



Community Life

This Week at Community

August 9, 2026

Welcome Families!
We're glad you're here.

COMMUNITY KIDZ AT 10:30 A.M.
Middle School in Commotion
Sunday School in room 206
Nursery Care in room 222



GATHERING IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP AUGUST AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

5:00 p.m. August 16 Middle School Youth & Parent Meet and Greet in Commotion

5:00 p.m. August 23 High School Youth and Parent Meet and Greet in Commotion

11:45 a.m. August 30
End of Summer Ice Cream Social in the Courtyard

MONDAYS

2:00 p.m. Mahjong in Community Hall. For more information, email Joy at: JoyALam@comcast.net

5:30 p.m. Knitting in the Garden Room: Questions? email Jeannie at: jeannies1771@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAYS

August 19 Living the Questions in Rm 113/114/Zoom
Contact Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org

7:30 a.m. Men 10:30 a.m. Women 6:00 p.m. Co-Ed

6:00 p.m. August 26 "Women's Health After 35" in the Garden Room. Email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org

FRIDAYS

August 21 Counseling with Peter Ferrell in the Garden Room by appointment. (772) 562-3633

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. August 29 "Sip 'n' Sew" in rooms 113/114
Contact rachel.carter@ccovb.org



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Today's Special Guest In Chapel and Sanctuary Worship Dr. Emilio Rutllant, Flute

FEATURING MUSIC BY

C.P.E. Bach Herman Beeftink Yiruma



Emilio Rutllant is a Chilean-American flutist whose career encompasses orchestral performance, solo appearances, and music education throughout the Americas and Europe.

Born in Chile and raised in the United States from age 10, he serves as Principal Flute of the Symphony of the Americas and the Northern Lights Music Festival, Associate Principal Flute and Piccoloist with Florida Grand Opera, and a member of Miami's Nu Deco Ensemble.

He has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, Pittsburgh Opera, Miami City Ballet, Symphonia Boca Raton, and South Florida Symphony. As a soloist, he has appeared across the United States, Spain, Italy, Austria, and Chile, including performances at the National Flute Association Convention, Florida Flute Association Convention, New York Flute Club, and the Midwest Clinic.

A dedicated educator, Emilio served as adjunct professor of flute and music theory at Indian River State College, where he founded IRSC Flute Day. He has presented masterclasses throughout North and South America and teaches online through Flautistas de Chile.

His collaborations include performances with Andrea Bocelli, Gloria Estefan, Kristen Chenoweth, Ben Folds, Emanuel Ax, and James Galway, under conductors such as Osmo Vänskä, Kent Nagano, and Nathalie Stutzmann.

Emilio holds both a Doctor of Musical Arts and a Master of Music from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, where he studied with Trudy Kane.

This summer, our Mission Ministry Team has been putting a “spotlight” on the many mission partners supported by your stewardship of The Community Church of Vero Beach.

Today, Linda Fusco will speak about **Homeless Services Council** and **Hope for Families**. These mission partners work within our community to help adults, children, and families experiencing homelessness establish stability, and recover from crisis.



The Homeless Services Council (HSC) is the lead agency for the Continuum of Care serving Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties. HSC coordinates more than 80 community partners that provide over 100,000 services annually to 26,000 individuals, including veterans, children, and people experiencing homelessness. By uniting nonprofits, local governments, faith communities, businesses, healthcare providers, and residents, HSC helps individuals and families move from crisis to stability.

One notable initiative is Naomi's Place in Indian River County. In 2018, Community Church of Vero Beach member Beth Livers led a coalition of faith leaders to purchase the property, which now operates a 90-day residential program for women experiencing homelessness. Since opening, Naomi's Place has served 108 women through case management, career referrals, healthcare, housing navigation, transportation, and other support services. Through strategic partnerships and evidence-based practices, HSC continues to strengthen the region's response to homelessness and improve housing outcomes across the Continuum of Care.



Hope for Families in Vero Beach provides emergency and transitional housing, meals, and supportive services to help homeless families achieve stability and independence. With more than 172 children experiencing homelessness in Indian River County, the organization offers families a safe, structured environment where they can rebuild their lives.

Through case management, job training, life skills education, counseling, and referrals to community resources, families develop personalized plans for self-sufficiency. Participants must meet program requirements, including maintaining a drug and alcohol free lifestyle and pursuing employment or education.

The center currently houses 39 families in 40 rooms and nine transitional apartments, providing three meals daily, secure 24/7 staffing, and after-school programs that support children's educational and social development while giving parents greater flexibility to work.

With more than 100 families currently on its waiting list, Hope for Families continues to provide what its name promises: hope. By keeping families together, safe, and supported, the organization empowers them to move from homelessness to lasting stability and independence.

Final Diaper Drive Count

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!



Diaper Count: 4,432
Pull-up Count: 1,160
Valued at ≈ \$2,000



Birthday Joy In August

Gifts are coming in! Thank you for your generosity.

The Birthday Giving Trees in our worship spaces are adorned with Birthday Wishes from local children recognized as homeless. Choose a tag, and bring birthday joy to a child in need. We're collecting gifts until Sunday, **August 30.**

Church Office Hours: Sun.: 8 – 11:30 a.m. | Mon.–Thu.: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Fri. & Sat.: CLOSED

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