

Beach Treasures

December 2021

Island in the Son UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Through faith and discipleship, Island in the Son UMC connects everyone to God, each other, and the world, by proclaiming the Word through prayer, worship, study, and service to others.

Coastal Bend Food Bank



Our December, 2021 Communion offering will go to the **Coastal Bend Food Bank**, a 501© (3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce hunger in South Texas through food distribution and nutrition education. Since 1982 it has provided food and aid to a network of more than 144 agencies such as food pantries, shelters, senior centers and feeding agencies in 11 counties throughout South Texas. The Coastal Bend Food Bank (CBFB) is a large warehouse that collects perishable and non-perishable foods that otherwise might go to waste from local and regional producers, growers, distributors and retailers, and distributes it via a refrigerated truck to 55 sites (charities and service agencies) in the 11 county area. The CBFB is more than just a food warehouse, though, as folks who need aid may receive, in addition



to food, help with applying for benefits from the Health and Human Service Commission of Texas, such as Food Stamps, Adult and Children's Medicaid, Children's Health Care Program (CHIPS), Women's healthcare Program, and Long-term Care for Seniors. The CBFB also operates a food-for-local-distribution facility located in the Nutrition Education building on its campus. This pantry was developed as a "shopping model" where participants select their own food instead of receiving a bag of preselected items, which offers clients a more dignified and educational approach to food selection. In 2019, the CBFB reached 980,000 people across 11 counties and partnered with 105 food distribution sites that dispensed over 13 million pounds of food!

The Coastal Bend Food Bank operates a number of other successful programs including: a *Kid's Backpack program*, which provides kids identified by their school as food-insecure with backpacks full of nutritious, child-friendly food the day before weekends or holiday periods; a *Mobile Pantry*, which reaches folks in rural areas and surrounding counties which receive little aid, by means of a big refrigerated truck, and provides them with food and fresh produce every month;



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Nutrition Education classes for kids and adults with hands-on cooking classes, lectures and games to help inspire healthy eating and healthier lifestyles; Diabetes Hands-on Self-Management classes with an introduction to nutrition, monitoring blood glucose, understanding insulin, exercise, and preventing complications. Other programs include an Outreach Program, which goes into rural areas having few services and assists clients with applications for various services; a Kid's Cafe, which helps kids from low income families with homework, tutoring, reading, music and life skills, as well as hot meals and snacks; and a Teen Table, in which CBFB and the CCISD partner to provide homeless teens without adult supervision with 2 weeks of food as well as clothing, school supplies and connections to community resources to improve the quality of their lives.

The dedicated staff, led by Executive Director Beatriz (Bea) Hanson (no stranger to our local TV stations whenever our Food Pantry makes the news), includes several RN's for general nutrition and diabetes education, a Human Resources generalist, Social Services folks, and many others involved with procuring, storing, sorting, labeling and distributing the donated food and other items. With the Christmas Season now upon us and being a time of not only joy at the birth of our Savior, but also a time when many less fortunate folks really need help, please open your hearts and wallets to help keep our Food Bank able to assist as many needy people as possible.

Respectfully,
Kay Plut, Worship Team Chair



December 10 .Gayle McGregor
December 13 . Lance Jameson
December 15 Marta Taylor
December 18 ... Tom Gardineer
December 18 JoAnn Smith
December 20 ...Noel Wilkinson
December 20 Mike LeRitz
December 20 Charlie Yoachum
December 29Ken Merchant

December 19....
Tom & Kathy Westerman
December 20....
Gordon & Deborah Foerster
December 26....
Don & Melissa Gillespie



Don't see your special day mentioned here? It just means we don't have it on record. Please let us know the date so we can update our database.



The **Wednesday Small Group** will resume their study of **Acts** on **January 12, 2022**. They meet at **10:00 AM, on Wednesdays**, in the **Sunday School room**.

For more information
contact **Janice Morris**, 512-923-0250
or **Connie Burrus**, 512-923-3130.

We will have a **Memorial Christmas Tree** in front of the church for you and others to **hang a sand dollar with the name or names of your loved ones that have passed**. Please use a ribbon or string to tie it securely to the tree. You can add as many as you would like. The public will also be invited to do the same. You will also have the opportunity to pick up your ornament between Christmas and New Year, to save. The Sand Dollar has special meaning and we hope this tree will also have a special meaning to everyone. Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Please see link of a poem about the legend of the sand dollar. https://www.etsy.com/listing/1076042487/vintage-the-legend-of-the-sand-dollar?ref=share_v3_lx



RESTORE THE JOY

There was a time you enjoyed your relationship with the Lord. You allowed His presence to daily envelope you. It was never a drudgery or a chore. You enjoyed and even guarded your sacred time with Him. You didn't constantly look at your watch or phone. You tuned out all distractions. And, cares? Well, you took them all to the one who could actually do something about them.

But, lately you've grown distant. It's become difficult to manage a few quiet moments in your day, and your end of the prayer line has fallen silent more days than you care to admit. Could it be you've somehow misplaced your joy? Could it be that you've allowed what was a pleasure to become a burden?

God wired us to be fruitful and multiply, but He also wired us for a Sabbath. A time when we ceased our work and rested. For Christians this rest is our ceasing from the works of the flesh, but have we allowed one form of work to displace the other, thus robbing us of our joy and fulfillment? So busy about our "Father's Business" that we seldom spend time with the Father?

