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FIRST CHURCH

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FIRST CHURCH Weekly News

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The Wright Stuff



Little Things

*"Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much,
and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much."*

(Luke 16:10)

Rabbi Ed Rosenthal met me in my office. He said, "One fundamental belief every religious tradition shares is that the Earth was created by God and is a gift to us all. We see our work at Repair the Sea as a sacred obligation to protect and steward God's wondrous creation." His organization "helps faith-based organizations stop utilizing single-use plastic products when they serve food at their programs.

Every year, in the US alone, over forty billion single-use forks, knives, and spoons are sold. They cannot be recycled and always end up in either landfills or the Ocean. They pollute the water and the land by breaking down into toxic microplastic particles and cause the deaths of countless marine animals and birds, and also poison our own food and water supply."

He traded single-use plastic knives and forks from the church pantry for more than twice as many biodegradable knives and forks. It's a little thing but it's a beginning.

Dr. Sam

Immediate Need for Nursery Attendant

Nursery Attendant Needed

To care for and teach children 6 weeks to 3 years – Sundays 10:30 – 12:30 plus special services with advance notice (\$20 per hour). Contact Alyssa Machado (amachado@firstsrq.com; 954-376-9186).

Deadline to Register for GriefShare



Mondays at 10 a.m. - Noon ~ Starting January 23 ~ Room 105

Register by Thursday, January 19.

**Contact Pastor Woody
(941-955-0935; wwoodward@firstsrq.com).**

Pictures from Ukraine



From Andy Roman, First Church member and volunteer in Ukraine, pictures from the Philadelphia church of Ternopil in Ukraine. They celebrate orthodox Christmas but are still spreading the love of the season today. With our support they buy food and fuel and other supplies from Poland.

[Click for an information sheet on Volunteer Opportunities at First Church to help Ukrainian immigrants and refugees.](#)

Dr. Sam's Sermon Series

Sermon Series: The Bible: Book Divine or Misleading Myths

January 22—Why These Books and Not Others? *2 Peter 3:15-16*

January 29— Are There Mistakes in the Bible? *2 Samuel 24:1; 1 Chronicles 21:1*

February 5— Were There Dinosaurs on the Ark? *Genesis 6:5-6, 11. Romans 15:4*

February 12—Are Tattoos Taboo? *Leviticus 19:27-28*

February 19—Women Need Not Apply?

Read the Bible In One Year

Dr. Sam is challenging us to read the Bible in just one year. There is a 5-day reading plan at www.FiveDayBibleReading.com.

Readings for Week 3

Day 1: Genesis 28-29, *Mark 11*
Day 2: Genesis 30-31; Psalm 11; *Mark 12*
Day 3: Genesis 32-34; Psalm 145; *Mark 13*
Day 4: Genesis 35-37; Psalm 12; *Mark 14*
Day 5: Genesis 38-40; *Mark 15*

Please try to read these in the order presented. They are listed this way for a reason. With only 5 days of readings per week, you can rest or catch up.

Let's Keep in Touch

We want to stay connected with all our church family. Seasonal family, please let us know when you are in Florida and when you are in your other state. Everyone, do let us know if you have a change of address (residence or email) and/or phone (cell or land). Send changes (office@firstsrq.com) or call the church office (941-955-0935).

Giving Envelopes

If you have not yet received your envelopes or would like giving envelopes, please contact Director of Finance and Administration Julie Miller (financial@firstsrq.com; 941-955-0935).

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