

Need to Know

SERVE AT CARITAS

We are two people short for our Caritas team. Serve one Monday a month from 9:00-11:00am at Herrig Center, 1645 Fruitville Road, greeting individuals seeking help with utility bills, prescriptions, work attire, and transportation. (Beginning May 1, the hours at Herrig will be 9:00-10:30am) Contact Neal Merrifield at nealcoal1@verizon.net or 202-379-6672.

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 28 - 10:00am
Room 104/Zoom

We will be sharing thoughts on this month's book, *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon. For zoom link contact Leah Pittard at rockpitt38@gmail.com.

BOOKER INTEREST LIST

First UMC has supported students and their families at Booker for 10 years now. In the past, we have done this exclusively through Day4Hope. Desiring a deeper relationship, we are transitioning from this one-day event to a year-round strategy. We will still assist families and teachers financially, and now we will serve at the school through the food pantry, school store, family engagement nights, and school events. We are compiling an email list of people willing to serve at the school so we can alert people when opportunities arise. To be added to the BLESS BOOKER Email List, please send your name, email, and phone number to susanq1@verizon.net.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

We invite you to attend our *Safe Sanctuaries* Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 12-2:00pm. This training is required for all servants working with our church's children and youth. *Safe Sanctuaries* has been the UMC policy since 1996 and has ensured that our churches are safe spaces for all who enter our doors. Lunch will be provided. To register, contact Kids and Youth Ministry Director, Laura Ross, at laura@firstSRQ.com.

Kids' Corner



JUNE 16-20

Miramar Music Camp

9:00am-1:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Musical Performance

Rising K - Rising 6th Grade



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JULY 14-18

Camp Firelight

Vacation Bible School

9:00am-12:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Rising K - Rising 6th Grade



SCAN TO REGISTER

Celebrations



Our kids and their families had a great time at our Picnic on the Key April 19 at Siesta Beach.



...or scan this QR code with your smartphone. Thank you for your generosity.



Church Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 28

10:00am First's Book Club, Room 104/Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

2:30pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group - Room 104/Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall

10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall

5:00pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 2

6:00pm Ron Kowal Memorial - Chapel

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:30am Worship, Chapel

9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom

11:00am Worship - Sanctuary

11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby

12:00pm Confirmation Class - Youth Hall



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

Welcome to WORSHIP

104 South Pineapple Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236
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This service is being live-streamed and recorded so others can worship with us online.

First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

PRELUDE (11:00am)
Toccata in F BuxWV 157a
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER
Laura Ross, *Kids and Youth Ministry Director*

HYMN SING (8:30am)

*PASSING THE PEACE (8:30am)

*HYMN
He Lives
Hymnal 310

***APOSTLES’ CREED**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI
Hymnal 70

CHORAL ANTHEM
Christ the Lord Is Risen Again
Philip Stopford
Chancel Choir; David Gaztambide, *soloist*

Christ the Lord is ris’n again, Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today we too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away; let us sing by night and day Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE / KIDS LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL (11:00am)

DOXOLOGY (11:00am)
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Hymnal 94

PRAYER
Tony Kenworthy, *Lay Leader* (8:30am)
Terry Neeley, *SPRC Chair* (11:00am)

LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00am)
Charles Villiers Stanford
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Alleluia from *Exultate Jubilate*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Laura McKenna, *soprano*

THE MESSAGE
Laura Ross

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Easter People, Raise Your Voices
Hymnal 304

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
Tithes and offerings can be placed in one of the baskets/boxes located at the back of the room, or give online at SRQgives.com. Thank you for your generosity.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
TFWS 2171

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Festive Trumpet Tune
David German

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

ALTAR FLOWERS
The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allen and Mary Jelks by Helen King.


RON KOWAL MEMORIAL
May 2, 2025 - 6:00pm
Chapel



We are glad that you are here and hope that you’re blessed by the experience. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here at First United Methodist.

Please fill out the enclosed **Guest Connection Card** or text the word **WELCOME to 941-352-1050** to connect with us further.

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AN INVITATION TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS
Jesus loves you. Jesus offers you new and abundant life. Jesus desires to be in relationship with you.

AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS
A disciple is a follower of Jesus who is...
Inwardly Becoming More Like Jesus by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) and
Outwardly Living More Like Jesus by practicing holy love.

To discuss either invitation, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com or 941-955-0935.