

The Sunday Courier

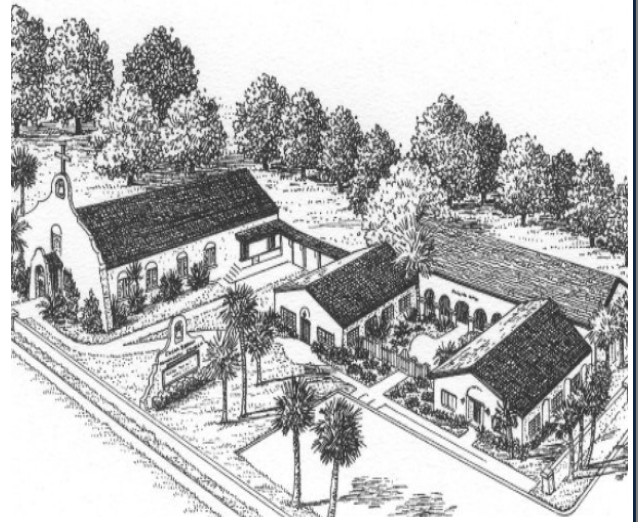
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

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
Art Sanders*



In Honor of
Francisco Manoja Serra

YOU'RE INVITED AFTER WORSHIP

Hosted by:
Continuous Ministry
Endowment Fund
Committee



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



MONDAY, APRIL 8

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

PAINTING - CRAFTERS

9:00am to Noon

THRIFT SHOP OPEN

10:00am-2:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Governing Board Mtg. 10:00am
Amy Roller Library

Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study
Sponsler Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Knitting 10:00am

Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Coaster Taphouse

Choir 6:00 pm
Sponsler Hall

Ensemble 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

CSE 10:30am
Sponsler Hall

THRIFT SHOP OPEN

10:00am – 2:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

THRIFT SHOP OPEN

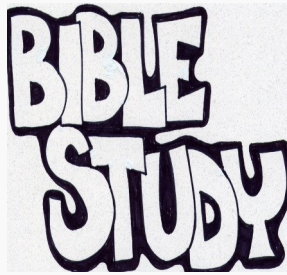
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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

CBCC THRIFT SHOP

FASHION SHOW

7:00PM



Tuesdays @ 1:00pm

"Easter Stories"

March 26—April 9

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 Four Weeks

The New Testament is a fascinating book—the canonical root of Christian history and theology. Yet the book is also a paradox, because this single “book” is comprised of 27 different books by more than a dozen authors, each of whom has a different perspective and is responding to a different set of historical circumstances. How do you reconcile this diversity of voices into a single, unified belief system? And should you even try? For historians, the diversity of authors is not a challenge to be reckoned with, but rather an exciting opportunity.

In the New Testament, we have 27 primary sources that offer a doorway to the captivating history of the early Christian communities.

**Each week we watch two 30 minute videos
with lunch in between.**

WANT TO MAKE LUNCH FOR OUR GROUP?

Contact Coleman



CBCC THRIFT SHOP FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 13,
7:00pm



To Celebrate the Thrift Shop 60th Anniversary

“A DAY IN AND AROUND COCOA BEACH”

We are looking for volunteers to help behind the scenes for the show.

We are also looking for donations for our raffle and silent auction.

If you are interested in this event talk to **Connie Heath and/or Lydia Goff** for further information.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, April 10
12 Noon

Coasters Taphouse

5675 N Atlantic Ave.
Cocoa Beach.



RSVP to Jo Ann at 321-446-7452



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 co-operation among women of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ.

All women in the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ are members of the Florida United Church of Christ Women.



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.**

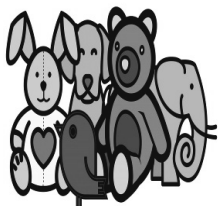
PEW BEARS!

Stuffed animals are in our pews.

In Memory of Phyllis Myers.

This plush pal has heard scriptures read, sermons preached,
prayers prayed, and songs of praise sung.

It has been prayed over and given love.
It wants to offer you comfort and peace
with the blessings of our Christian faith.



