

#### **WELCOME**

Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all. We strive to offer Christ's wide welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity. We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership, as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.



#### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 11/29/2020

C<sup>2</sup> SERVICE (LIVESTREAM ONLY) 8:30 A.M.

SANCTUARY AND LIVESTREAM SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

#### COMING HOME FOR THE SEASON OR NEW TO THE CHURCH? WELCOME.

Co Vid 19 Protocols Made Simple

1.Wear a mask: required while on the church campus.

2.Follow Floor Signs in the Sanctuary: One way in and one way out. Arrows mark your path.

3. Socially Distance: Please sit on opposite ends of each pew unless you live together.

4. Share Offering: In the wooden boxes at each entrance to the sanctuary, on-line or mail in by check.

5. Take Bulletin: Please re-cycle your bulletin at home.

6. Enjoy Hospitality: Cookies will be provided after worship for you to enjoy during your virtual coffee hour.

\*Please rise in body or spirit. Thank you for wearing your mask throughout the service. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation. Our service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel and congregation, and may appear on social media. Children are invited to join Lia Peters for Sunday School on the Lanai after Passing of the Peace for an outdoor lesson, art, and a fun time to worship. Please wear a mask and maintain a loving distance when picking up your children after service. Families are always welcome to worship together during service. Nursery Care is available for children under the age of four.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

#### THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Es ist ein' Ros etsprungen (Lo, how a rose e're blooming) Johannes Brahms

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

**COMMUNITY WORDS** 

#### THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL Ο come, O come, Em - man u el, and ran-som cap-tive Is el, ra \_ that mourns in lone - ly ile here, un - til the Child of God ex ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-man el shall come to you, O Is el! u \_ ra -

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

CANDLE READING

Into the primordial darkness, God spoke a spark a light, and our universe was born, giving life to our world. And for that we give thanks. From the darkness of the dungeon and the lion's den, God's people emerged to see the light of day and live new lives. And so we give praise to God for seeing us through the darkest night. Into the darkness of a stable one night, the light of life would be born, giving hope to our world. This advent season, we wait and watch for the light.

ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSE



#### UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of light and life, as this Advent season opens up before us we give thanks for so many ways that you light the way, giving us hope enough, courage enough, energy enough to follow you. May the spirit of this Advent candle be alive in our homes, our church, and our world as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom

The Hill Family

Pat Schirard

Janet, Mark, Mikey, Pat and Ken

AWAY IN A MANGER

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

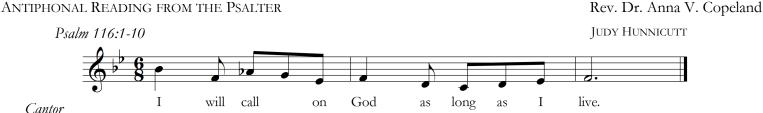
Noah Ferrell



#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD



I love the LORD, because God has heard my voice and my supplications. Because God inclined God's ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, God saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Cantor

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

One: The scriptures tell of God's deliverance.

#### All: We listen for a word from God.

#### Selected verses from Daniel 6:10-28

Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God ...

[It was told] to the King, "Daniel one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saving his prayers three times a day."

Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning dnaiel.

Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. When he came near the den where daniel was, he cired out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong."

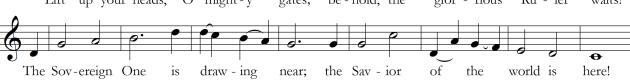
Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

#### Response

One: God's deliverance extends to the farthest corners of the earth.

