



"Lech Lecha" Biblical Print by Yoram Raanan

"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them...So shall your descendants be." Genesis 15:5

9.20.2020

SANCTUARY AND LIVESTREAM SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

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.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*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 during our Sanctuary service.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sonata in G Major, Op. 79 Presto alla tedesca Ludwig van Beethoven Jill G. Truax, Piano

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

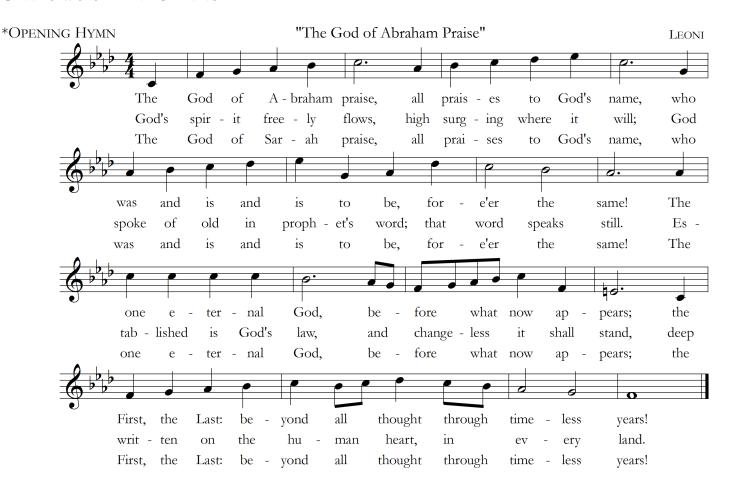
COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. David W. Johnson



*LITANY

Sue Wimpy

One: The God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel, is here at worship with us today.

All: We worship together with all who call on the God of Abraham.

One: God is faithful and God's Word can be trusted.

All: We trust that God's promise will open a future that is wide with opportunity and rich with hope.

One: Trusting God's promises joins us to Abraham and all of our ancestors in faith. Let us pray...

God of all time and all people, during these uncertain times we give thanks for your promise to walk with us into a future whose possibilities number more than the stars in the sky. We give thanks for the legacy of our faithful ancestors, Abraham and Sarah; and we pray that our legacy might encourage and inspire those who come after us. Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Children are invited to join Lia Peters on the Lanai for Sunday School.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHON FOR THE PSALTER

Cantor



A READING FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 105:1-6, 8-15

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples. Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and God's strength; seek God's presence continually. Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles, and the judgements God uttered, O offspring of God's servant Abraham, Children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

God is mindful of God's covenant forever, of the word that God commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that God made with Abraham, God's sworn promise to Isaac, which God confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

When they were few in number, of little account, and strangers in it, wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, God allowed no one to oppress them; God rebuked kings on their account, saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

Cantor

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom

One: Hear the ancient stories of faith.

All: The faith of our forebears helps sustain our faith today.

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

RESPONSE

One: Listen for the promises of God.

All: God's promises sparkle like stars in the night sky.

"Look Up and Count the Stars" Peter Latona

The Community Quartet

"Look up and count the stars if ye may," thus God to Abra'm did declare;
"So shall all your descendants be for now and all eternity."

We are the stars from God's own hand, reflections of his own true love, the beauty of God's heav'nly plan, the eternal gift of heav'n above.

Grant Lord, we pray, the grace to be the shining splendor of God's love: his radiant light of truth and hope from heaven down to earth below.

So gaze upon the stars on high, sing praise to God with single voice. Accept his gift and guard it well and let his will be our hearts' choice.

Praise God the Father, Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit with them one. We pray they bless our fam'lies now and throughout all eternity. Amen

SERMON

"A Legacy of Stars"

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

"Look toward heaven and count the stars...So shall your descendants be." Genesis 15:5

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"O Lord, Show Thy Mercy" Robert Lehman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offering our time and talents to God's work is one of the ways that we show that we trust God's promise to us and believe in God's vision for our world. We invite you to give to the work of Community Church by text; or on our website under the tab marked give; mail a check to the Church Office; or you who are with us in the Sanctuary may drop your offering in the boxes on the way out. Make your offering knowing that God will never leave us empty or abandoned in this world.

