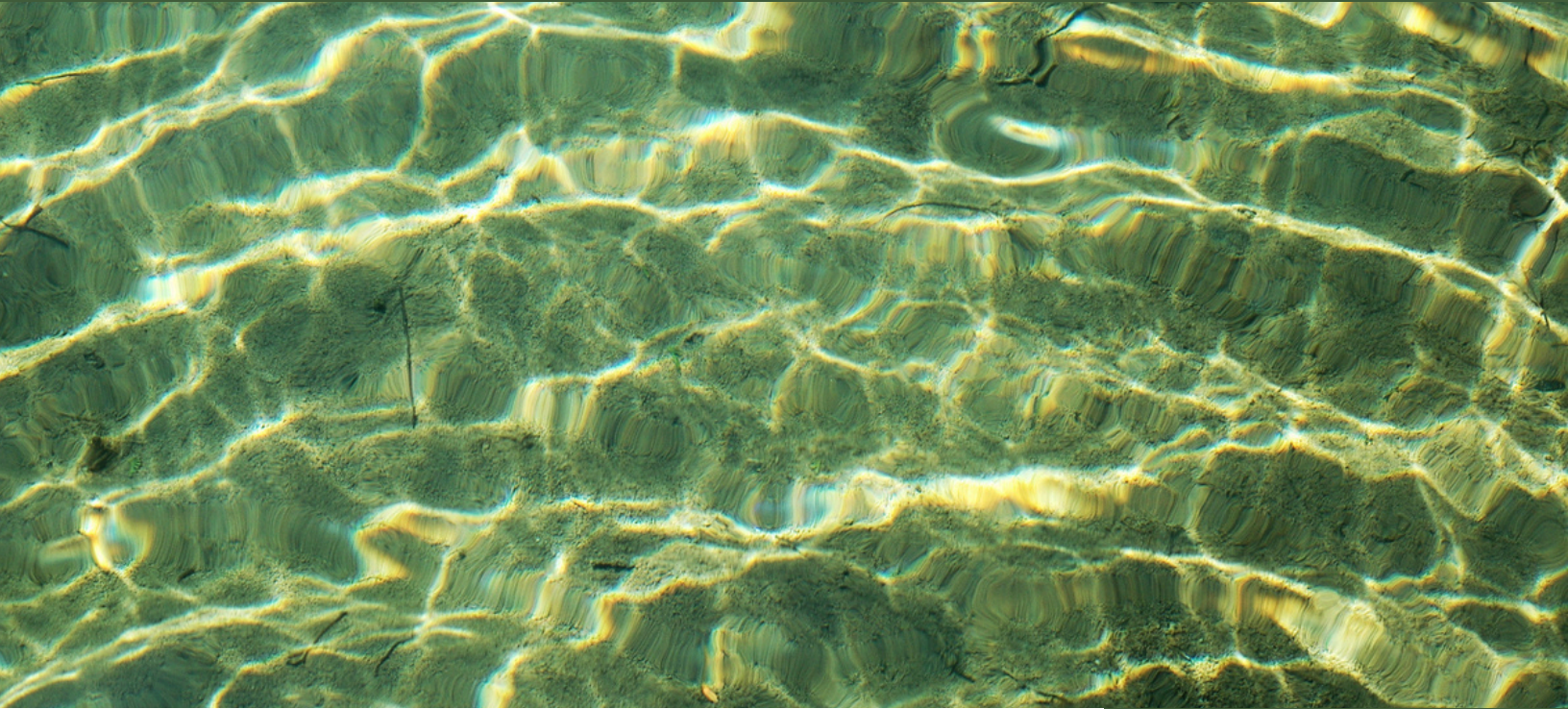


# *THE WAVE*

*September 4, 2025*



## *Church News*

### **Hispanic Heritage Sunday - 9/14**

Our Sunday service on 9/14 will celebrate the theologies, faith, and witness of Latin America and the Latine diaspora, featuring special music and a message from Rev. Wesley focused on a vital figure in Latine Christianity.



### *THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP*

**Readings: *Jeremiah*  
*18:1-11; Luke*  
*14:25-33***

**Message: *Faith*  
*Matters***

## Healing After Helene - September 28

A joint service of healing and remembrance with Pass-a-Grille Beach UCC. We will meet at **COTI at 5pm for a common meal**. Then, we will hold a service at the **25th Ave beach access at 6:30pm**. All are welcome!

### 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 !"

### New Special Services Calendar!

The Special Services Calendar for the 2025-2026 programming year has been released! You can find it attached to the email this very newsletter came with, or on the events page of the COTI website.



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### 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

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

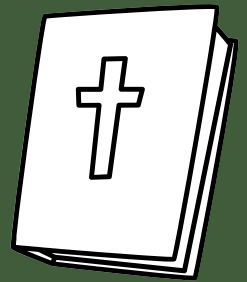
Shirley Finkenstadt as she recovers from a recent hospitalization

Marla Boeman, who has successfully completed her treatments

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

Friend in Arkansas Kerri's one year old grandson Maddox

Friends in Arkansas Jason and Crystal's young grandson



## **STUDY-**

Our first fall book study begins on Sunday 9/7 after worship. We're reading Joseph H. Carens' *Immigrants and the Right to Stay*. Rev. Wesley will send a study guide to last year's bible study participants soon. If you're not on that list but want to be involved, reach out to Rev. Wesley or the office.

# *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](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**.

# HEALING AFTER HELENE

## A FIRST ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE

**PLEASE BRING BEACH CHAIRS AND JOIN US FOR A  
SACRED TIME OF WORSHIP AND HEALING.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

**5:00PM: COMMUNITY MEAL AT CHURCH OF THE ISLES**

**6:30PM: WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE BEACH**

**200 24TH AVE N, INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL 33785**

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