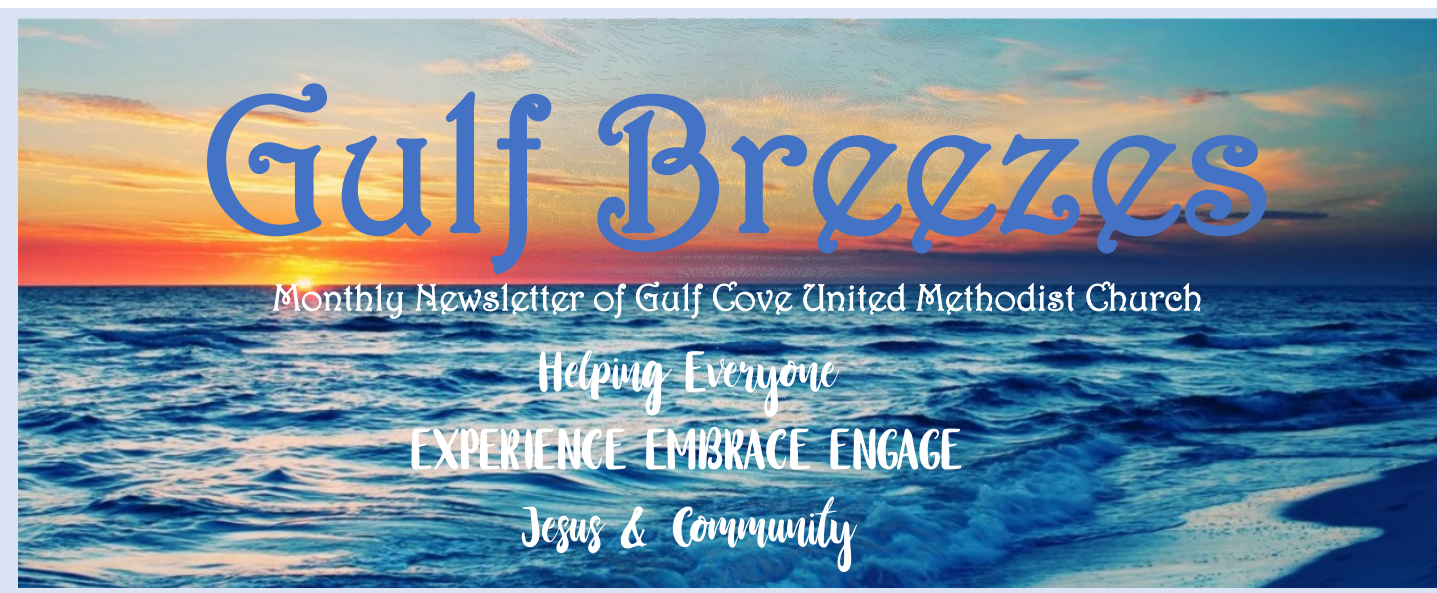




Gulf Breezes

Monthly Newsletter of Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

Helping Everyone

EXPERIENCE EMBRACE ENGAGE

Jesus & Community

From the Pastor:

“Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation, because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (CEB)

Dear Church,

There’s something special about November. Even here in sunny Florida, you can feel the shift — cooler breezes, earlier sunsets, and the faint smell of pumpkin spice sneaking into everything from coffee to candles.

At Gulf Cove, this season always stirs a deep sense of gratitude. Our **Trunk or Treat** once again filled our campus with laughter, joy, and community. It’s amazing to see how God uses even candy, costumes, and car trunks to build connections and open doors. We are grateful for every person who helped make that event such a bright light of welcome to our neighbors.

Now, as we turn our eyes toward Thanksgiving, many of our homes are divided into two camps: the “*it’s time for Christmas music now*” folks and the “*not until after the turkey*” crowd. Whichever side you’re on (and I’m not naming names), the truth is that God’s people are meant to be a *living song* all year long. Whether we hum along to “Silent Night” or belt out “Over the River and Through the Woods,” our lives should echo gratitude that others can hear and feel.

And if your TV has already started playing Hallmark movies, you’re not alone. Somehow, even though they all have the same storyline — small town, snow, one bakery, one miracle — we keep watching. Maybe it’s because, deep down, we crave the reminder that hope always returns, love always finds a way, and grace still changes everything.

