

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

*"Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more  
that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God"*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

*Worship and Commissioning Service of  
The Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines  
Senior Minister of  
The Community Church of Vero Beach  
United Church of Christ*

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation.*

*Our 10:00 a.m. service is streamed online and may appear on social media, YouTube, and our church website.*

*Children pre-K to fifth grade are invited to Sunday School in room 206 prior to worship.*

*If you would like your children in worship with you, bring them to room 206 for Sunday School when ready.*

*The Garden Room is available to parents of small children during worship.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"  
Stuart K. Hines

C2 Band

COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA



God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Your peo - ple pour Your power;  
Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the ev - ils we de - plore;  
Crown Your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its bud to  
let the search for your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry  
glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
for the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
ser - ving you whom we a - dore, ser - ving you whom we a - dore.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Michelle Mantel

PRAISE SONG

"How Great is Our God"  
Chris Tomlin

C2 Band

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

*The Ascension of Jesus*

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

ANTHEM

"The Spirit of the Lord"  
Zebulon M. Highben

Josh Pinnock, bass &  
Chancel Choir

SERMON

"Writing Acts 29 at CCOVB"

Rev. Dr. Allen R. Hilton

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Here I am, Lord"  
Daniel Schutte

CHOIR &amp; C2 BAND

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have  
heard My people cry. All who dwell  
in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will  
Make their darkness bright. Who will  
bear My light to them? Whom shall  
I send?*

