Community Life

This Week at Community — *November 15, 2026*



Stewardship Update for November 15, 2026

As we approach year-end, I am pleased to report that stewardship contributions total **$1,693,495**, bringing us to **85%** of our **$2,000,000** annual goal. This includes **$1,303,289** in pledged giving and **$390,206** in non-pledged giving. We are grateful for the congregation's continued generosity and support of the church's ministries.

$306,505 is still needed to fully fund our annual budget. Outstanding pledges total **$233,379**; fulfillment of these commitments would bring us to nearly **96%** of our goal, leaving **$73,126** to be funded.

Historically, November and December are strong months for giving, as pledging households complete their gifts and those who give without pledging make gifts at year's end. This pattern gives us reason for optimism that we can meet our annual goal together.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for all that you make possible through the life and ministry of our church.

-Gene Waddell, Chair of Trustees



November 15: Christmas Wish Trees Are Here! Grab a Tag and Become a "Santa"

Our wish trees have arrived! Our worship spaces are adorned with trees filled with Christmas wishes for local children. You are invited to grab a tag, purchase a gift, and make these wishes come true! Bring your gifts back to church on or before December 6. Thank you for being a blessing year after year!



November 15 & 22: Annual Harvest Sunday Food Drive – Be a Blessing

You are invited to pick up a bag today and fill it with unopened, unexpired, non-perishable foods and bring it back to church with you on **November 22.** If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes will be available in the pews **today** and **November 22** to welcome your gifts. Make checks payable to: The Food Pantry of Indian River County.



November 16: Mahjong – Last one until the new year.

Join us tomorrow at 2 pm upstairs in the "Loft" for our last session! We'll take a break for the holidays and then resume playing in the new year. Questions? Contact Joy Lambert at joyalam@comcast.net



November 18: Community @ Community Week 7

Exploring Our Oceans with FAU Harbor Branch. All are invited to an engaging evening with Dr. Gabby McHenry of Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, located right here on the Treasure Coast.

FAU Harbor Branch scientists are exploring some of the most fascinating questions about our oceans—from marine life and the health of the Indian River Lagoon to ocean conservation, habitat restoration, and new discoveries beneath the sea.

You'll learn about the important research and education underway, and how you can connect with your hometown oceanographic institute.

Dinner and fellowship begin at 5 pm, followed by the presentation at 6 pm. Let us know you're coming in the Courtyard after worship, or contact the Church Office at 772-562-3633.



November 19: Visit Our Mission Partners

Mission Care-a-Vans are a great way to "put a face to the name" regarding our Mission Partners. On November 19, we'll visit Childcare Resources and the Center for Memory and Movement (Alzheimer & Parkinson Assoc. of IRC). We'll meet that morning at 9:00 am in the parking lot and travel together. Sign up in the Church Office or call 772-562-3633.



November 19: Grammy Winning Mike Block brings Biribá Union

This year's concert series is an international celebration of Music and Arts. Our Concert Season opener, Biribá Union, will play a set of original works and global collaborations on **November 19 in Community Hall at 7 pm. Biribá Union** features **Mike Block** (cello, vocals), **Christylez Bacon** (beatbox, guitar, rhymes) and **Patricia Ligia** (electric bass, vocals).

With a love of Brazilian Music, their work draws on the freestyle theatrics of hip-hop and Go-go music; the effortless beauty of Brazilian forró and choro; the earthiness of American roots music, and the improvisational spontaneity of jazz. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased online at ccovb.org/concerts-events-tickets, or a limited supply will be at the door.



November 23: Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Hosted at Universalist Unitarians

Each year the Treasure Coast Interfaith Community gathers together, sharing faith traditions, humanity, and gratitude to God on the Monday before Thanksgiving. The Universalist Unitarian Fellowship will host this year on November 23 at 7:00 pm. We hope you will make this part of your holiday tradition.



November 29: Advent Wreath Workshop with Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Come one, come all! The young and the young at heart are invited to an all-inclusive, intergenerational family fun event to welcome the Advent Season. After worship on Sunday, November 29 from 12-2 pm in Community Hall, we'll share a meal, decorate Advent wreaths, Christmas cookies and more family fun. Your suggested donation of $25 covers wreath kits, the meal, and supplies. Bring your family, invite a friend, and get your Advent and Christmas season off to a great start! Want to volunteer? Email david.dixon@ccovb.org.



Are YOU Called to Care? Now Recruiting Flower Ministry Team

Do you have the gift of floral arranging? Do you like to bring joy to those in need? Each week, members of our **Called To Care Ministry** and other loving volunteers create beautiful flower arrangements from our altar flowers to take to those who are sick, shut in, or just need a little sunshine. We are looking to add to our team! We need floral arrangers and drivers to help distribute flowers each week. Contact the Church Office at 772-562-3633 and join the team today!



Advent Dinner December 13: Let's Jingle and Mingle! Reservations Open

The Advent Dinner is back! You are invited to Community Hall for some church family fun and fellowship on December 13 beginning at 5 pm. Selfies, Santa, Snow and Songs will highlight our baked pasta dinner with salad. (Vegetarian option available) We would love for you to bring and share your favorite Christmas dessert! Dinner is $15 for adults and $5 for children. Sign up in the Courtyard after worship, or visit the Church Office during the week.

Church Office Hours: Sun.: 8 - 11:30am | Mon.-Thu.: 9am - 4pm

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