That’s exactly what we get to live out through our **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** — a time when the message of hope and love becomes something you can see, serve, and share. We won’t need to worry about burning the turkey this year (praise God for that!), because we’ll be *celebrating it together*. Every helping hand and every smiling face becomes part of the song of gratitude that makes Gulf Cove such a special place.

So, as we prepare to set the tables, slice the pies, and welcome our guests, we invite you to join us. Volunteer, serve, greet, carve — however you help, you’re part of God’s melody of thanksgiving in this community.

This November, let’s live as a hymn of gratitude —

not just in word or song, but in the way we love, give, and serve.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Traditional Worship Service
9:30am Contemporary Worship Service
 AND Kids Church (PK-5) #109
9:30am Adult Seekers in Portable #D
11am Traditional Worship Service
4-6pm Youth Group (gr 6-12) #D

WEDNESDAYS AT GULF COVE

Midweek Boost ~ meets with Pastor Mike at 12pm.
Pastor's Bible Study ~ meets at 4:30pm.
Jesus Rocks ~ Grades K-5 meet from 6-7:30pm.
Youth ~ Grades 6-12 meet from 6-7:30pm.
Praise Team Rehearsal ~ 6pm.

NOTICE: OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FOR VETERANS DAY. OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 and reopens Monday, December 1 at 8am.



Parent Meetings for the summer mission trip are planned for Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-7:30pm, and Sunday,

November 16, 4:30-5:30pm. Contact Jackie Guerin for more information at 941.661.6821.

Barn Sale and Crafty Ladies Sale
November 14 & 15
Friday & Saturday
8am – 2pm



Donations now accepted between 7:30 and 10am on Thursdays only. Please No Clothes, No Electronics, No Furniture. Contact John Furtado for more information. 941.830.0121



Englewood Helping Hand - Pantry Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8:15am-1pm.

Current needs include
 Canned vegetables

Canned pasta (SpaghettiO's, etc.)

Canned chicken

Canned tuna

Canned fruit

Ramen

Bar soap

Toilet paper

Donations may be dropped off in our Narthex.

Please be sure items have not expired.



The Closet of Hope at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church offers free clothing for children and adults of all ages. The Closet is open the first and third Saturdays of the month (except holidays), from

9:30am until 12pm. Donations can be brought to the Closet on Thursday mornings at 9:30am or when they are open on Saturdays.



TEAM CUBA

Thank you to everyone who donated items to

take to Cuba. Kathy Kaiser plans to take two suitcases full of OTC meds and other "stuff," and to use a backpack for her personal belongings. The Frank Pais church needs shoes for the 17 people in its praise team. Kathy will take funds to Frank Pais specifically for those shoes. The Nicaro church needs a new cell phone. We will purchase a used/recycled cell phone, and Kathy will take it to Nicaro.



Kids Church - Holly Tozer needs help with Kids Church on Sunday mornings at 9:30. If you can help one Sunday a month (or more), please let Holly know.

Greeters/Ushers - Sign-up for one or more Sundays during November & December.

Hospitality - Help when you can- one week or one month. It's up to you! We are still open to more team members for early morning setup. Clean up at the end of the morning is covered on the 1st and 2nd Sundays. **Can you offer to help on the 3rd or 4th Sunday?** Call the church office at 941.697.1747 if you can help in any way.

Barn Boys - Mowing and trimming-contact John Furtado at 941.830.0121.

First Impressions - Weeding and pruning – contact Ken Priest at 941.769.0581.



Mahjongg with Friends
Meets Monday mornings in room #109 at 9:30am. Contact Linda Edwards for more information at 253.350.7264.

Gulf Cove Women's Club

This club promotes education, health and social activities. Proceeds from their activities are used for a Nursing Scholarship. The club meets at 10am on the second Monday of each month from September to May at the Gulf Cove United Methodist Church. The next meeting of this season is Monday, November 10. All area women are welcome. Please contact Jean Mennenga for more information. 401.580.7205.



Fellowship

Ladies Who Lunch
will meet on Sunday, **November 9, 12:30pm at Port Charlotte Perkins**. Please contact Nancy Spaulding at 386.868.8604 for more information. All ladies are welcome!



Dinner for Six
Our Dinner for Six small groups are back. More people are joining and we would love to have you, too. The current

session runs through November. Sign up starts in December for January, February and March Rotation. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Mortensen at 530.210.6149.



Comfort Creations meets at **9:30** on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is November 12, 9:30am, room #101. For more information, please contact Sandy Doty. 941.875.4199.