\*CONGREGATION

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Susan Langley

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"  
Allen Pote

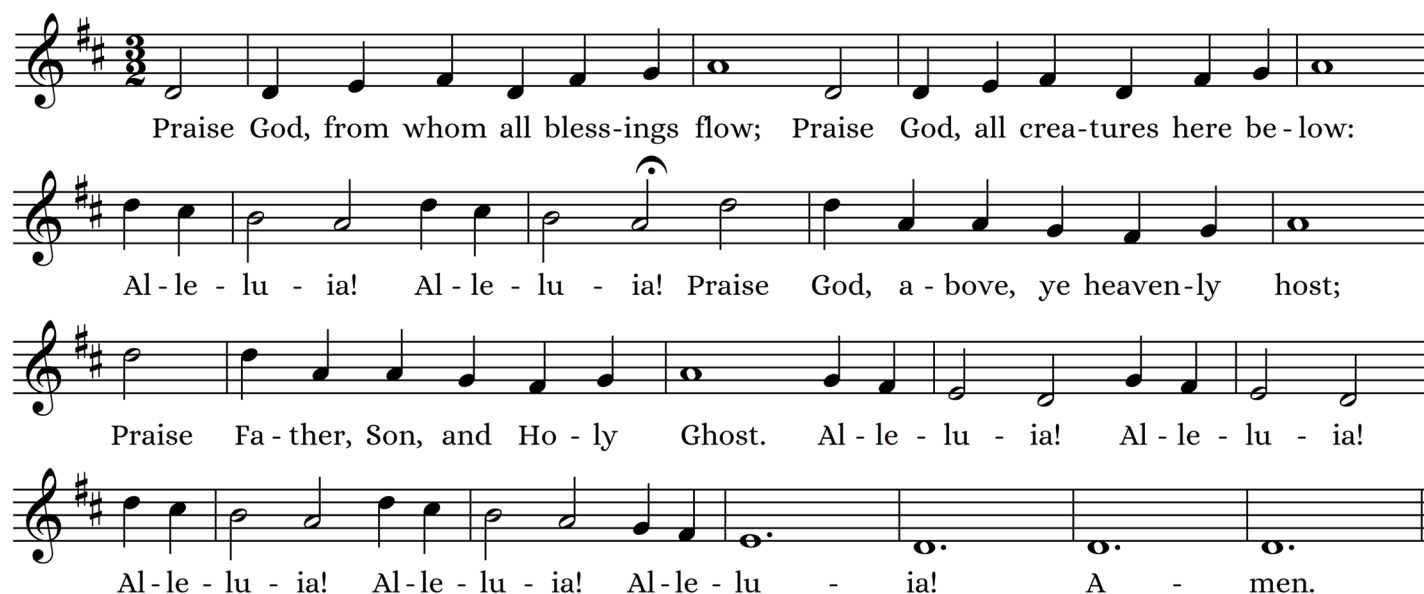
Chancel Choir



**\*DOXOLOGY**

**"Praise God From Whom  
all Blessings Flow"**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

**\*PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)**

**Rev. Beverly A. Zell**

**Our father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
And the glory forever. Amen**

**SERVICE OF COMMINSSIONING**

**GREETING**

**WELCOME**

**Jeannie Saver, Moderator**

**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE**

**Rev. Michelle Taylor**

*Colossians 3:15*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

## PRESENTATION

LOCAL CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE

Jeannie Saver, Moderator

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Michelle Taylor

## EXHORTATION

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

*Philippians 4:8-9*

Finally, beloved, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## COVENANT

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

Rev. Michelle Taylor

ADDRESSING THE SR. MINISTER

ADDRESSING THE CONGREGATION

**\*MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH**

**We, the members and friends of The Community Church of Vero Beach, receive the Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines as our Senior Minister promising to labor with him in the ministry of the Gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Rev. Michelle Taylor

