

April 23, 2024



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

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## Weekly News

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### The Wright Stuff



#### Managers of God's Creation

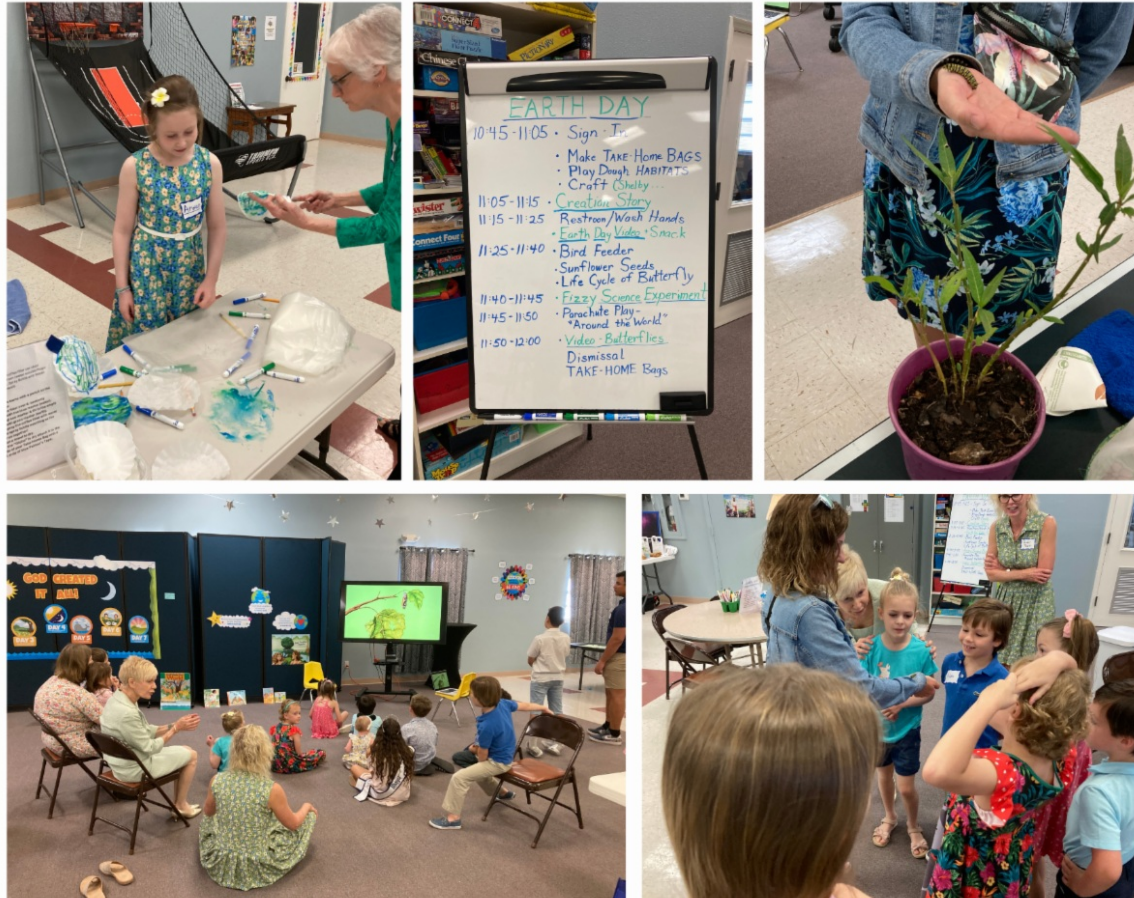
*God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth." (Genesis 1:26, TM)*

According to Genesis, God put humans in charge of the planet. As managers for God, we are responsible for the planet and all its creatures. Humans were not put in charge so that we could wipe out entire species because of greed. (A bluefin tuna can be worth \$100,000 on the Japanese market.) We are not given dominion to pollute the oceans. Yet, one large garbage patch in the Pacific contains 1.8 trillion pieces of trash. The floating mass covers an area twice the size of Texas.

Yesterday was Earth Day. I admit it bothers me when I throw away a piece of plastic that doesn't recycle because I know it may take 1,000 years to break down and become part of the soil or end up floating in the ocean for centuries. The best thing we can do as Christians is to reduce the trash we create, reuse items we can, and recycle. We can do a better job as God's managers.