**Give ONE to someone you may
know who is in need of comfort
or even keep it for yourself.**

THINKING OF JOINING THE CHURCH?

Please Contact Rev. Geoff



SING IN THE CHOIR!

WEDNESDAYS

6:00PM

Sunday Mornings

9:30AM

in Sponsler Hall

Contact: Jan Johns



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)

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 to those in need!





FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

GATHERING MUSIC

"The Entertainer"

Dave Wrable

WELCOME ~ GREETING VISTORS

CENTERING TIME ~ "God Is So Good"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy is loose, we praise God for this glorious day, **Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.** Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs. **Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people. ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOY!** *(Re:worship)*

*HYMN

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

NCH 478

V1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

V2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

V3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

V4. I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.

I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.

OPENING PRAYER

O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen. *(Re:worship)*

HUMOR INTERLUDE

THE SPOKEN WORD

"Feels Good to Laugh"

Rev. Geoffrey Gross

*HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ~ Glory, Glory Hallelujah

NCH 474-2

V1. Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.

Glory, glory hallelujah! since I laid my burdens down.

V2. I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

V3. "I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

V4. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

V5. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me. ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ CHRIST MODEL PRAYER ~

~ CALL TO OFFERING ~ OFFERING ~ *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)**

THE WORD IN SONG

*"Christians Come,
Gather at the Table"*

CBCC Choir



COMMUNION

Holy and Wonderful:

A Dr. Seuss

Communion Liturgy

(Hacking Christianity)

HUMOR INTERLUDE

*HYMN

"Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"

George William Cooke

V1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,

Down in my heart, Down in my heart;

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

Refrain: And I'm so happy, so very happy. I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

And I'm so happy, so very happy. I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

V2. I've got the peace that passes understanding, Down in my heart,

Down in my heart, Down in my heart;

I've got the peace that passes understanding, Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

(Refrain)

V3. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, Down in my heart,

Down in my heart, Down in my heart;

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

(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 ~ Dennis Thompson: Percussion

Rob Monks and Lydia Goff: Vocals ~ Mary Miller: Liturgist

USHERS: Janine Shelby and Alma Stephenson

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



If you have prayer requests
you would like to include in Sunday's worship
please fill out the green cards in your pew
and place them in the offering plate.



PSALM 100

Y Y R E T N E C P G S J S E T A G
 E Q S H Z G E H Q C P W V D G Q T
 R V D T X C C D L F S C L N B D G
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 G E N E R A T I O N S H P E E H S

bless	courts	enter	everlasting	gates
generations	gladness	God	good	lands
LORD	mercy	noise	pasture	people
praise	presence	serve	sheep	singing
thanksgiving	truth			



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our first quarter of 2024 balances are reflected below with comparisons from other quarters. This quarter reflects the use of some of the 2024 pledges we were holding in non-checking account to cover insurance, parking regrading, health insurance payments for 2023 etc.

We thank God for the generous donations we receive from the parking lot, Women's Fellowship, and from each of our CBCC family members that provide support and commitment as we provide services to our members and our community.

	April 2024	January 2024	October 2023	July 2023
Church Reserves	\$143,826.77	\$129,635.20	\$114,989.72	\$144,838.13
Operational Funds	\$14,153.87	\$30,729.83	\$13,182.11	\$21,813.94
Designated Funds	\$140,076.03	\$136,604.33	\$123,459.89	\$128,363.71
Total Funds	\$298,056.67	\$296,969.36	\$251,631.72	\$295,815.78
Mortgage Balance	\$94,537.30	\$96,020.04	\$97,446.82	\$98,895.32

Church Reserves = Funds held at Edward Jones, United Church Funds NY (UCC) and Bank of America to Replenish Operational Funds, and for Expenses, Major Repairs or Projects.

Operational Funds = Checking Account (Bank of America) and Cornerstone Account (our mortgage thru the United Church of Christ) for daily operations and processes.

