

Need to Know

FIRST CONCERT OF SEASON

Michael Stuart & **FUMC
FESTIVAL BRASS**

TODAY AT 4:00pm!

NEXT 3 CONCERTS:
St. Pete Baroque Ensemble
October 12 - 4:00pm
Michael Drewnowski, *piano*
November 9 - 4:00pm
Christmas Gala
December 21 - 7:00pm

MusicFineArts
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, September 22
10:00am - Room 104/Zoom

Book Club is back! We will be reading *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell. If unable to make it in-person, contact Nadine Thomas (blues.thomas@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

FAITH CAFÉ NEW STUDY

Sundays at 9:40am – Room 104

New 4-Week Study Begins October 19

The Bible With and Without Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler.
Contact Ann Day at annietday@hotmail.com or 941-704-8424.

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.



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Celebrations



SongSquad has begun its' new season! Early Care Center's Gators, Bunnies and Shining Stars meet Thursday mornings. Kindergarten - Grade 5 meet Thursday evenings at 5:30pm in the Family Life Center.

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



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.
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Church Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00am First's Book Club - Room 104/Zoom
5:00pm ECC Board Meeting - Room 104/Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

2:30pm Women's Spiritual Growth Group - Room 104/Zoom
5:00pm Church Council - Room 104/Zoom
6:30pm Nominations - Room 104/Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30am Worship, Chapel
9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom
11:00am Gospel Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby
5:00pm Youth Group - Fellowship Hall



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



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First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025

PRELUDE (11:00am)
Cantabile from *Trois Pieces* Gabriel Pierne

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brett DeHart

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

*HYMN
The Church’s One Foundation Hymnal 545

*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)
In Jesus Name (God of Possible) Katy Nichole
Angela Steiner, *soloist*

I speak the name of Jesus over you. In your hurting, in your sorrow, I will ask my God to move. I speak the name cause it’s all that I can do In desperation, I’ll seek heaven And pray this for you. I pray for your healing. That circumstances would change. I pray that the fear inside would flee. In Jesus name I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name In Jesus name. I speak the name of all authority. Declaring blessings and every promise, He is faithful to keep. I speak the name no grave could ever hold. He is greater, He is stronger he’s the God of possible. I pray for your healing. That circumstances would change. I pray that the fear inside would flee In Jesus name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name In Jesus name. Come believe it. Come receive it. Oh the power of His Spirit is now forever yours. Come believe it Come receive it In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible. I pray for your healing. That circumstances will change. I pray that the fear inside will flee in Jesus name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life In Jesus name. I pray for revival, for restoration of faith. I pray that the dead will come alive In Jesus name.

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

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

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

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)
All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke
When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia!

SERMON
“Scrabble: It’s Only a Game...Or Is It?”
Proverbs 18:21 (NIV) The tongue has the power of life and death.
Proverbs 12:18 (NRSV) Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Proverbs 15:4 (NLT) Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
James 3:9-10 (CEB) With (the tongue) we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God’s likeness. 10 Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth.
My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn’t be this way!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded Hymnal 132

NEW MEMBERS (11:00am) Kamika Evans; Shelby Smith

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace TFWS 2171

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Hymn de Actions de Graces Te Deum Jean Langlais

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*


IN MEMORIAM
Diane Hicks
September 14, 2025



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. Pastor Brett would love to meet you following the service.

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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