OFFERTORY

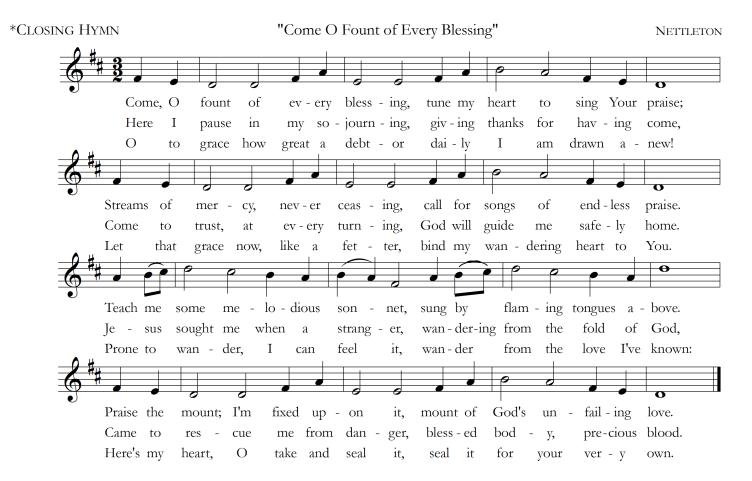
Sonata in G Major, Op. 79: Andante Ludwig van Beethoven

*DOXOLOGY

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we bring our offerings, trusting that you are still using people of faith to shine light in darkness, to open doors of opportunity, to break the chains of bondage, and to satisfy the hunger in our world. Use these offerings and use our church to offer hope to our world. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH



*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

POSTLUDE

Sonata in G Major, Op. 79: Vivace Ludwig van Beethoven

Jill G. Truax, piano

IN WORSHIP TODAY...

THE COMMUNITY QUARTET

Rachel Carter, soprano; JoAnn Palmer, alto; Kent Ahern, tenor; Joshua Pinnock, bass

DEACON: Sue Wimpy

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

in appreciation of the staff and clergy of The Community Church of Vero Beach.

WORSHIP

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH: The sermon titled, "Beyond Family Troubles" will be given by Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland by live-stream in C2 at 8:30 a.m. and both in-person and live-streamed at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

SPECIAL GUEST MURAL ARTIST IN WORSHIP: Next Sunday we welcome mural artist Cody Monahan of Melbourne Florida. We have invited him to create a large mural on canvass based on the lesson of the day from Genesis 37. Cody will be featured during our 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship.

NEW PREACHING SERIES: Please join us this fall for a new preaching series from the Narrative Lectionary. On a four-year cycle from September through May each year, the worship texts sequentially follow the grand sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian Church. These stories show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite us to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus and Paul. We will learn the stories of our faith in fresh ways, and listen for how God's action across the sweep of human history informs our understanding of complicated events in our world today.

STAYING CONNECTED

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

- Log into our webpage at ccovb.org. On the home page, scroll down to the box titled 'Live-stream Our Service Here' and click on live-stream in the image; or go to the top right and click on the small camera icon. This will take you to the live-stream web site for The Community Church of Vero Beach.
- Go to our Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org). Scroll down to where the service appears as a 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.



Dial a Sermon

STREAM CONNECTION: In the event you are having live viewing difficulty, or you experience interruptions during services today, the stream will be posted in its entirety and may be found on our website or church Facebook page later in the day. Thank you for your understanding.

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: Begins at 11:30 a.m. following our Sanctuary worship. Virtual Coffee hour will be held every Sunday. Visit https://ccovb.org/coffee/ for login instructions, or call the Church Office for connection assistance.

<u>DIAL-A-SERMON:</u> To improve accessibility we have created a phone line for people to call dedicated to playing the sermon from Sunday. The sermon will update midweek each week. We hope this will be a meaningful way to stay connected. Those interested in hearing the sermon may call 772.410.5835.

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN: The Church Office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The staff is practicing social distancing. We ask that you remain behind the identified marking provided for proper distancing when entering the Church Office.

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:

- www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org
- Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland's Minister's Blog is posted on Wednesdays at: www.facebook.com/AnnaVCopelandBlog
- The C² Facebook page may be found at:

www.facebook.com/C2Worship www.facebook.com/CommotionYouth

• The Music and Fine Arts Facebook page may be found at:

The Children and Youth Facebook page may be found at:

www.facebook.com/CCOVBDepartmentOfMusic

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. To request a visit, please email suzanne.rice@ccovb.org or call the Church Office at 772.562.3633.

PRAYER ON-LINE: If you have a prayer request, you may submit it through our website at www.ccovb.org. You may also email suzanne.rice@ccovb.org, call the Church Office at 772.562.3633, or fill out a prayer request form during Sunday service and place it in one of the offering boxes in the Narthex.

PRAYER GROUP: We have a group that meets on a weekly basis to confidentially pray for your concerns.

