

Need to Know



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.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 9
Noon - Fellowship Hall

All ladies and guests are invited to a luncheon supporting Family Promise. There is a sign-up sheet in Narthex or RSVP to Terry Neeley, tbn828@aol.com.

NEW CARING CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

We're launching a new ministry to extend the love and care of our congregation to home-based members. If you feel called to this meaningful work, join us for a training session on Thursday, September 11 at 6:00pm. A light dinner will be provided. Come learn how to offer compassionate support and connection to those who can't be with us in person. To RSVP or for more information, contact Lynne Koy: happiness.sarasota@gmail.com or 941-544-5117.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Tuesday, September 16
2:30-3:30pm
Room 104/Zoom

The next study will be *The Emotionally Healthy Woman: Eight Things You Have to Quit to Change Your Life*, by Geri Scazzero. This book is for every woman who thinks, "I can't keep pretending everything is fine!" If you would like to order a book, RSVP to Susan Quigley at susanq1@verizon.net or 401-935-0260.
Note: There is no class on September 9. (Ladies Luncheon)

Celebrations

The Back-to-School Bash was a success! We had 30+ in attendance for games, food, face painting, faith and fun.



Kids' Corner



We invite youth, 7th-12th grade, to join our Youth Group! We will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00pm in the Youth Hall beginning tonight. 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.
SCAN TO REGISTER



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



104 South Pineapple Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236
941-955-0935
www.firstSRQ.com

This service is being live-streamed and recorded so others can worship with us online.

FIRST CONCERT OF SEASON

Michael Stuart & **FUMC FESTIVAL BRASS**

Ross Holcombe, conductor; Whitney Clair, trombone; Christopher Graham, trombone; Robert Kastner, trombone; Ilan Morgenstern, bass trombone; Steven Osbourne, trombone; Jemmie Robertson, trombone; Joël Vaïsse, trombone; Harold Van Schaik, bass trombone

Sunday, September 21
4:00pm
Sanctuary

MusicFineArts
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:30am Missions Team - Room 104
12:00pm Women's Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00am Campus Master Plan Task Force - Room 104/Zoom
6:30pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
4:00pm Perpetual Fund - Room 104/Zoom
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Caring Connections - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

First United Methodist Church of Sarasota

Communion Sunday
September 7, 2025

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brett DeHart

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

*HYMN
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hymnal 384

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

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

PRAYER Laura Ross, Kids and Youth Director (8:30am)
Terry Neeley, SPR 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)
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen. Diane Bish
Chancel Choir

OFFERING AND PRAYER
On Communion Sundays, we receive a special offering for the Caritas ministry, which helps the less fortunate in our community with utilities, work boots, bus passes, and groceries. Please place your offering in one of the baskets/boxes as you exit the service, mail a check to the church, or you may give online at SRQgives.com.

OFFERTORY PIANO MEDITATION (8:30am) Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
How Can I Keep from Singing? Gyweneth Walker
Chancel Choir

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though the tempest round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round my close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I’m clinging. Since love is lord of Heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing; when friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing? In prison cell and dungeon vile out thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I’m clinging. It sounds and echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

SERMON
“Monopoly: It’s Only a Game...Or Is It?”
(Mark 8:31-36, Luke 12:15-31)

EARN as much as you can.
LIVE ON as little as you can.
GIVE as much as you can.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION
Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON
All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we’ve not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(All pray in silence.)*
Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING See Insert

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:00am)
Ubi Caritas *(Where there is true charity, God is present.)* David Hurd
Chancel Choir

The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return. In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace. May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ. For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life. May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray together: **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Rejoice, the Lord Is King Hymnal 715

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION
Make Me a Channel of Your Piece TFWS 2171

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Amazing Grace arr. J. Christopher Pardini

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Donna Maynard by Melinda Powell.*



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.

- CONTACT US**
Phone 941-955-0935
- “IN THE LOOP” TEXT UPDATES**
Text LOOP to 941-352-1050
- WiFi PASSWORD**
SRQWORSHIP
- WEBSITE**
firstSRQ.com
- ONLINE WORSHIP**
SRQworship.com
- OUR SOCIALS**
facebook: fumcsarasota
youtube: firstmethodistsarasota
instagram: firstchurchsrq



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.