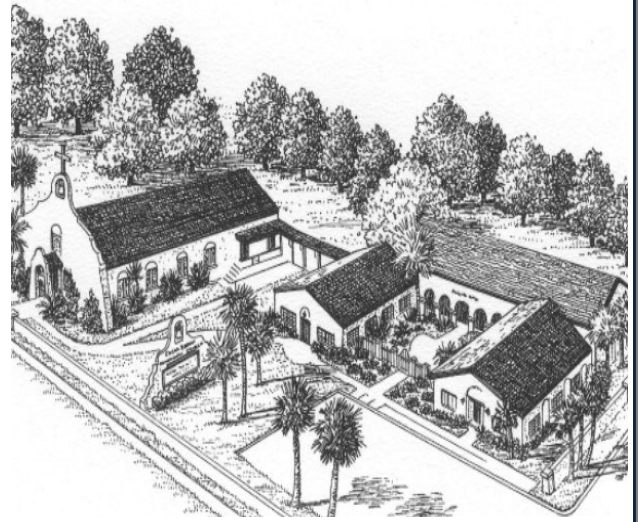


# The Sunday Courier

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

### COCOA BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
God is still speaking,

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



**10:00 AM**

**Rev. Geoffrey Gross**

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Provided by*

*Paul & Karen Neumann*

*In Honor of their Wedding  
Anniversary*



#### **YOU'RE INVITED AFTER WORSHIP**



**Hosted by:**

**Dr. Brian Hodges**

#### **FELLOWSHIP HOSTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Please consider signing up to host our fellowship.

Just one time makes a difference!



**Our Sanctuary Is a Safe Place**  
for All People to Worship

Regardless of Race, Creed, Gender,  
Cultural Background or Sexual Orientation



**TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

Banned Book Library  
Open 12-2 pm

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**PAINTING - CRAFTERS**  
9:00am to Noon

**THRIFT SHOP OPEN**  
10:00am-2:00pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

**Bible Study**                      **1:00 Bible Study**  
*Sponsler Hall*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

**Knitting**                              **10:00am**  
**Choir**                                      **6:00 pm**  
*Sponsler Hall*  
**Ensemble**                              **7:00pm**  
*Sanctuary*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

**CSE**                                      **10:30am**  
*Sponsler Hall*

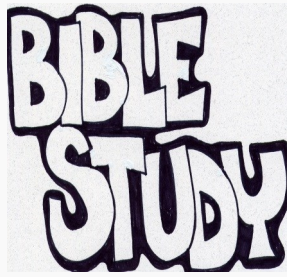
**THRIFT SHOP OPEN**  
10:00am – 2:00pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

**THRIFT SHOP OPEN**  
10:00am – 2:00pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

Sandpiper Group  
6:30pm  
*Sponsler Hall*



**Tuesdays @ 1:00pm**

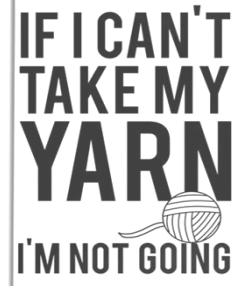
We resume our Study of Genesis  
**"Beginnings- Highlights  
from the Book of Genesis".**

*Facilitator: Rev. Rick Oppelt*

**KNITTING**

**Wednesdays at 10:00am**  
*In the Banned Book Library*

**No Experience Necessary**  
See Susie Fast



**CENTER FOR  
SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**

**Thursdays, April 4 - 25**

**10:30am-12:30pm in Sponsler Hall**

**"UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT"**

A Great Course Lecture Series ~ Our final Week

**CBCB THURSDAY POOL BREAK**

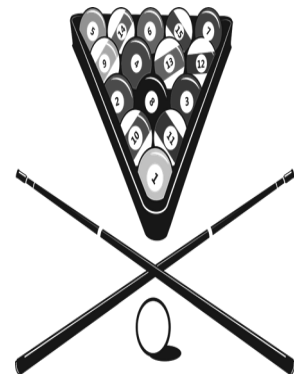
You're invited to join us!

Just \$5.00 to play.

