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→ 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.”

9.8.2019

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

10:00 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.*

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

Please refrain from applause during worship until invited.

Families are asked to check-in children Pre-K through 5th grade in Commotion prior to the start of worship to participate in Sunday school. Sunday school will take place at 10:00 a.m.. All children participating must be checked in and out of Commotion. Families are always welcome to worship together in the service.

Nursery care available during our Sanctuary worship service.

Our service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC "Flint Hill Special" Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

COMMUNITY WORDS Dr. Robert T. Baggott

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Dr. Casey G. Baggott

*OPENING SONG (CONGREGATION)

"I'll Fly Away"

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

*Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye, I'll fly away.*

**When the shadows of this life are gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *Refrain***

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away. *Refrain***

*LITANY

John Langfitt

One: We come to this place to join with disciples of our Christ from every time and every place.

All: **Here we listen for His voice of encouragement.**

One: We come to discover what He asks of us and how to fulfill our calling.

All: **Here we acknowledge His spirit which guides us.**

One: Today let us consider anew the possibilities for trust, courage, kindness, and generosity that will make evident our faith in Christ. Let us pray.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, teach us not to withdraw from life's challenges in fear. Keep us from anxious self-protection that denies our responsibilities to the world around us. As Christ's people, help us to live out the sacred mission to which he has called us, loving and serving others in his name. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Family Bible"

Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy, Cantor, and Congregation

Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 95: 1-6

“O Come, Let Us Sing”

O come, let us sing, let us lift our voice to the Lord, O
come, let us sing, let us lift our voice to the Lord.

Cantor and Congregation

One: ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Cantor and Congregation

One: ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Cantor and Congregation

One: ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Cantor and Congregation

RESPONSE

One: May God who commanded light to shine out of darkness enlighten our way today.

All: **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Working on a Building”

Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Rev. David W. Johnson

One: God's message finds utterance in our midst.

All: **We wait and listen for God's word to us today.**

First Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' ¹²But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' ¹³Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

RESPONSE

One: We are challenged to trust in God's provision for us.

All: May our generosity demonstrate our reliance on God's continued flow of blessings.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: Silence in us, O God, any voice but your own.

All: May your Word be proclaimed and received here today.

Acts 28:1-3, 5-10

¹After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ²The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us round it. ³Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁵He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

⁷Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸It so happened that the father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. ⁹After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰They bestowed many honors on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed.

RESPONSE

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Unusual Kindness"

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

John Langfitt

We have come to know that simple earthly goods may be put to extraordinary use at your hand. Take our simple gifts, Holy One, and make of them the means for all to know your generosity and your goodness. Extend our offerings, we pray, that they may touch lives in need and bring to them hope and blessings. Amen.

OFFERING

"I Like to Hear 'em Preach It"
"Amazing Grace"

Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray. O Lord, show us your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

One: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

MUSICAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

**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 SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING SONG (CONGREGATION) "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

**I was standing by my window on a cold and cloudy day,
 When I saw that hearse come rolling for to carry my mother away.**

*Refrain: Will the circle be unbroken, by and by, Lord, by and by?
 There's a better home awaiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky.*

**Well I talked to the undertaker, undertaker please drive slow.
 For that woman you're carrying, Lord, I hate to see her go. *Refrain***

**Well, I followed close behind her, tried to stand there and be brave,
 But I could not hide my sorrow when they laid her in the grave. *Refrain***

**I went home, home was lonely, since mother, she has gone,
 And all of my sisters, brothers crying, in our home so sad and lone. *Refrain***

*BLESSING Dr. Robert T. Baggott

HOME COMING MUSIC "Rawhide" Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band

If you desire anointing and prayer for yourself or a loved one, please meet Sharon Richards,
 Called to Care Minister, at the Chancel Steps following the service today.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

DEACON: John Langfitt

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Bradley Jones who died on August 31st.

A service will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel.

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

in loving memory of Nancy Johnson by her husband, Ed and their family.

in loving memory of our loving son, brother and husband, Bill Conn, by his family.

Please join us outside Community Hall for our Church picnic after the service.

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

We are happy to welcome back the Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band today at our 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service, where we will enjoy traditional music and bluegrass gospel that is sure to inspire your soul! Following worship, all are invited to our church picnic. The Blue Cypress Bluegrass Band will provide entertainment, so please join us!



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SUNDAY SERVICES TIME CHANGE: We will be gathering on Sunday mornings for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and in C² beginning next Sunday, September 15th. Please mark your calendars with these new service times and join us for the service most convenient for you. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH: The sermon “Lost and Found” will be given by Dr. Robert T. Baggott at the 8:30 Chapel service, and the 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary and C² service in Community Hall.

SACRED PAUSE: Please join us beginning on Monday, September 16th. We will be offering “Sacred Pause” at 7:45 a.m. each week in Grace Chapel. Join us for 15 to 20 minutes of guided meditation to focus your day and week. This will be a weekly opportunity and will be led by different staff and volunteers.

LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES: Lifelong Fitness classes will resume on Monday, September 9th and be held each Monday and Wednesday. Classes are from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in Commotion. Led by Elaine Matthes, we work on balance, flexibility, strength training, and endurance. All are welcomed.

MEN’S SMALL GROUP: Men’s small group will resume on September 9th in the Garden Room from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any interest or question please call Frank Iodice at 772.778.3437.