## DECLARATION

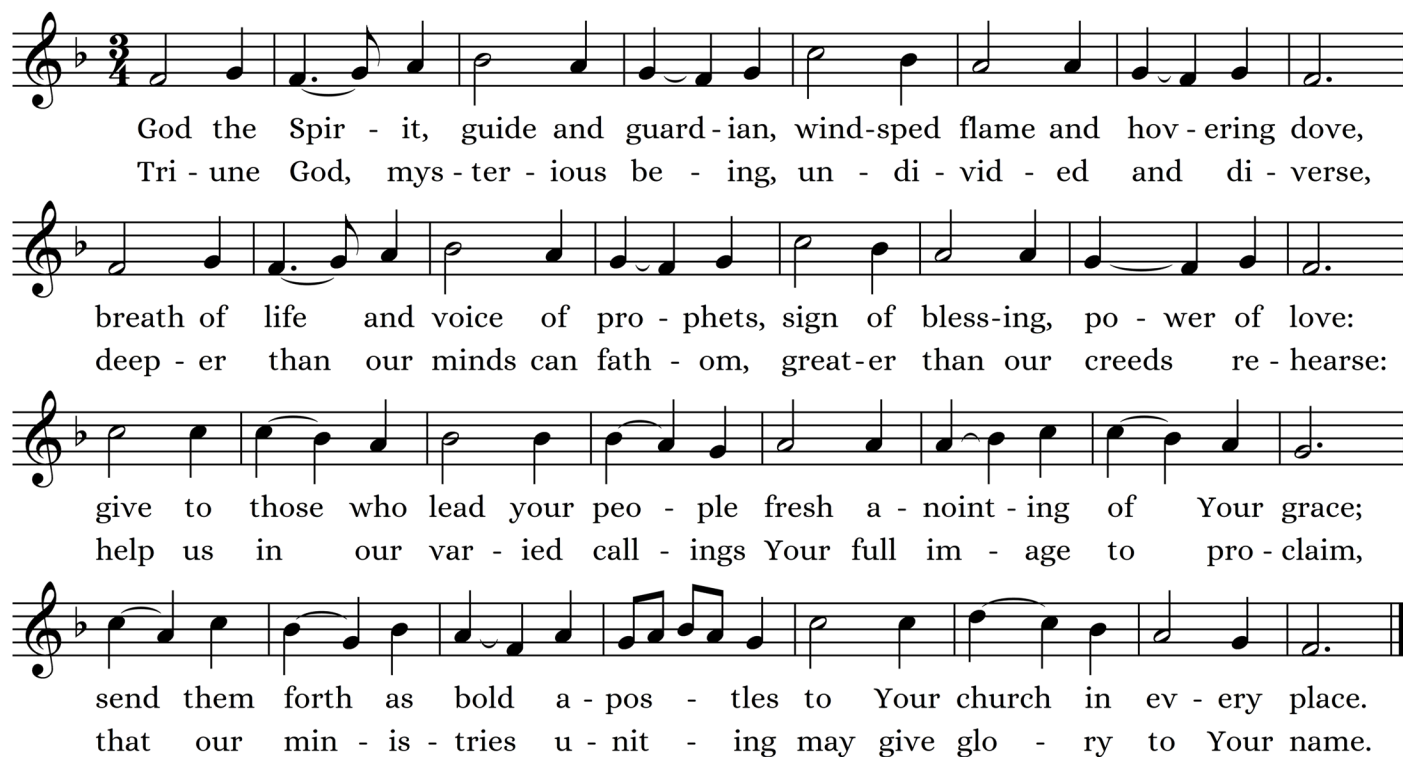
CONFERENCE

**One:** In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare the Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines duly commissioned as Senior Minister of The Community Church of Vero Beach, United Church of Christ.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN      "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"**

**HYFRYDOL**



God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and hov - ering dove,  
Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed and di - verse,  
breath of life and voice of pro - phets, sign of bless - ing, po - wer of love:  
deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse:  
give to those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing of Your grace;  
help us in our var - ied call - ings Your full im - age to pro - claim,  
send them forth as bold a - pos - tles to Your church in ev - ery place.  
that our min - is - tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to Your name.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines**

**CHORAL AMEN**

**"Sevenfold Amen"**  
K. Lee Scott

**Chancel Choir**

**CLOSING INSTRUMENTAL**

**"How Great Thou Art"**  
Stuart K. Hines

**C2 Band**

**Please join us in Community Hall for a reception following the Commissioning.**

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**DEACON:** Susan Langley

**C2 Band...**

Kelsey Etienne, Dezmond Rogers, Tony Solomon

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...**

by Community Church in celebration of the commissioning of Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines.

# HONORED GUESTS

## PARTICIPANTS

The Community Church of Vero Beach	Jeannie Saver
Florida Conference	Rev. Michelle Taylor
Preaching	Rev. Dr. Allen R. Hilton

## MINISTRY TEAM

Senior Minister	Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines
Minister for Congregational Care	Rev. Beverly A. Zell

## STAFF

Executive Assistant for Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines	Charlene Applegate
Facilities	Ron Cook
Facilities Manager	Rick Heller
Director of Sunday School	Char Higgins
Director of Technical Arts	Bill Mullen
Admin. Coordinator for Music and Worship	Rachel Carter Murphy
Admin. Assistant for Pastoral Care and Mission	Suzanne Rice
Administrative Assistant	Pamela Rogers
Director of Community Preschool	Stephanie Squires
Accounting Manager	Carolyn Steere
Director of Church Administration	Stephanie Toomey
Director of Music and Fine Arts	Jill A. Truax

