

June 1, 2025 • 8:30 AM



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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

### TOGETHER WE RISE! CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

John England and Vivian Fueyo

### CENTERING MUSIC

### CALL TO WORSHIP

John England

Leader: Come, people of God, let us worship in this place—a house of worship which has cared for the community for over a century.

**People: A place where people have laughed and cried, celebrated and grieved, together.**

Leader: Just as Nehemiah saw the ruins of Jerusalem and called the people to rise and build, so too we are called to restore, to renew, and to rebuild—together.

**People: The steadfast hand of God is upon us. We will rise up, for God still needs us in this place.**

Leader: Let us worship our God who strengthens our hearts for the work ahead, who gives vision to see and courage to act, and the faith to believe that a bright future is possible!

**People: Trusting in God's faithfulness, together we will rise!**

### OPENING SONG

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John England

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### GIFT OF MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 2: 17-18

Then Nehemiah said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer disgrace." And I told them of the hand of my God which had been upon me for good, and also of the words which the king had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

### SERMON

"What Does It Matter?"

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

### COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Sacrament

*The sacrament will be offered via intinction. Come forward, choose bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten-free, self-serve packets are available.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

John England

You can donate via Venmo to (727) 200 – 2785 or via Vanco by scanning the QR code below.



Prayer of Dedication

**GIFT OF MUSIC****BLESSING**

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

**CLOSING SONG**

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**PRAYER LIST**

J.D. Burns, Kristin Cali, Marge Davis, Betty Houlton, Ralph Johnson, Judi Oliver,  
Henry and Judy Rutledge, Susie Williams, Diana Yohn, and our servicemen and women

# **SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES ON JUNE 8TH**

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**Marking the start of hurricane season, our services on June 8th will focus on healing, resilience, and hope. We will have an opportunity to acknowledge our fears and anxieties. However, we will be reassured in the knowledge that we have each other, and we have God, and we can get through whatever June through October have in store for us. Join us at 8:30 or 10am for our service of healing, resilience, and hope.**



Dear Church Family,

By now, you may have noticed that Hurricane Helene renovation work on the Church is nearing completion, with remaining work on the Education Building and the Thrift Shop finishing over the summer. Versus where we were in October, one can feel a sense of joy each time we enter our space for worship, community events, or other ministries.

With near unanimous support given at our February Town Hall to continue with the renovation work that had just started, we borrowed from our reserves and took out loans from the UCC's Cornerstone Fund to finance the renovation. It's now time to launch a campaign to address what we have borrowed.

The Church Council approved the name "Together We Rise" as the message we will all rally behind in our capital raising effort. We can only do this together, united as one congregation, so that we will rise to once again flourish as a congregation in our newly renovated church home!

Our need is significant -- \$1.7 million. There is a possibility -- let us pray -- that a portion of this need will be defrayed by FEMA and by insurance coverage on the first floor of the Education Building. But to remediate the effects of Helene, and purchase door barriers to protect us from the next hurricane, \$1.7 million is what's required. Not one penny of this amount is tied to prior litigation which, as communicated previously, is covered by insurance.

The good news is that we are launching Together We Rise with wind behind our sails. Approximately \$300,000 has been committed already, and 100% of the Church Council has pledged to contribute, as well. Matthew 6:21 says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." If your heart is with this church, will you please prayerfully consider the treasure you can commit to our capital campaign? **You will receive a commitment card in the mail this week, we invite you to fill it out and return it to the church office or visit the church website to make a commitment online. Together, we will rise!**

Yours in Christ,  
John England  
Council President

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean  
Senior Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Revised Bylaws and Annual Meeting**

The updated Bylaws are available for members to review in the church Narthex. The congregation will be voting on approval of the revised Bylaws at the Annual Meeting to be held after the 10 am worship service on June 22.

### **Labyrinth Ministry**

We have a beautiful labyrinth on our campus, and in the past we have had events and programs organized around our labyrinth. Pastor Angela is looking for a few people who are interested in working together to lead a labyrinth ministry at our church. If this interests you, please email her at [SeniorPastor@PAGChurch.org](mailto:SeniorPastor@PAGChurch.org). Thank you!