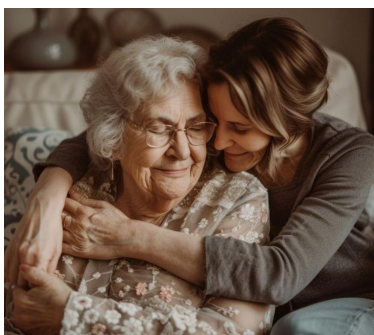
Dr. Sam

## First Church Kids Earth Day Celebration



For the Earth Day Celebration, 15 children enjoyed a variety of activities, including the story about Creation, videos about butterflies and keeping the earth clean and safe, and fun science experiments! They also made habitats, did crafts, and were able to handle a caterpillar while discovering how it changes into a butterfly. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make this a fun and educational day for First Church Kids!

## Help Us Honor Mothers with Your Photos!



We would like to feature you and your mother - or just your mom - in a slideshow with beautiful music during our worship services on Mother's Day, May 12.

Send your photo by Tuesday, May 7, to [techcoord@firstsrq.com](mailto:techcoord@firstsrq.com). We will do the same for June 16 Father's Day if you would like to send

a photo of you and your father at the same time.

## Meet Our New Nursery Attendant

Meet Shelby Smith, our new nursery attendant. She is a teacher in the Early Care Center (ECC) and began her responsibilities as the nursery attendant on March 14. She is a wonderful addition to our Children's Ministry team!



## Artisan's World Marketplace Looking for New Leader



Artisan's World Marketplace is looking for someone to lead its mission of providing a place in Sarasota for disadvantaged craftspeople from around the world to sell goods which meet the internationally-accepted principles of Fair Trade. This nonprofit, originally located in Thacker Hall (under the Sanctuary at First UMC), moved to 128 S. Pineapple into its own storefront. AWM helps low-income entrepreneurs from around the globe, benefiting not only individuals but social services organizations they work with.

This leadership position is to take over from the retiring CEO, working with a board of directors to manage the mission. A background in retail sales is helpful but not necessary, but a passion for helping others and an appreciation for beautiful craftsmanship are.

For more information contact **Sandy Ramsey** at **941-365-5994**.

**TeamTreble at First UMC Sunday, April 28 at 11 a.m.**

**April 25-29, 2024**



**team  
treble.**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH . SARASOTA  
104 S Pineapple Ave.

**LAKEHOUSE WEST**  
Thursday, April 25, 2024  
4 pm

**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday, April 28, 2024  
11 am

**SARASOTA BAY CLUB**  
Monday, April 29, 2024  
8 pm

**Our own TeamTreble joins the 11 a.m. service on April 28!**

## **Upcoming Sunday Events**

### **May 12 – Mother's Day**

Celebrate in the Narthex with Refreshments by Joy.  
Children's Moment, Baptism.

### **May 19 – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

All invited to wear RED as we celebrate the birth of the church.  
Baptism.

### **June 2 – ONE SERVICE at 10 AM**

Followed by FAREWELL to Dr. Sam in the Fellowship Hall.

### **June 16 – Father's Day ~ ONE SERVICE at 10AM**

Followed by FAREWELL to Pastor Woody in the Fellowship Hall.

### **June 30 – ONE SERVICE at 11AM**

Celebration of Freedom Followed by Patriotic Picnic in the  
Fellowship Hall.

### **July 7 – 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

First UMC's new minister's (Rev. Brett DeHart) First Sunday

**General Conference to Convene April 23 - May 3**



# General Conference FAQ

Please pray for the delegates and church leaders from around the world who will be attending the first General Conference in 8 years. Many decisions will be made affecting the United Methodist Church and what we will be in the future. Let us pray for discernment, understanding, and peace throughout the process!

To learn more about General Conference click [HERE](#).

## First Church Kids ~ Pentecost Birthday Party



# Happy Birthday

**Surprise Birthday Party (10:45 - 12 in Youth Hall)  
Whose Birthday?? Wear **Red** or **Orange**. Bring Friends!**

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