**Thursdays**  
4:00pm to 6:00pm

**We meet at  
Island Breakers**

All skill levels are invited.



**Island Breakers Billiards**

950 N Courtenay Pkwy #4,  
Merritt Island

**CONTACT: Rich Myers**  
**@ 321-806-9537**

Get on our text chain for  
your weekly reminder!

**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
ENJOY  
BILLIARDS**



**Big Brothers  
Big Sisters**  
OF AMERICA

## BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

The **CBCC Missions & Outreach Committee** is excited to share a new project you can all get involved with.

**CBCC is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)** to provide 30 backpacks filled with school supplies for Brevard County youth enrolled in BBBS.



**The giveaway will take place during a Summer Bash event to be held at Sponsler Hall in July but we need your help now filling these backpacks.**

You can either purchase school supplies using the list below or donate money using the special envelopes found in the church pews and your committee members will purchase the needed supplies. We have set up a sample bookbag with supplies in Sponsler Hall so you can see the items that will go into backpacks. There are also copies of the school supplies lists so you can take one and go shopping! **We will have a special guest from BBBS attending our worship on Sunday, May 5.** We hope all be able to be in attendance!



- 2 wide rule notebook paper • 3 highlighters • 1 Binder
- Folders • Pack of Pencils Pack of pens • Composition Book
- Pack of Markers • Pair of Safety Scissors • Glue sticks
- Crayons • Pencil case • Ruler • Eraser • Pencil Sharpener
- Jump Drive (memory stick) • Dividers • Post its

**Questions?** Contact any of the Missions & Outreach committee members. We thank you in advance for helping out with this new and exciting project to support our local youth and a noteworthy organization! - **Marsha, Anne, and Dr. Brian**

### 2024 Florida UCC Women

#### Annual Conference

Friday, April 26 ~ Sunday, April 28

**Warren Willis Camp  
and Conference Center**

*Fruitland Park, FL 34731*



**Florida United Church of Christ Women (FL UCCW)** is part of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ. It encourages cooperation with local and national Christian Women's organizations.

The purpose of FL UCCW is to help women cultivate the spirit of Christ and to promote sisterhood and cooperation among women of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ.

### INCOME ~ EXPENSE

March income was \$24,000. Expenses were \$37,700 mainly due to an \$11,000 insurance payment. Income held in savings was used to cover the deficit.

### QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

#### AVAILABLE NOW!

Giving statements are in sealed envelopes  
*in Sponsler Hall*

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Statements left after 4/21 will be mailed.



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

WELCOME ~ GREETING VISITORS

GATHERING MUSIC

Sally Hart

~ CENTERING ~

“God Is So Good”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

What a joy it is to welcome you this day! **We are grateful and happy to be here.** Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him. **We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.** Be ready to serve God in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you. **Our hearts and spirits are open this day to receive God’s holy words. AMEN.**

*(Ministry Matters )*

### OPENING PRAYER

**Day by day, God leads us: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace. Day by day, Jesus calls us: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope. Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us: the community we could be, the family we are called to become. Amen**

*(Thom Shuman)*

\*HYMN

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Shirley Erena Murray

**V1.** Come and find the quiet center In the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, Find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, Clear our eyes, that we can see  
All the things that really matter, Be at peace, and simply be.

**V2.** Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

**V3.** In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain;  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.** Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**  
*(mikeharvat.com)*

### THE WORD IN SONG

*"He Shall Feed His Flock"*

CBCC Choir



### THE WRITTEN WORD

Linda Griffin

John 10: 11-18

### THE SPOKEN WORD

*"The Good Shepherd"*

Rev. Geoffrey Gross

### \*HYMN

**"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

NCH 252

**V1.** Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
 in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

**V2.** We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
 keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

**V3.** Let us always seek your favor; let us always do your will;  
 Jesus Christ, our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ CHRIST MODEL PRAYER ~



### CALL TO OFFERING ~ OFFERING

Ensemble: Earth Sunday Song ~ "Natures Way" by Spirit

#### \*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Jamaica Farewell)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow, Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator Christ and Holy Ghost. **(Repeat)**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Geoffrey Gross

MN

#### "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

Rufus H. McDaniel

**V1.** What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, Since Jesus came into my heart!

**Refrain:** Since Jesus came into my heart, Since Jesus came into my heart,  
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, Since Jesus came into my heart.