Crafty Ladies is open to the public every Thursday from 10am-12pm in Oaks Cove.

Crafty Ladies is a group of women who sew or create specific items that are then sold to the public to support various causes,. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Grawcock. 260.226.0240.

Crafty Ladies will be selling their wares at the Barn Sale on Friday, November 14 and Saturday November 15 from 8am – 2pm.



COMMUNION OFFERING ENVELOPES ~

Each month a different fund is chosen by our church leadership to receive these extra funds. If you wish to give above and beyond your usual tithe for **November, the Communion Offering is designated for the Thanksgiving Dinner Fund.**

SECOND SUNDAY ~ SECOND MILE

GIVING is another opportunity to go above and beyond your normal giving to support the church. This collection always goes to our **reserve fund**, so that we may pay our bills when gifts and tithes will not cover our regular monthly expenses.

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Spendable Income Received	25,713.71	328,218.28
Expenses	45,090.48	381,631.02
Surplus/Deficit	(19,376.77)	(53,412.74)
Reserve Funds Used	15,000.00	31,000.00
Designated Funds (not including FUMF transfers) Received	11,736.72	120,202.78



Helen Boyce
 Dave Cosgray
 Vernetta Crosby
 Ann Eckert
 Joanne Eckinger
 Ben Haytock
 Joe Hitchcock
 Jim Inman
 Joe Marchert
 Gwen Miller
 Bill Nunnery
 Jose Rivera
 Julie Perry
 BJ Saville
 Carol Teague

Please remember the families of these saints in your prayers during this holiday season.



Gulf Cove United Methodist Church received a thank you letter from Englewood Meals on Wheels for our donation of food following the BBQ. They were very grateful.



**GULF COVE UMC
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US**



**THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 27, 2025
12PM - 3PM
(or until we run out)**

FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Come join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Pie included!

Donations are gladly accepted to help us keep this tradition going.

Delivery is available ONLY for homebound within a 10-mile radius of Gulf Cove Church.

**Please visit our website to reserve a spot for Dine In or Homebound Delivery.
www.GulfCoveChurch.com**



We need about 100 people to volunteer to help with our Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

- **Tuesday, November 25, 9am ~ Kitchen Cleanup**
- **Wednesday, November 26, 9am ~ Food Prep**
- **Wednesday, November 26, 9am ~ Decorate Dining Room**
- **Thursday, November 27, 9am ~ Kitchen helpers report**
- **Thursday, November 27, 11am ~ Dining room helpers report**
- **Thursday, 3pm ~ Clean up and Reset Sanctuary.**

If you can help, please arrive at the times listed above.

Kitchen questions should be directed to Alfred Current at alfred@alfredcurrent.com or 704.718.0951.

Dining room questions should be directed to Tamara Carvotta at tamilew63@hotmail.com or 585.944.8304.

We look forward to seeing many of you here as volunteers and diners.

Thanks!



Bishop Tozer	11/02
Scott Turan	11/02
Drew Washburn	11/03
Lennox Alvarez	11/03
Nancy Treible	11/05
Beau Charbonneau	11/06
Amber Charbonneau	11/06
Journée Stenseth	11/06
Ann Sapp	11/07
Barb Proper	11/08
Derek Walchle	11/09
Eileen Fulton	11/14
Jim Graham	11/15
Roy Norell	11/15
Celina Cummings	11/16
Pat Beck	11/16
Tom Yager	11/17
Jack Stephenson	11/17
Sandy Norton	11/19
Christine Perry	11/21
Jennifer Guzik	11/22
John Furtado	11/23
Susan Haring	11/23
Debbie Ludwick	11/25
Barbara Dunfee	11/25
Frances Forster	11/26
David Welch	11/27
Dick Peterson	11/27
Jerry Jones	11/28
Andy Frick	11/30
Rick Rakestraw	11/30



Mike & Jan Hahn	11/07
Scott & Lori Perkins	11/09

NOVEMBER SERMONS

November 2
All Saints Sunday
Luke 6:17-26

A Message from Above and Beyond

November 9
Matthew 15:21-28

When Faith Crosses Boundaries

Rev. Patty Frick

November 16
Laity Sunday
John 1:1-14

*God's Love – a brief journey though
the Bible*

John Furtado, Lay Servant

November 23
Luke 23:26-43

If you Are The King Of The Jews....

November 30
Luke 1:26-38

"Hope in the Chaos"

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