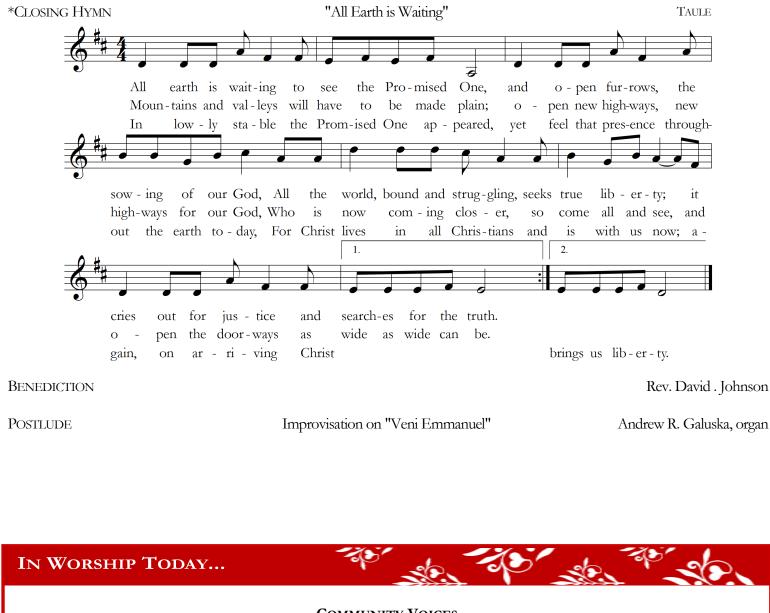
All: We wait and watch for God's saving grace in our world today.

ANTHEM	"Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel" arr. Harry T. Burleigh	Joshua M. Pinnock, bass
	He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace And why not every man.?	
	I set my foot on the Gospel ship And the ship it began to sail, It landed me over on Canaan's shore And I'll never come back any more.	
	Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, Deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel. Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, And why not every man?	
Sermon	"Signed, Sealed, Delivered"	Rev. David W. Johnson
	"and the king sealed it with his own signet" Daniel 6:17b	5
INVITATION TO PRAYER		
SOLO CALL TO PRAYER	"O Loving Founder of the Stars" Ambrosian Chant	Joshua M. Pinnock, bass
	O loving founder of the stars, to all of faith light without end,	
	O Christ, redeemer of us all, to earnest prayers your mercy lend.	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND T	'HE LORD'S PRAYER	
Thy k A	Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. ingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in hea Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, nd lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, e is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.	
	THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	
INVITATION TO OFFERING		Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom
Offertory	"Noel sur les Flutes" Louis-Claude d'Aquin	Andrew R. Galuska, organ
*Advent Acclamation	"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"	Truro
Lift up your	heads, O might-y gates; be-hold, the glor - rious	Ru - ler waits!



God of light and life, use the gifts we bring to shine the light of hope into darkness. Let our offering hasten the dawn of your kingdom so that all your children have enough, and justice and righteousness are written on our hearts. Bless us with hope this advents season. Amen

#### THE SENDING FORTH



**COMMUNITY VOICES** JoAnn W. Palmer, alto; Joshua M. Pinnock, bass

**DEACON:** Pat Schirard

ACOLYTE: Noah Ferrell

**Today We Remember...** Sidney (Ray) Barrett, who passed away on November 23, 2020. Carol Hankins, who passed away on November 25, 2020.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...

by Clare Paryzek in memory of her fellow ushers who have gone to Glory! by Barbara Ruddy in honor of Joan Ohl and Brad Lorimier.

# **CHRISTMAS AT COMMUNITY**

#### WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 P.M. RESUMES DECEMBER 2ND

FACEBOOK LIVE WITH ANDREW GALUSKA FACEBOOK.COM/CCOVB.ORG

## ADVENT ORGAN AND POETRY

THURSDAYS IN ADVENT AT 11:00 A.M.

BEGINS DECEMBER 3RD DECEMBER 10TH: SEAN SEXTON DECEMBER 17TH: BRIAN TURNER TTEND IN THE SANCTUARY OR VIEW ONLINE AT FACEBOOK.COM/CCOVB.ORG

#### "JINGLE JAM"

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

OUTDOOR ADVENT EXTRAVAGANZA FOR FAMILIES CRAFTS, GAMES, AND MORE!

## "COMFORT AND JOY" A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH @ 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY DECEMBER 10 RESERVATIONS/TICKETS: 772.778.1070 EMAIL: IRSYMPHONIC@GMAIL.COM

## COLD BREWED FACEBOOK LIVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH @ 1:00 P.M.

"TELLING OF THE NATIVITY" WITH REV. DR. ANNA V. COPELAND WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCOVB.ORG

## MOVIES THAT MATTER "MILLIONS" WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH @ 6:30 DR. ANNA V. COPELAND, HOST

"ROCK THE MANGER" RE-IMAGINED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH @ 6:30 P.M. C2 IN-PERSON WORSHIP

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH @ 2:00 P.M. A QUIET GATHERING OF REMEMBRANCE, COMFORT, AND HOPE

## ADVENT I: NOV. 29TH-DEC. 5TH

**WEDNESDAYS (a) 1:00 P.M. FACEBOOK LIVE:** Resumes December 2nd with a "Tonal Tour" of our grand Lively-Fulcher organ in the Sanctuary. Join Andrew Galuska on facebook.com/ccovb.org.