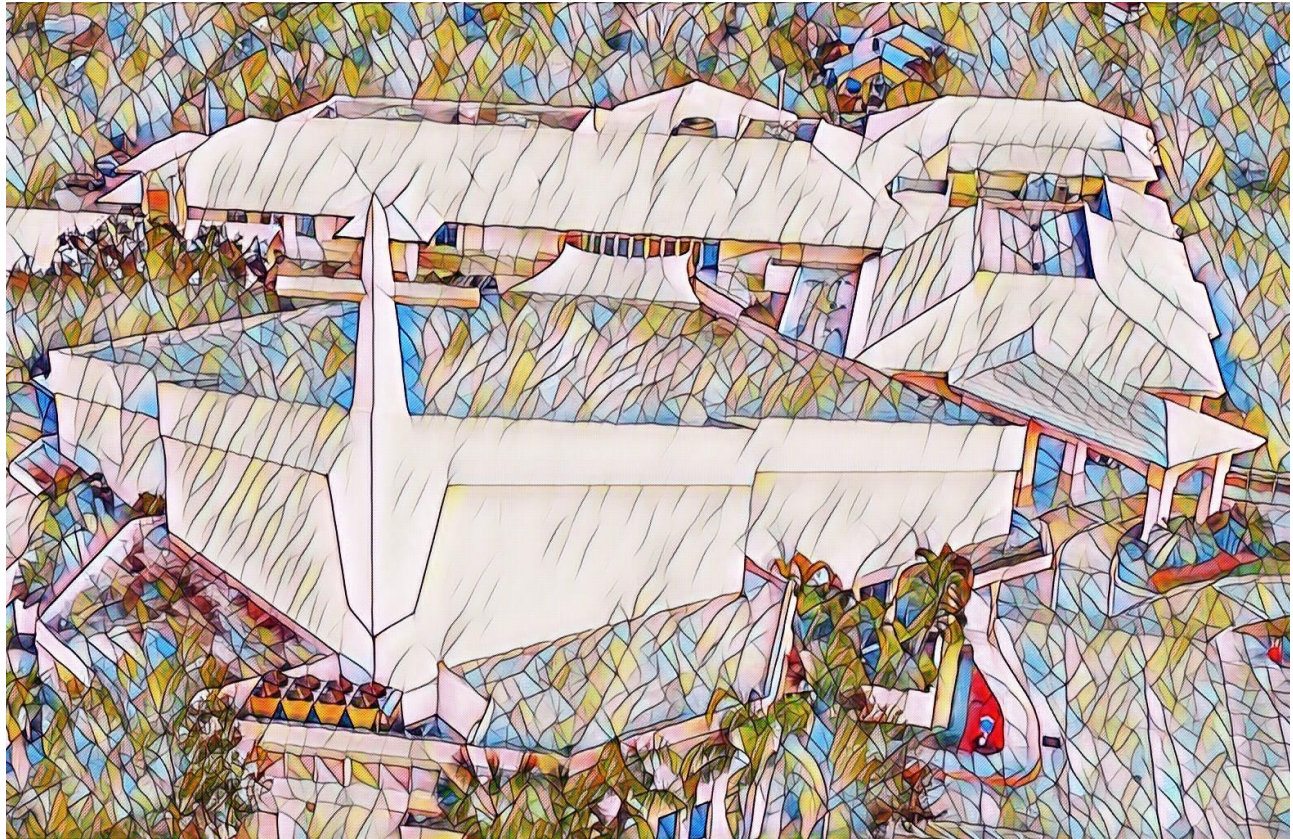
*We extend Christ's welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity.*

*The invitation to join our congregation in worship and membership is always open  
as we receive and extend the loving outreach of Christ.*



COURAGEOUS • CURIOUS • CREATIVE • COMPASSIONATE





### God's Grandeur

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out like shining from shook foil..."

Gerard Manley Hopkins





# COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday, November 16, 2025

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?



### YOU'RE INVITED

*If you signed up, please join us in  
Community Hall for a Reception  
Today following Worship.*



## High School Youth Group



### GRATE & GATHER

**Tonight from 5:30–7:00 p.m.**

**Pizza Making Contest  
in the Community Hall Kitchen**  
info: [Char.Higgins@ccovb.org](mailto:Char.Higgins@ccovb.org)

**772-559-2210**



## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

**Young Adult Sunday Bible Study Group**  
Weekly after C2 Worship in Community Hall

**Sacred Pause Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom**  
info: [jlhoffman1950@gmail.com](mailto:jlhoffman1950@gmail.com)