Designated Funds = CBCC Endowment Fund, CBCC Memorial Garden Fund and CBCC Columbarium Fund

If you have questions, do not hesitate to talk to or email

Linda Griffin, Treasurer CBCC (cbcctreasurer@cfl.rr.com)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE



We have a beautiful church campus and we rely on many volunteers for their time, energy and resources to maintain and improve our facilities. However there are times we have to outsource and rely on contractors. Our committee needs to be kept informed about issues that need to be addressed, big and/or small. We need that clear communication.

Please contact Michelle in the office or me directly at 802-673-0530 or kkasperone@hotmail.com with any issues concerning buildings or the grounds.

Thank you to all, Karl Krantz

Chairperson of CBCC Finance & Administration Committee



BANNED BOOK LIBRARY

On the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, our library doors swing wide open.

Mark these dates—the literary revolution awaits!

Saturday , April 6 and Sunday, April 21

At the Cocoa Beach Community Church, we believe that every word, story, and whisper of ink carries the potential to transform lives. Our Banned Book Library stands as a testament to intellectual freedom, where the excluded becomes accessible, and the suppressed finds its voice.

Here's what to expect:

Banned Treasures: Our shelves cradle books that have danced with controversy, flirted with rebellion, and dared to challenge the status quo. From *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *The Color Purple*, these volumes pulse with life, beckoning you to explore.

Two-Week Journeys: Borrow these prohibited gems and embark on a literary odyssey. Whether you're drawn to dystopian futures, thought provoking social critiques, or captivating stories about the LGBTQ+ community, our banned books await your eager eyes.

Guided Exploration: While we champion freedom, we also honor responsibility. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian—a shared adventure in the pursuit of knowledge.

The Cocoa Beach Community Church Banned Book Library invites you to defy convention, question interference of our right to choose what we want to read, and engage with the profound narratives that have stirred hearts and challenged the status quo.

Let the words weave their magic, the ideas collide, and the ink spill—because true freedom lies between the covers of a banned book.



BANNED BOOK CLUB

“The Color Purple” by Alice Walker

Discussion

Thursday, April 25 from 1:30-230pm

Alice Walker’s *The Color Purple* is one of the most celebrated and most challenged novels of our time. It is a survival story, an epistolary novel, a neo-slave narrative, and above all a triumphant tale of arrival. Celie’s journey from physical and psychological oppression to a hard fought freedom of body and soul takes readers from the red clay fields of Depression-era, rural Georgia to the West African coast of the early twentieth century.

Yet with its themes of institutional racism, systemic sexism, and personal identity,

***The Color Purple* is most definitely a novel for now.**



BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Claudia Ellis
- 6 Joy Gilmore
- 12 Evan Thomas
- 14 Pat Bosley
Richard Myers
- 17 Sophia Goff



ANNIVERSARIES

Karen & Paul Neumann

14 yrs. - April 17, 2010

BIRTHDAYS

- 19 Jane Ross
- 22 Lee Hoyt
- 24 Mary Doonan
- 28 Jeweldene Calvetto
- 30 Anne Rutishauser

If we have missed any Birthdays or Anniversaries, please give the office a call.

CBCC 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

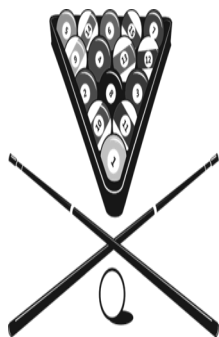
All skill levels are invited.

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!



UCC READING FOR RENEWAL

We had a great time reading!
We will get back together in the fall

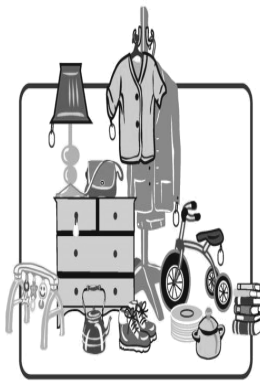
Unplug, Read and Fill your Soul.



BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
FORGIVE OFTEN.
REJECT RACISM.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
EMBRACE DIVERSITY.
LOVE GOD.
Enjoy this life.

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.



**"The carpets and pews
have been cleaned
in the sanctuary.**

We respectfully request
that no food or drinks
other than water be
brought into the sanctuary."

Thank You!

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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