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. This week our minister on call is Rev. David W. Johnson. You may reach him at david.johnson@ccovb.org.





Request a Hospital Visit Email: suzanne.rice@ccovb.org

Call: 772.562.3633

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CONTACT A MINISTER

This week's "On-Call" Minister is Rev. David W. Johnson You may reach him at david.johnson@ccovb.org

PRAYER ROOM IS READY: We are excited about our new prayer room and welcome you to check it out soon! The room formerly known as the library is now dedicated to

prayer. Due to social distancing guidelines we may only accommodate one or two people to use the space at a time. Reserve your time by calling the Main Office at 772.562.3633 or emailing suzanne.rice@ccovb.org. Reservations will help us maintain sanitization procedures in between each use.

GIVING

ON-LINE OR TEXT GIVING: For your convenience, you can give either by texting or going on-line 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. Please generously support where you are spiritually fed, as we seek to continue the work of God in Vero Beach.

- **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.
- **On-line 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



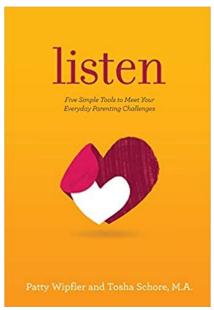
BATHTUB BEACH FAMILY DAY TODAY: This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. meet at 1585 SE MacArthur Boulevard in Stuart.

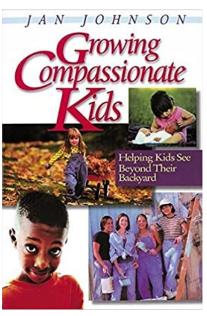
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ADVENTURE CLUB OUTING THIS WEEK: Wednesday, September 23rd, Adventure Club will meet offsite at Countryside Citrus near Humiston Beach Park from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. RSVP by Texting or Calling Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom at 850.221.5615 or by emailing joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org. Country Side Citrus is located at 3300 Ocean Dr, Vero Beach, FL 32963.

CCOVB BIBLE PRESENTATIONS NEXT WEEK: Next Sunday, September 27th we will present Bibles to your kindergartners and third graders during our 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary service. Please email charlene.applegate@ccovb.org for more information.

<u>PARENTING SMALL GROUPS:</u> This fall we are pleased to offer two small groups to parents, "Listen", and "Growing Compassionate Kids". These groups will meet mostly on Zoom and will last five to six weeks, beginning in early October. If you are interested in joining one of these parenting groups, please contact elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org.

- LISTEN: The book "Listen" by Patty Wipfler introduces parents to five simple, practical skills even the most harried parent can use. These tools will help parents strengthen their connection with their child and help build their child's intelligence, cooperation, and ability to learn as they grow.
- GROWING COMPASSIONATE KIDS: The book "Growing Compassionate Kids" by Jan Johnson features practical, everyday ways for parents to help their children care about people in need. Jan Johnson, a well-known author who deals with Christian spirituality, helps parents learn to incorporate social outreach and mission into the often-hectic everyday realities of family life.





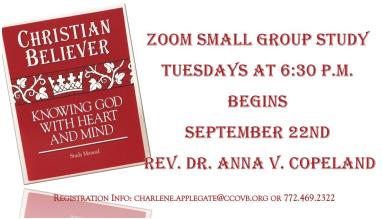
ADULT FAITH MATTERS

<u>COLD BREWED RETURNS:</u> This Tuesday, September 22nd, Cold Brewed returns with host Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland and guest Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom in a discussion on "Sailing as a Spiritual Practice". You may find this program live on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. on www.facebook.com/ccovb.org. We invite you to text your questions to 772.742.5390.

INSPIRED AND CONNECTED: UNMASKED: Registration has been extended! Reconnect with one another through virtual, small group ministry via Zoom. Groups meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 28th. Here's how it works:



- Sign up today by visiting www.ccovb.org or email charlene.applegate@ccovb.org.
- Group Choices: Gourmet/Foodies, Biking and Hiking, or Faith-based Writers and Readers.