**Life-Long Fitness: Mondays & Wednesdays**  
9:30 a.m. in Community Hall

**Mahjong Mondays**  
2:00 p.m. in Community Hall

**The Chosen Season 5: Tuesday Small Group**  
4:30 p.m. in Community Hall

**Wednesday Bible Studies w/ Rev. Jacob**  
7:30 a.m. Men | 10:30 a.m. Women  
**In Community Hall and Zoom**

**Wednesday Grief Group with Rev. Beverly Zell**  
3:30 p.m. in the Garden Room

**Community @ Community November 19**  
Shabbat Dinner Experience  
5:00 p.m. in Community Hall

**Wednesday Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Spiritual Direction w/ Rev. Beverly Zell**  
by appointment | [suzanne.rice@ccovb.org](mailto:suzanne.rice@ccovb.org)

**Counseling w/ Peter Ferrell**  
by appointment | [suzanne.rice@ccovb.org](mailto:suzanne.rice@ccovb.org)

**Walk to Remember @ Riverside Park Nov. 15**  
7:00 a.m. Registration | 9:00 a.m. Walk

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Sunday:** 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Fri & Sat:** CLOSED





### CHRISTMAS WISH TREES ARE HERE!

For many years, Community Church has lovingly played "Santa" for children in Indian River County. Starting Today, you can continue the tradition by taking a tag from our Wish Trees and making a local child's Christmas brighter. Please return your unwrapped gifts to the Church Office by December 7.



### COMMUNITY @ COMMUNITY "SHABBAT DINNER" WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

The Hebrew word "Shabbat" literally translates to "he rested." Shabbat dinner is typically served on Friday, and is used to begin a weekly day of rest. It is a time for festive fellowship and intentional renewal for the family. Join us this Wednesday and experience a brief sanctuary of spiritual nourishment, renewal of joy, connection, and mindfulness.



### HARVEST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

In addition to our fresh produce collection, we are expanding our Harvest Sunday Food Drive to include non-perishable items. Bring your items to worship with you on Sunday, November 23. All food will be taken to the Food Pantry to benefit those in need for Thanksgiving and beyond. Special Offering Envelopes will be available in the pews that Sunday, November 23 if you are interested in making a monetary contribution.



### THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 7 P.M.

For many years, members of the Treasure Coast Interfaith Community have gathered in gratitude and unity, giving thanks to God on the Monday of Thanksgiving week. Join us here at Community Church as we host this service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



### THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 FOR THE HOLIDAY.

We'll See you Sunday, November 30 for the first week of Advent.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DECEMBER 3 AT 5:30 P.M. IN COMMOTION

Middle School-Aged Youth are invited to get into the holiday spirit with some festive, faith-filled, fun and fellowship on Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Commotion. Email [Char.Higgins@ccovb.org](mailto:Char.Higgins@ccovb.org).



### ADVENT POETRY & MUSIC SERIES DECEMBER 4 AT 11 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Take some time on Thursday mornings in Advent to stop and reflect on the themes and emotions that Advent can evoke through the spoken word by nationally-recognized poets, and musical selections. Our first poet is Sarah Carey, with organist Logan Koller.



### RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN! ADVENT DINNER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 5 P.M.

The Advent Dinner returns! Join us for a not-so-silent night of food, fun, and fellowship on December 14 at 5 p.m. in Community Hall. Enjoy a fried chicken dinner with 3 sides, highlighted by Christmas music and a Carol Sing-Along led by Tony Solomon! You are invited to bring your favorite holiday dessert to share. \$15/Adult \$5/Child under 10. To make a reservation, visit the Church Office Sundays until 12 p.m. and Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservation deadline is November 30. Questions? Contact Susan Kramer at [kramerst434@gmail.com](mailto:kramerst434@gmail.com).



### "JOLLY GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 3 P.M.

The Children's Ministry invites all children ages 2 to 92! We'll provide the prebuilt graham cracker house and all the fixings. All you need is your creativity and holiday spirit. Bring the kids or come on your own to get away from the hustle and bustle for a time of festive fun in Commotion from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.