

June 4, 2024



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

Weekly News

(Be sure to scroll all the way down.)

THE WRIGHT STUFF



We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

We are very grateful to everyone for Sunday's wonderful reception for Yvonne and me. You all were so kind, gracious, and generous. We appreciate all the different ways you showed your love for us—the music in worship with favorite hymns and the kids singing, the flowers, the color of the lovely decorations, the corsages, the delicious food, the photos, the

generous gifts, the cards, the line of heartfelt goodbyes that lasted two hours, our favorite Irish blessing, and more. Many of you mentioned how God has used us to bless your lives. That is certainly how we feel about you. You have been such a blessing to us. We are humbled by your expressions of love. Thank you!

May God bless you in every way. You remain in our prayers.

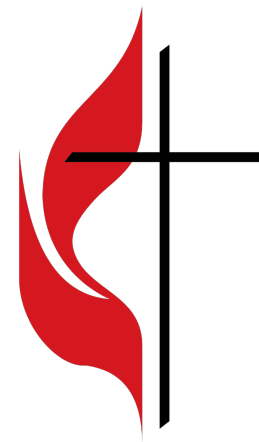
Dr. Sam & Yvonne

**Thank you, Dr. Sam, for eight fabulous years!
We wish you and Yvonne all the best!**



ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings. This year First United Methodist Church will be represented by Dr. Sam, Pastor Woody, FUMC next pastor Rev. Brett DeHart, and Leah Pittard.



MIRA MAR PARCEL VOTE RESULTS



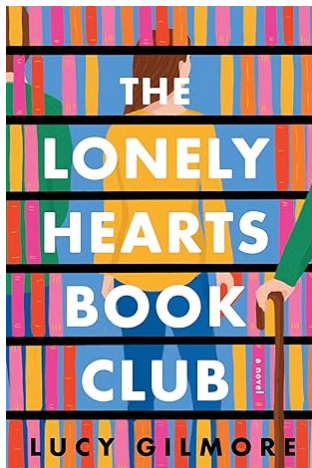
On Wednesday, May 29, a Church Conference Meeting was held at FUMC. A vote was taken to sell the 1/3 parcel on the west side of Mira Mar Court for \$7.5M and construct a new playground for the Early Care Center in the parking lot on Mira Mar Court. The vote passed unanimously with 36 Yes and 0 No.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

All church ladies are invited to join Rebekah Circle for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, June 13, 11:30 AM at Millie's Restaurant, 3900 Clark Rd., Sarasota.

RSVP to Judy McGrath (judy.mcgrath19@gmail.com).

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB



Monday, June 24 - 10 a.m.

Room 104/Zoom

The Lonely Hearts Book Club by Lucy Gilmore. A young librarian and an old curmudgeon forge the unlikeliest of friendships in this charming, feel-good novel about one misfit book club and the lives (and loves) it changed along the way. For more information, contact Leah Pittard at rockpitt38@gmail.com.

MEET & GREET WITH REV. BRETT DEHART



If you are unable to attend the **church** meet and greet with **Rev. Brett DeHart**, consider joining one of the **home** meet and greets. Sign up sheet is in Narthex. Thank you!

UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS

June 9 - 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Message by Rev. Beth Bostrom

June 16 – ONE SERVICE at 10 AM

Father's Day and Pastor Woody's Farewell in Fellowship Hall

June 23 – TWO SERVICES

8:30 a.m. in Chapel ~ 11 a.m. in Sanctuary

Message by Rev. Beth Bostrom

June 30 – ONE SERVICE at 11AM

Celebration of Freedom Followed by Patriotic Picnic in Fellowship Hall. **Wear patriotic colors!**

Message by Rev. Beth Bostrom

July 7 – 8:30 and 11 a.m.

First UMC's New Minister's (Rev. Brett DeHart) First Sunday

DIAPER DRIVE "FIRST 1,000 DAYS"

Bring Diapers to Church

June 10-16

This community-based initiative by Sarasota Memorial Hospital supports needy families from pregnancy to age 3. Many parents struggle to provide basic necessities, with diapers being a top need. All size diapers are needed, but sizes 3-7 are currently in highest demand. To help, bring diapers on Sunday June 16 (or during the week).



If you prefer to give online, please designate your gift for "First 1,000 Days." Thank you for your generosity.

FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS

We Want to Add Your Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16. FUMC would like to feature you and your father in a slideshow with beautiful music in our June 16 worship services. **Send your photo by Tuesday, June 11, to**

techcoordinator@firstsrq.com

HELP AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITH HEARING DEVICES

FUMC has a Hearing Loop in the Chapel and Sanctuary. Switch your hearing device to "T" (telephone) to connect to the loop. If needed, there are battery packs and ear buds at the Security Station.

First United Methodist Church | 104 S. Pineapple Avenue | Sarasota, FL 34236 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!