

Need to Know

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The Nominations Committee is beginning its work to fill vital leadership positions for 2026 such as Church Council, Trustees (Property/Facilities), Staff-Parish Relations (Personnel), Finance, and Nominations. If you are interested in serving, contact Rev. Brett DeHart at brett@firstSRQ.com or 941-350-5321.

FAITH CAFÉ NEW STUDY

Sundays at 9:40am – Room 104

New 6-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.

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 23

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 Sharon Kenworthy (skenworthy233@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

MEDICARE 101

Sunday, October 26

9:30am and Noon - Fellowship Hall

Scott Black, longtime FUMC member and licensed insurance agent, will present a brief Medicare Informational Program followed by a Q and A session. Refreshments will be served. No reservation needed.

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

We celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to express our gratitude to Pastor DeHart for his dedicated service to the United Methodist Church and our community. Let's take a moment to reflect on the many ways Pastor DeHart has enriched our lives and consider how we can show our appreciation. Whether it's a heartfelt note, a small gift, or simply a kind word, your gesture can make a meaningful impact. Thank you!

-Staff Parish Committee

Kids' Corner

YOUTH GROUP

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.

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CLUB 456

Club 456 is a new opportunity

for our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.

Club 456 meets on the 4th Sunday of the month following the 11:00am service.

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Celebrations



We have welcomed 25 new members this year (as well as 10 kids in those families).

18 of the 25 have joined on profession of faith meaning they have not recently been involved in a church.

October Happenings

- 9** Dinner Party - 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall
- 12** Gospel Sunday - 10:45am Start - 11:00am Service - Sanctuary
- 12** MFA - St. Pete Baroque Ensemble 4:00pm - Sanctuary (see below)
- 26** Medicare 101 - 9:30am and Noon - Fellowship Hall
- 28** Annual Church Charge Conference - 6:15pm - Chapel

Music FineArts
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEW BEGINNINGS- We have works by Marin Marais and George Friedrich Handel. Additionally we have a some rare gems, a Chaconne by Bertali, played by the incomparable Sarah Shellman and a recently discovered manuscript for Viola d'Amore played by artistic director Dan Urbanowicz!

St. Pete Baroque Ensemble

Sunday, October 12 - 4:00pm

FREE ADMISSION - BRING A FRIEND!

Dan Urbanowicz
VIOLA D'AMORE AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Sarah Shellman
BAROQUE VIOLIN

Scott Kluksdahl
BAROQUE CELLO

Brent Douglas
HARPSICHORD

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Church Calendar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00am ECC Parent Donut Day - Fellowship Hall
9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Dinner Party - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30am Worship, Chapel
9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom
10:45am Gospel Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby
4:00pm MFA St. Pete Baroque Ensemble - Sanctuary
5:00pm Youth Group - Youth Hall



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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

World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025

PRELUDE (11:00am)
Invocation in B-flat Alexander Guilmant

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brett DeHart

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

*HYMN
Ye Servants of God Hymnal 181

*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)
Amen Peter Lutkin
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 (8:30am)
Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether arr. Michael Stuart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether Harold Friedell
Chancel Choir

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

SERMON
“Sorry! It’s Only a Game... Or Is It?”
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 18, Genesis 25-50, Luke 23:34

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 Maurice Durufle
ENSEMBLE
“Where charity and love are, there God is. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.”

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
O, Zion Haste Hymnal 573

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.*

IN MEMORIAM
Bob Gorman
September 25, 2025

Margaret Goedecke
October 1, 2025
Memorial Service
Sunday, October 19, 2025
2:00pm
Sanctuary



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 at brett@firstSRQ.com or 941-955-0935.