Mary and Martha were 2 sisters who hosted a luncheon in honor of Jesus. But, while Martha was preoccupied with the entertainment of the affair, her seemingly distant sister Mary was found at the feet of Christ. When Martha challenged Christ on this, He stated that Mary had made the better choice choosing to spend time with Him.

There will always be duties and obligations, work and chores to do, but never allow time with the one who loves you the most to become a chore. Choose to be joyful. Reward yourself and your weary spirit time with the source of all sustained joy, Jesus. The joy of the Lord is your strength. This joy is indescribable and full of Glory. This joy can't be taken away, but it can be forfeited. So guard it, protect it, and nurture it. I pray for your joy in the Lord today and every day.

"Serminutes" – Sermon in a Minute. One Minute Inspirational Sermonettes, Devotionals, and Sermon Ideas for Busy Christians, Pastors, Teachers, and Bible Students! Visit our [ABOUT PAGE](#) for details on what exactly that is. Thank you for visiting today! May the Lord richly bless you. ~ RD Mangold



**LAST DAY FOR 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS
TO BE RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021**

**LAST DAY FOR CHECK REQUESTS TO BE PAID
IN 2021 TO BE RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021**



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Timon's AP/Payroll Chks 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	2	3 Timon's	4
5 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship 2nd Advent Communion 	6	7	8 Timon's 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	9	10 Timon's	11
12 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship 3rd Advent	13	14	15 Timon's AP/Payroll Chks 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	16	17 Timon's	18
19 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship 4th Advent	20	21	22 Timon's 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	23 Church office closed	24 Timon's 	25
26 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship * ALL * 2021 donations DUE by SUNDAY, December 26	27 Church office closed	28 * ALL * CHECK REQUESTS DUE in Church office TODAY	29 Timon's/Com AP/Payroll Chks 5:00 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	30	31 Timon's New Year's Eve	

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GREETERS SCHEDULE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The first names listed are "greeters" and the second names are "clean up." You may trade with other greeters, or if you need a substitute or have questions, please contact **Marge Foster** at 361-949-3503.

Dec 5: Kathy Merchant
Connie Burrus & Lila Bradshaw
Dec 12: Ann Gariepy
Gordon & Deborah Foerster

Dec 19: Roseanna Delzotto & Joyce Walters
Peggy Tholen & Pam Burnette
Dec 26: Rex Wright
Butch & JoAnn Smith



WELCOME!

We were happy to welcome into the membership of Island in the Son UMC **Charlie Yoachum** on October 31, 2021 by transfer from Christ UMC Plano, TX!

An Ecumenical Outreach Ministry For the Homeless and Needy Families

Timon's Ministries non-profit organization


*The Island in the Son UMC collects canned goods/nonperishable items on the **1st Sunday of each month** to help supply the **Timon's Ministries Crisis Pantry**. Bring your donations to IITS and drop them in the Timon's basket in the foyer.*

Timon's Ministries Crisis Pantry

Timon's can always use the following items to give to their Crisis Pantry Clients:

- ◆ 1 lb. packages of 100% whole grain rice & pastas
- ◆ 1 lb. packages of beans
- ◆ Small canned meats for weekly packages
- ◆ Pop-top, ready to eat individual servings of food/soup
- ◆ Small Deodorants and Razors

Timon's Ministries is located at 10501 SPID (in Flour Bluff next to Pizza Hut)



IITS Health Watch

Our "health" report for October 2021

Prayers: We celebrated answered prayers and joys in worship, including: recovery from illnesses and surgeries, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and Columbus Day!

Presence: **October** average attendance:

Worship	44
Sunday School	0

Gifts: October

General Offering Received:

As of 10/31/21	141,248
% of 2020 offering goal	90%

Monthly Income & Budgeted Expenses

Income Received.....	\$33,679
Budgeted Expenses.....	\$11,449
Net income.....	\$22,230

Apportionments paid as of **10/31/21** 99%

Service: Congregational and community care; Bless the Kids Project; lunch service, food pantry, and communion for Timon's Ministries.

For where your treasure is,



there your heart will be also.


Matthew 6:21, NRSV

Please return your **2022 Estimate of Giving** card to the church as soon as possible. These commitments help us to finalize a budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

Extra cards are available on the Opportunities table.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES AT IITS

- ◆ **Bulletins** - in basket by Celebration Center Entrance
- ◆ **Eye Glasses & Hearing Aids** - in the Lion's Club box on top of the Timon's wooden donation box in the foyer
- ◆ **Aluminum Pop Tabs** - in the Ronald McDonald House box in the foyer (NO CANS, PLEASE!)






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Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper.....Anneliese Fryer

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Celebration Worship Service at 10 AM

NO Sunday School at 9 AM

The "Beach Treasures" monthly newsletter is EMAILED to the majority of our recipients. To be added to the email list or to get a mailed copy, please call the church office. **DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS THE 20TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH;** please email to the church at email address islandintheson@yahoo.com.





Worship in December

December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent (Peace)
Luke 3:1-6
"One Crying in the Wilderness"
Preparations

December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (Joy)
Philippians 4:4-7
"Desiring More"
To Know God More

December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent (Love)
Luke 1:39-55
"The Visit"
The Working of God

December 24 - Christmas Eve, 6:30PM
Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
"A New Kingdom"
Love and Service

December 26 (Faith)
Luke 2:41-52
"Looking for Jesus"
Vital Issues of Life