**V2.** I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And my sins which were many are all washed away, Since Jesus came into my heart!

**[Refrain]**

**V3.** I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, Since Jesus came into my heart!

**[Refrain]**

**V4** There's a light in the valley of death now for me, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And the gates of the city beyond I can see, Since Jesus came into my heart! **[Refrain]**

**V5.** I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, Since Jesus came into my heart! **[Refrain]**

#### \*COMMISSIONING ~ BENEDICTION

Rev. Geoffrey Gross

***\*Stand in Body or in Spirit as able***

## PARTICIPANTS:

~ Rev. Geoffrey Gross ~ CBCC Choir; Jan Johns: Director ~ Dave Wrable : Keyboards  
Coleman Todd: Guitar, Vocals ~ Rick Baird: Bass ~ Brian Hodges: Percussion  
Karen and Rob Monks: Vocals ~ Linda Griffin: Liturgist

**USHERS:** Ron Phillips and Paul Ulrich

**AUDIO/VIDEO:** Evan Thomas ~ Michele Thomas ~ Coleman Todd



**IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME  
WELCOME !!**

**We want to keep in touch with you.**

Please fill out the information card attached to your gift bag  
and place them in offering plate. **Thank You.**

## SING IN THE CHOIR!

**WEDNESDAYS**

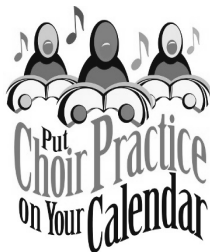
**6:00PM**

**Sunday Mornings**

**9:30AM**

*in Sponsler Hall*

Contact: Jan Johns



## If you have prayer requests

you would like to include in  
Sunday's worship  
please fill out the  
green cards in your pew.



## BANNED BOOK LIBRARY

On the first Saturday  
and third Sunday  
of each month

**12:00 PM to 2:00 PM,**

Mark these dates—  
the literary  
revolution awaits!

**Open Today!**

and

**Saturday, May 4 ~ Sunday May, 19**



## WE COLLECT FOOD EVERY WEEK!

CBCC supports food ministries in  
Cocoa Beach and the Space Coast.

**Food can be dropped off on Sundays**

Or anytime during the week.

Ready-to-eat lunch bags are available  
at the Thrift Shop and the church office  
for friends who stop by.

**Lunch bags are also  
delivered to other agencies  
who distribute them  
to those in need!**



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

## BANNED BOOK CLUB

"The Color Purple"  
by Alice Walker

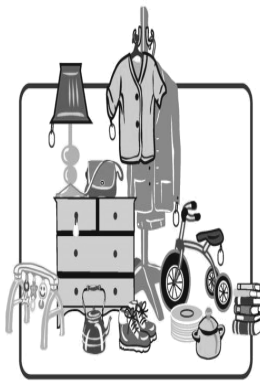
Discussion ~ Thursday, May 2

1:30pm - 2:30pm

**The  
Color  
Purple**

# Cocoa Beach Community Church Thrift Shop

Monday, Thursday & Friday  
10:00a.m - 2:00p.m.



## JOIN THE THRIFT SHOP TEAM!

Call the Shop

*During store hours*

321.799.4355

or the church office.

Together  
we  
make  
the  
difference

## Come Share Your Talents!

Enjoy the fellowship of others  
while doing great work!

**AND... It is FUN!**



**CBCC has two AED units.** One is located in the church entry area. The other unit is located in Sponsler Hall by the double doors.



An AED, or **automated external defibrillator**, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.



## BE AN USHER

Ushers are often the first face  
folks see on Sundays!!

**Come be that friendly face!**

Let's provide a welcoming and helpful  
environment to all who enter!

**Contact Coleman Todd (321-427-3436)**

**or Jo Ann Kolterman (321-446-7452)**

**IT IS GREAT**

**TO BE ALIVE IN . . .**



## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00—2:00pm

**Wednesday:**

By appt only

*Please call the office if you  
would like to make an appt.*

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