### **Ladies' Luncheon**

All ladies of the church are invited to Women's Ministry's summer luncheons. The first will be held at Chill Restaurant (357 Corey Ave in St. Pete Beach) on Wednesday, June 11 at noon. Join us for some lovely fellowship and good food. RSVP to Anne Morton at 727-776-1517 or Janet Pries at 770-893-8417.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Our men's group meets Tuesdays at 8 am in Fellowship Hall. For more info, please contact Bob Goecker at [rgoecker@gmail.com](mailto:rgoecker@gmail.com).

### **Piecemakers Quilting Group**

Our group of skilled quilters meets Tuesdays at 9 am. They craft items for church baptisms, youth mission trips, local hospitals and more. For more info, please contact [admin@pagchurch.org](mailto:admin@pagchurch.org)

### **Women on a Faith Journey**

Our women's group meets Thursdays at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. For more info, please contact Cindy Petersen at [danep3@verizon.net](mailto:danep3@verizon.net).

### **Ukulele Group**

Uke Kooks is made up of anyone who wants to play their ukulele and sing fun songs. Beginners are welcome. The group will meet at 1pm on June 12, July 10 and August 14. Come September, they will return to meeting each Thursday at 1pm. For more info, please contact Jo Small at [josmall22319@gmail.com](mailto:josmall22319@gmail.com).

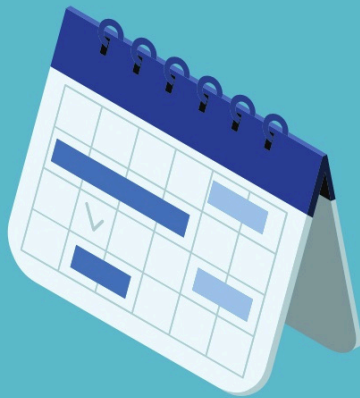


## *Church Governance at Work*

Our next Church Council meeting is  
**Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Meetings are open to church members.  
If you would like to listen and observe, feel free to attend.  
You will have an excellent view from the "gallery" of  
our elected leaders making decisions that  
impact the church and broader community.

# Next Week's Ministry Events



**02**  
JUNE

MONDAY

7pm: **Church Council Meeting**

**03**  
JUNE

TUESDAY

8am: **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

9am: **Piecemakers Quilting Group**

**04**  
JUNE

WEDNESDAY

**05**  
JUNE

THURSDAY

9:30am: **WOFJ**



**Pray for our youth as they head to Peru!**

**06**  
JUNE

FRIDAY

**07**  
JUNE

SATURDAY

To learn more about any of these ministries, please contact our Church Administrator, Stacey Jackson, at [admin@pagchurch.org](mailto:admin@pagchurch.org)



### **About Our Church**

Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, United Church of Christ was founded in 1911. We are proud to be one of the 4,500 congregations in the United Church of Christ denomination.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation which means that we welcome all persons into full membership and participation in the body of Christ, providing a safe welcome for a diverse people, including the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and non-binary persons (LBGTQ) in the church's life and ministry.

Our Mission Statement: As a diverse community of faith, we encourage people to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; live with Christian values; and share God's love by showing compassion and generosity for all communities. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

### **For Newcomers**

We are so glad you are here, thank you for joining us! If you'd like to learn more about the church, you're welcome to get together with Pastor Angela by emailing her at [SeniorPastor@PAGChurch.org](mailto:SeniorPastor@PAGChurch.org). If you'd like to be added to our church mailing list, please contact our Church Administrator, Stacey Jackson at [Admin@PAGChurch.org](mailto:Admin@PAGChurch.org). We have opportunities to become a member of the church throughout the year. Please see our announcements or e-blast for more information.

### **Children and Youth**

After the Children's Time, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to go to Faith Formation. We also have youth groups for middle and high schoolers. They meet on Sunday evenings at 6 PM from September through May (except for the first Sunday of the month, which meets at 11 AM). All children and youth are welcome to be part of our ministries here at PAGBCC!

Our Associates for Children and Youth are Signe and Todd Webb. Please contact them with any questions at [signewebb@yahoo.com](mailto:signewebb@yahoo.com).

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Winston Culler, Music Leader (8:30 am Service)

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