CHRISTIAN BELIEVER: Please join Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland for an in-depth opportunity to study the doctrine and theology of Christian belief. This adult confirmation small group will be Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom beginning September 22nd. As a seminary level, small-group study, daily readings in theology, Bible study, and personal reflection require about an hour of preparation daily by participants, and a 25-minute video between classes. Sign-up on the Church website, www.ccovb.org. You will need to order a participant packet through Cokesbury in advance of the start of class. For more information or help signing up, contact Charlene Applegate by calling 772.469.2322 or emailing charlene.applegate@ccovb.org.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS:



RACE MATTERS

A Compassionate Conversation with Dr. David Anderson Hooker and Dr. Allen Hilton

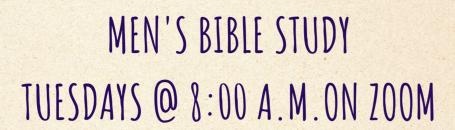
Race is a freighted topic among us. Now, after a long history of slavery and racism in the U.S., the time has come to chart a new course. But what does better look like? Join Dr. David Anderson Hooker (Prof. University of Notre Dame) and Dr. Allen Hilton (Exec. Dir. of House United) Sept 30th and Oct 7th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom, as we imagine together a future in which all can thrive – and what it would take to reach that future. To sign up, please visit www.ccovb.org or email Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org.



BIBLE STUDIES: This year we will be studying the Narrative Lectionary with all three Adult Bible Studies. The Narrative Lectionary readings line up with the major church festivals (Christmas, Transfiguration Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost). This will give us the broad story of our faith, using a chronological approach. This week, we will explore the story of Joseph as it is found in Genesis 37-50.

- MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. with Rev. David W. Johnson.
- WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Begins Wednesday, September 23rd @ 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson.
- CO-ED ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Begins Tuesday, September 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. with Rev. David W. Johnson and Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson.

If you are interested in one of these classes, visit www.ccovb.org to fill out a registration form. For more information or help registering, email Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org.



Co-ed Bible Study



Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Starts Sept. 22nd

Women's Bible Study 2020–2021

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

STUDYING THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY WEDNESDAYS - 11AM-NOON - ON ZOOM

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON WWW.CCOVB.ORG

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

<u>WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 FACEBOOK LIVE:</u> "Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m." are weekly livestream features that delve deeper into Music and the Fine Arts at The Community Church of Vero Beach and around the Treasure Coast. These live-stream only events feature special guest interviews, musicians' roundtables, gallery and studio tours, interviews with poets and local musicians, and more. This Wednesday, September 23rd, Andrew will be joined by Rick Heller, facilities manager for a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into a service at The Community Church of Vero Beach.





TO VIEW THE STREAM VISIT CCOVB.ORG OR WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCOVB.ORG

MUSICAL MOMENTS: Musical Moments are weekly recitals and concerts on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. These live-stream only concerts feature local musicians, music staff and special guests, and may be viewed by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ccovb.org or our Church website at www.ccovb.org. These concerts are archived for future viewing on both our Church website and Facebook page. Join Joshua Pinnock, baritone for an eclectic concert of favorites this week, September 24th.

<u>DUAL PIANOS CONCERT:</u> Join us live and in-person for the first concert of our 2020-2021concert season! On Friday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m., Andrew R. Galuska and Jill A. Truax will present a concert of piano 4-hands pieces by Carl Maria von Weber, Edvard Grieg, and soprano Rachel E. Carter will join them with selections by Johannes Brahms. Seating in the Sanctuary is socially-distanced and limited, so reserve a place in the audience by calling 772.778.1070 or emailing info@irsymphonic.org. Free-will offering accepted.



MISSION: SERVING THE COMMUNITY

During this season of social distancing we are not able to organize mission activities together. Watch the bulletin, the website, and our Facebook page for opportunities to serve safely. We will post them as we become aware of them.

REGARDING HURRICANE RELIEF: We are working with the Florida Conference and the United Church of Christ nationally to coordinate relief efforts with other churches through existing programs and channels. Please check our Facebook page early next week for further information as relief needs and opportunities to respond are made known.

SAMARITAN CENTER SOUP BOWL: This year The Samaritan Center has partnered with Indian River Clay to create bowls for the 28th Annual Soup Bowl. Soup bowls will be sold at the Heritage Center for their "Empty Bowls, Full Hearts" event. We will not host a meal, however soup will be available to purchase and pick up here during the first week of November. Keep an eye on our church website for ordering information.





Breaking bread together for the homeless.



HOW WE CAN HELP:

• If you have lost your job, been furloughed, or are facing health issues 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 through our website prayer link at www.ccovb.org or pray for others.
- Build and strengthen community through regular calls to your friends and neighbors and through your Circles 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 Johnson for more information.
- Send letters of encouragement to members and friends of the church to connect with and support one another.
- And finally, 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.

Church Office: 1901 23rd Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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 772.562.3633

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 772.617.4324

 Fax:
 772.562.9425

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