**ADVENT ORGAN AND POETRY:** This annual part of our Music and Fine Arts Ministry invites nationally-recognized poets to read their works, highlighted by organ repertoire and improvisation by Andrew R. Galuska. Join us as we begin the holiday season with music and the spoken word. We begin our Advent Organ and Poetry series on Thursday, December 3rd. Attend in person in the Sanctuary. Masks are required. Free-will offering. accepted. For more information call 772.562.3633.



## ADVENT II: DEC. 6TH-DEC.12TH

**<u>NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH</u>:** The sermon titled "Vision Quest" will be given by Rev Dr. Anna V. Copeland by live-stream at 8:30 a.m. in C<sup>2</sup> from Community Hall and in-person and live-streamed at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for our services through our website at ccovb.org or facebook.com/ccovb.org.

#### CHRISTMAS WISH TREE GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 6TH:

For years, Community Church has played Santa for children all over Indian River County, by taking tags from the Wish Tree and purchasing a gift. It is true that COVID has made life more complicated, but not even COVID can steal the Christmas Wish Tree from the 350+ children who will be recipients of our gift giving this year! Our tree is a virtual one but the Agencies we partner with are real. We will be gifting children from Dasie Bridgewater hope center, Indian River County Healthy Start, Childcare Resources, Feed the Lambs, ESOL/Migrant Students, Guardians for New Futures, and the Homeless Middle School program.

For information about how you can be a Santa, even if you are still up north (at the North Pole?), please go to ccovbwishtree.org to take a name (or two) from our virtual tree. There will be instructions there for how to proceed. Gifts are due back to the Church by December 6th. Thank you for helping bring joy to a child in this challenging year.

**WEDNESDAYS (a) 1:00 P.M. FACEBOOK LIVE:** On Wednesday, December 9th Andrew Galuska will be joined by artist Gus Miller for a tour of his art installation "Angular Explorations" at the Center for Spiritual Care gallery. You can tune-in at facebook.com/ccovb.org to catch this interview and tour.

## CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Visit ccovbwishtree.org to Select a Tag and Begin Shopping Gifts Are Due Dec. 6th



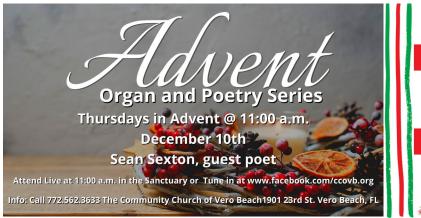
Thank you for bringing a child joy this year!



#### **CHRISTMAS AT COMMUNITY**

**ADVENT ORGAN AND POETRY:** On Thursday, December 10th we welcome back to our program Poet Laureate of Indian River County Sean Sexton who will Join Andrew R. Galuska in a concert of Advent-themed poetry highlighted by organ repertoire and improvisation. Attend in-person in the Sanctuary. Masks are required. For more info, call 772.562.3633. Free-will offering.

**JINGLE JAM:** Jingle Jam, our Advent Extravaganza, will be on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will practice social distancing and masks are required to attend and volunteer. If you are willing to help with a craft table or game, please contact Elizabeth Johnson at elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org.





## ADVENT III: DEC. 13TH-19TH

**COMFORT AND JOY: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** On Sunday, December 13th Our annual Christmas gift to the community will feature musicians from The Community Church as well as Tapestry Brass and special guest performers. This year, we will present the concert twice! Once at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are free, but a reservation is required to attend due to limited seating. To reserve your spot call Staci Rosbury at 772.778.1070 or email irsymphonic@gmail.com. by December 10th. A free-will offering will be accepted and masks are required. Join us to hear the sounds of the season!

**COLD BREWED:** Tuesday, December 15th, join Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland for our December "Cold Brewed" livestream. We continue our Advent programming with a "Telling of the Nativity".

