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SERVE AT DINNER PARTY

Dinner Party returns Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm (new time) in Fellowship Hall. This month, many of our regulars will be away, so we need some extra hands and hearts to help serve food and share hospitality at the tables. To be a part of blessing SongSquad and Early Care Center families through this vital outreach, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com.

REBEKAH CIRCLE AND UWF LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 18 - 11:30am Millie's Restaurant, 3900 Clark Rd.

You are warmly invited to join the Rebekah Circle and United Women of Faith for our final summer luncheon. It will be a lovely time of fellowship and delicious food. To help us plan, contact Judy McGrath at judy.mcgrath19@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Future Meetings: Our regular monthly meetings will resume at the church on the third Thursday of each month, beginning on October 16.

NEW NAME TAGS

If you have a nametag with the old 'First Church' logo, please drop it in the basket in narthex/lobby and we'll make you a new one. For those who don't have any nametag, fill out a name tag request form located at the Pineapple Ave. entrance table. Name tags can be picked up next Sunday service.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

While membership is not required to worship or participate at First UMC, membership is integral for the maturing believer. Along with devotion to Christ, the Christian life includes learning, living, and growing together with other Christians as a part of the Body of Christ. To be a member is to be part of a living organism- a vital community animated by the Spirit to love and to serve.

To discuss joining the church, please contact Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com or 941-350-5321.



Celebrations



Our ladies enjoyed a wonderful luncheon on September 9 in Fellowship Hall, prepared by the fabulous Joy VanDeMortel. In addition to the delicious meal and fellowship, guests brought hundreds of dollars' worth of household items to bless and support Family Promise and Francis House families.

What a beautiful outpouring of generosity and love in action.

Kids Corner

We invite youth, 7th-12th grade, to join our Youth Group! We meet Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00pm in Youth Hall. Join us for dinner, devotion, and fellowship. Contact Laura Ross, laura@firstSRQ.com, for more info.

SCAN TO REGISTER



2:30pm

5:00pm

9:40am

11:00am



Club 456 is a new opportunity for our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.

Beginning Sunday, September 28,

Club 456 will meet on the

4th Sunday of the month
following the 11:00am service.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Church Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16Women's Spiritual Growth Group - Room 104/Zoom

	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
6:30pm	Choir Practice, Choir Room
	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:30am	ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am	ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
2:00pm	Trustees - Room 104/Zoom
5:30pm	SongSquad - Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Dinner Party - Fellowship Hall
	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:30am	Worship, Chapel

Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom

Worship - Sanctuary

Finance - Room 104/Zoom

11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby
 4:00pm MFA Michael Stuart & FUMC Festival Brass - Sanctuary
 5:00pm Youth Group - Fellowship Hall



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First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 2025

PRELUDE (11:00am)

Liturgical Improvisation No. 3

George Oldroyd

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

Laura Ross, Kids and Youth Director

HYMN SING/PASSING THE PEACE (8:30am)

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Hymnal 153

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00am)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin Paul Goedecke, baritone

PRAYER Joyce Johnson, Pastoral Care/Faith Community Nurse

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)

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Diane Bish **Chancel Choir** *DOXOLOGY (11:00am)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERING AND PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY (8:30am)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin Paul Goedecke, baritone

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)

How Firm A Foundation

Paul Koch **Chancel Choir**

Hymnal 94

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His saints of the Lord, excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. "When through the deep waters, I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no never, no never forsake.

SERMON

"Twister: It's Only a Game...Or Is It?" Rev. Ed New President and CEO. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Isaiah 43:19 Florida United Methodist Foundation

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Hymnal 559

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS 2171

POSTLUDE (11:00am) **Amazing Grace**

J. Christopher Pardini Michael Stuart

*Please stand as you are comfortable.



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Elle and Brycelyn Stubbs by Mimi and Poppi.



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.

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