

March 5, 2024



Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Weekly News

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The Wright Stuff



Friends

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.” (John 15:13-15)

Jesus made many friends. As he traveled, he befriended many people along the way—the Samaritan woman at the well, the wealthy tax collector Zacchaeus, and Mary Magdalene. Peter, James, and John were his inner circle among the twelve. Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha were also good friends. In the

above passage, he addresses eleven of his disciples as his friends (Judas had left to betray him.). Jesus was open and honest with his friends. He shared with them what God had revealed to him. In the end Jesus laid down his life for his friends. Through his sacrificial death and resurrection, Jesus expanded his circle of friends to include us. Thanks be to God.

Dr. Sam

"Spring Forward" for This Sunday!



Don't come to church after it's over!

Set your clocks ahead before you go to bed March 9!

Jazz@First Church this Sunday at 4:30 PM



March 10
4:30 pm

*Complimentary
Admission*

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of Sarasota



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Help Support the ECC Trike-A-Thon

From Candy Bell, Director of Early Care Center:
The children rode a total of 923 laps to help other children at St. Jude

Children's Research hospital who are unable to ride. We had many volunteers to count laps and be cheerleaders for the riders. A very successful day of riding and connecting with families. Help us reach our goal of \$3,000.00. Go to stjude.org/trike and type in **First United Methodist Early Care** for the school. Then click on one of the children's names to donate. Checks can also be made out to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and dropped off to Early Care Center.

Below are pictures from this year's Trike-A-Thon:



Easter Egg-Stravaganza Donation Opportunities



Sunday, March 24 ~ Noon - 2 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

DONATE – brownies, Rice Krispie treats, cupcakes; bag(s) of individually wrapped candy.

Donation DEADLINE – Sunday, March 17.

For info: Janice Houchins (330-933-3590; janice.houchins@yahoo.com).

Florida UM Children's Home - Day on Campus

**Day on Campus - Enterprise, FL
Saturday, March 16, starts at 9:30 a.m.**

Tour the campus, learn about the ministries, enjoy performances by the youth, fellowship at picnic lunch. Invite friends to go with you!

For more information and to register, contact dayoncampus@fumch.org.

Easter Lilies - In Memory or In Honor

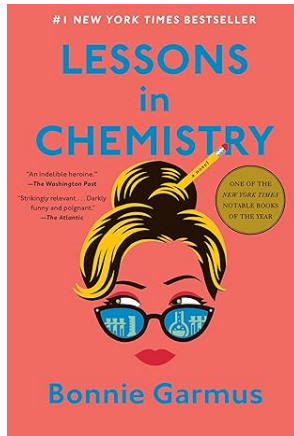
Easter lilies add to the beauty of Easter Sunday worship (\$10 per lily). To donate one or more, complete an order form at an Entrance Table, online, or call Tammy in the church office (941-955-0935). Deadline is Sunday, March 17.

You may take your lily (lilies) after the 11 a.m. Easter service.

Order online [HERE](#)



First's Book Club ~ March 25



Monday, March 25 ~ 10 a.m.
Room 105 and Zoom

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

A woman moved from the chemistry lab banished to the home front turns it into a staging ground for a revolution.

Leader Leah Pittard (rockpitt38@gmail.com)

Everyone Invited!

Mission Moments



Meals on Wheels

First United Methodist Church helped found this ministry in Sarasota in 1971. Serving 500 meals daily requires the work of 450 volunteers. You can be one of them. Visit MealsonWheelsofSarasota.org.

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