COLD BREBEBBB TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH @ 1:00 P.M. "TELLING OF THE NATIVITY" WITH REV. DR. ANNA V. COPELAND LIVE ON FACEBOOK.COM/GCOVE.ORG



Reservations/Tickets: Phone: 772.778.1070 Email: irsymphonic@gmail.com Attend in Person or On-line at facebook.com/ccovb.org The Community Church of Vero Beach, 1901 23rd St., Vero Beach, FL Info:772.562.3633

#### **CHRISTMAS AT COMMUNITY**

<u>WEDNESDAYS</u> (a) 1:00 P.M. FACEBOOK LIVE: On December 16th, tune-in live on facebook.com/ccovb.org for an "Artist Roundtable." Andrew Galuska has invited guest artists from around the Treasure Coast for a discussion of the arts, and more!

**MOVIES THAT MATTER:** "The UK is about to switch its currency from Pounds to Euros, giving a gang a chance to rob a poorly-secured train loaded with money on its way to incineration. But, during the robbery, one of the bags falls literally from the sky on Damian's playhouse, a 7-year old given to talking to saints. The boy then starts seeing what the world and the people around him are made of. Ethics, being human, and the soul all come to the forefront in this film. Join Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. for this "Movies That Matter" presentation.



ADVENT ORGAN AND POETRY SERIES: Join Andrew Galuska and a nationally-recognized poet for our third week of Advent Organ and Poetry. Last year, we had the privilege of hearing Brian Turner read his wife's poetry and this year, he returns to read works from his own collection. Join us Thursday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, or online at facebook.com/ccovb.org.

"ROCK THE MANGER" RE-IMAGINED: Celebrate the birth of Christ with worship and the word on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in person in the Sanctuary. Not able to make it to worship? This service will be recorded and broadcast at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 20th on facebook.com/ccovb.org.



Organ and Poetry Series Thursdays in Advent @ 11:00 a.m. December 17th Brian Turner Attend Live at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or Tune in at www.facebook.com/ccovb.org

Info: Call 772.562.3633 The Community Church of Vero Beach1901 23rd St. Vero Beach, FL



#### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

## ADVENT IV: DEC. 20TH-DEC. 24TH

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** The holidays can be difficult for those whose hearts are hurting. On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, we will gather for a gentle, contemplative worship service for those carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. Please join us in the Sanctuary for communion, anointing, prayers, and healing hope.

**THE BEST OF CHRISTMAS AT COMMUNITY:** Beginning Sunday, December 20th a Virtual Worship Experience will be available to stream on our church website and facebook.com/ccovb.org. This service will include music from our full chancel choir and orchestra from past Christmas Eve services, fresh liturgy, and a new sermon given by Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland. We have put together a unique, on-line worship service that will be available to you and your family until January 3rd.

**<u>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:</u>** Check your email after worship today for details regarding Christmas Eve worship services. You will receive information on how to reserve tickets if you plan on attending live worship on Christmas Eve. Our 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. worship will be livestreamed for on-line worship and available to stream any time from December 25th to January 3rd. If you are not receiving emails from us, please contact the Church Office by calling 772.562.3633 so that we can add your email address to our records.



## THE BEST OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

A Virtual Worship Experience

- Fresh Liturgy
- New Sermon from Dr. Anna V. Copeland
- Music from past Christmas Eve Choirs and Orchestras

Visit www.facebook.com/ccovb.org or ccovb.org This service will be available from Dec. 20th-Jan. 3rd

www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org

www.facebook.com/C2Worship

www.facebook.com/AnnaVCopelandBlog

www.facebook.com/CCOVBDepartmentOfMusic

www.facebook.com/CommotionYouth

## STAYING CONNECTED

LIVE-STREAM VIEWING: To watch our services on live-stream, please do one of the following:

- Visit our web page at ccovb.org. Scroll down to the box titled 'Livestream Our Service Here' and click on live-stream in the image; or go to the top right and click on the small camera icon.
- Go to our Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org). Scroll until you see the live-stream.
- Go to https://livestream.com/watch. Type "The Community Church of Vero Beach." in the search box. Click on the drop down box for The Community Church of Vero Beach, and the live-stream page will come up.

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: Our virtual coffee hour will take a break for Advent and Christmas and resume next year.