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

CHANCEL CHOIR: Calling all singers! No audition is required. All voice types and levels of musical experience are welcomed and encouraged! Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. The choir will return to worship next Sunday, September 15th. For more information, please contact Andrew Galuska at andrew.galuska@ccovb.org or by telephone at 772.469.2306.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHAMBER SERIES: Please join us next Sunday, September 15th for the third concert in our Summer Sunday Chamber Series. The Atlantica Trio will present Haydn - Mendelssohn. The Summer Sunday Chamber series will be presented in Grace Chapel and will begin at 4:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 per adult and \$5 per student by telephoning 772.778.1070.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHAMBER SERIES

“THE ATLANTICA TRIO”
HAYDN - MENDELSSOHN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
4:00PM

FEATURING:
SASHA KORCZYNSKI, VIOLIN
ADRIANA STENVIK, CELLO
JOHN KORCZYNSKI, PIANO

\$10 ADULT TICKET \$5 STUDENT TICKET
IN GRACE CHAPEL

TICKET OFFICE 772-778-1070 CHURCH OFFICE 772-562-3633

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY: Please join us as our Bible Study groups resume beginning the week of September 16th. Come to learn about sacred texts of our faith, and to let them speak to us in ways that challenge, affirm, comfort, and support us. Participants enjoy learning with and from one another as they gather to discuss this week's lectionary scripture. All are welcome.

- **Women's Bible Study** - Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 24th. Tuesday classes are from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Please note the **NEW TIME** for Tuesday classes. The 11:00 a.m. group is held on Wednesdays and will begin on Wednesday, September 25th. Both classes are led by Elizabeth B. Hipp and meet in Community Hall East.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 17th and will be held at 7:00 a.m. (donuts and coffee provided) in Community Hall East and is led by Rev. David W. Johnson.
- **Monday evening Bible Study:** Men and women are welcome to join Rev. David W. Johnson in the Garden Room at 7:00 p.m. Classes will resume on Monday, September 23rd.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

NURSERY CARE: Today we offer nursery care (infants - 3 year olds) during the Sanctuary worship service. Parents are asked to please bring their children to the 2nd floor of our Education Building prior to service. Infants - 23 months meet in Rm. 221, and toddlers (2-3 year olds) meet in Rm. 222.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH KICK - OFF: Join us today at 5:00 p.m., for a photo scavenger hunt! Meet at Church where we will divide into teams and receive a set of clues. Return to Church at 6:00 p.m. for ice cream sundaes. Bring a friend!

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH! This is your chance to get together and have some fun! You will be travelling to Aquatica Waterpark in Orlando on Saturday, September 21st. The Cost is \$30.00 per student. Bring extra money for snacks and lunch. Meet Elizabeth Hipp in the north parking lot at the Church at 10:00 a.m. The group will return at 5:00 p.m. Please email charlene.applegate@ccovb.org or call 772.469.2322 to sign up by Wednesday, September 18th so we will have enough tickets reserved.

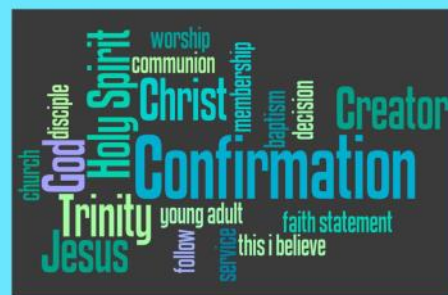
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! We will be starting our Youth Group this Wednesday, September 11th. All middle school youth and their friends are welcome. We will meet in Commotion from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org or Charlene Applegate at charlene.applegate@ccovb.org or call the Church Office at 772.562.3633.

SUNDAY EDUCATION HELP

NEEDED: Sunday morning education is approaching fast! We are in need of helpers for both Sunday school and confirmation. For our Godly Play Sunday school, we need story tellers and door keepers. For confirmation, we are looking for small group leaders as well as people to pray for our confirmands during the year. If you are interested contact Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS Attention Youth: 8th Grade and Up!

Parent & Youth
Orientation
TODAY, Sept. 8th
12:00 noon
(Galley)



Questions? Email Doug Johnson at doug.johnson@ccovb.org

Welcome Back Middle School Youth!



Pizza & snacks will be available for purchase!

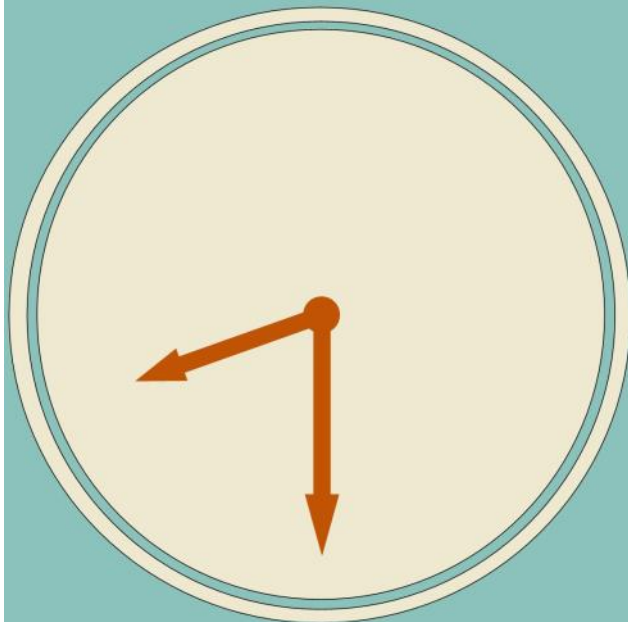
Starts on

Wednesday, Sept. 11th

at 5:00 p.m.

in Commotion.

Feel free to bring a friend!



Starting **NEXT** Sunday,
September 15th

NEW SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Chapel

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. C²