**DIAL-A-SERMON:** We have a dedicated phone line for people to call and hear the sermon from Sunday. The sermon will be updated by Thursday each week. We hope this will be a meaningful way to stay connected. Those interested in hearing the sermon may call 772.410.5833.

**FACEBOOK**: If you would like to receive a daily word of hope please visit us on our Facebook Pages:

- The Main Church Facebook page may be found at:
- Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland's Wednesday Minister's Blog:
- The C<sup>2</sup> Facebook page may be found at:
- The Children and Youth Facebook page may be found at:
- The Music and Fine Arts Facebook page may be found at:

**<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u>**: The Church Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our office staff is practicing social distancing, so please help us by observing the posted guidance.

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**SACRED PAUSE:** Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Men's bible study will resume on Tuesday, December 1st at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Women's bible study will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom.

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ADVENTURE CLUB</u>: Adventure club will resume at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd. Contact Josh for the location of this week's Adventure Club! Email him at joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org.

## GIVING

**<u>ON-LINE OR TEXT GIVING</u>**: We appreciate your generosity as we seek to continue the work of God in Vero Beach. For your convenience, you can give either by texting or going online to our website. Your information is held securely by a SSL encrypted connection, will remain private, and is never given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions.

•Text to Give: You can text a dollar amount to 772.222.3393. You will be asked to set up an account. From then on, you will be able to text a designated amount any time you'd like, just by sending the dollar amount to the number.

•Online Giving: Visit our website at www.ccovb.org. Click on the "GIVE" tab and follow the instructions. You can give one time or set up recurring gifts.

•In-house Giving: Please place your offering in the wooden Offering Boxes, by the doors in the Narthex as you leave worship today.

•Give By Mail: You may also mail a check to the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity.

Poinsettias for Christmas
If you would like to help decorate the Church for the holiday season by donating a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone special, please complete the form below
and drop it off with your payment of \$25 to the Church Office or place them in an offering box in the Narthex. Deadline for Purchase is Sunday, December 13, 2020.
For more information please call 772.562.3633 or email suzanne.rice@ccovb.org.
PLEASE PRINT:
Name: Phone Number: Email:
In Memory of:
In Honor of:

#### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you or a family member is in the hospital, our ministers will be happy to visit. Current hospital

policy states that you must request a visit to allow a ministerial visit in the hospital. After requesting a visit, please notify the ministry staff by emailing Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org or calling the Church Office at 772.562.3633.

**<u>PRAYER</u>**: If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, there are numerous ways to submit a request. You may:

- In-Person: Fill out a prayer card during Sunday worship and drop it in an offering box in the Narthex.
- Online: Email Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org; submit through our church website, www.ccovb.org.
- Call the Church Office at 772.562.3633.



**CONTACT A MINISTER:** During this time when we are sheltering in place, we want to stay connected to you. Each week there will be a minister on call whom you may contact by email for conversation, pastoral care, or prayer. Our minister on call is Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson. You may reach her by email at elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org.

## **MISSION: SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

<u>MISSION WATCH: THE SALVATION ARMY</u>: Motivated by the love of God, the mission of the Salvation Army is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in God's name without discrimination. Their Adult Rehabilitation Centers offer men whose lives are in shambles an opportunity to start again. Each center provides



individual and group counseling, training in job skills, and other tools for rebuilding positive lifestyles. During this pandemic the Salvation Army has worked to provide rent and utility assistance allowing people to stay in their homes and apartments. If you would like to ring for the Salvation Army during this Christmas season, you can sign up at www.registertoring.com.

**HOW WE CAN HELP**: If you are facing health issues, have been furloughed, or lost your job and are in need of support for food, housing, or medical assistance, Community Church has support for those within our church family. Please contact Rev. David W. Johnson at david.johnson@ccovb.org.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Share prayers online at www.ccovb.org or pray for others.
- Build and strengthen community through regular calls to your friends and neighbors, and continue with your Circle of Care calls.
- Contribute through donations to the CCOVB general fund, to the Deacons Fund, or to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to support the work and outreach of the Church for staff, church members, and wider needs in the community.
- Serve through mission initiatives that are able to carry on their ministry in a safe manner. Contact Rev. David W. Johnson for more information.
- Send letters of encouragement to members and friends of the Church to connect with and support one another.
- Be the eyes and ears, hands and feet of the community, let your ministers know through the Church Office who may be in need of assistance.