

# Need to Know

## DIAPERS FOR FIRST 1,000 DAYS SUNCOAST

This community initiative supports families from birth to age three. Please bring diapers and/or wipes to church by Sunday, January 18. Any size is appreciated; sizes 4-7 and pull-ups are often requested. If you prefer to give financially, designate "First 1,000 Days" on the memo line of your check. To learn more about the initiative, go to [www.first1000dayssuncoast.org](http://www.first1000dayssuncoast.org).

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Tuesday, January 13  
2:30pm - Room 104/Zoom

This is a 6-week study called *Thrive* by Jennifer Cowart. *Thrive* is a study of the book of *James*, a letter of enduring hardship. We'll study six characteristics of mature Christian's from endurance and humility to controlling our words helping us develop habits and attitudes to thrive, discover the divine and life faithfully. Books are \$15. Contact Susan Quigley at 401-935-0260 or [susanq1@verizon.net](mailto:susanq1@verizon.net).

## YOU ARE INVITED TO DINNER PARTY

Dinner Party returns Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We look to widen the table with more church members attending this multi-generational gathering to connect deeper with Early Care Center and SongSquad families. Please join in the fun and fellowship. Free, no reservation needed.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH/REBEKAH CIRCLE GATHERING

Thursday, January 15  
10:00am - Room 104/Zoom

All ladies are welcome! Judy McGrath will talk about Methodist global missions plus conduct a UWF pledge service. Join us for some interesting information and warm fellowship. For further information, please contact Mary Lou Levine at 603-986-8282 or [mllevine1941@gmail.com](mailto:mllevine1941@gmail.com).

## SERMON SERIES DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Florida Conference UMC is offering a daily devotional guide for United Methodists for our new Awakened by Grace series. The devotional is available in two formats: electronic PDF (free) or book (\$8). Email Pastor Brett at [brett@firstSRQ.com](mailto:brett@firstSRQ.com) for your copy.

## SOUP DONATIONS NEEDED

The congregation will gather following Gospel Sunday worship on January 18 at noon in Fellowship Hall for lunch featuring a variety of soups and live music. If you can donate a crockpot of your favorite soup, please email Joy VanDeMortel at [joy@firstSRQ.com](mailto:joy@firstSRQ.com) or text 315-879-9900.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 - ONE SERVICE 11:00am**

# Gospel SUNDAY

with Atlanta, Georgia's own  
**SEVENFOLD SISTERS**

Music starts at 10:45am  
Lunch and interactive performance  
following service.



As we commemorate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, we will feature an interview with our own Linda Carson, a television news reporter who covered Dr. King and Coretta Scott King during the Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta.



# Celebrations



First UMC held its annual Christmas Party for Resurrection House on December 23. We served sandwiches, potato salad, chicken wings, and all kinds of desserts for over 90 people. We have been doing this for over twenty years. Resurrection House is a faith-based resource center for the homeless committed to transitioning at-risk individuals to a path of self-sufficiency.

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We celebrate **Joyce Johnson** who is beginning her 24th year on staff at First UMC.



with **B Trivial**, a local trivia show who performs from Sarasota to Tampa.

Friday, January 30 - 6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of fun, trivia, silent auction, food, and fellowship to benefit our amazing Early Care Center. Free childcare available for ages 2-9. Come as a team of 8 for \$160 per table or \$25 per individual. Entry fee includes pizza and a drink. Desserts and ECC t-shirts will be available for purchase. For more information or tickets, contact Laura Ross at [laura@firstSRQ.com](mailto:laura@firstSRQ.com).

# Church Calendar

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30am ECC SongSquad Gators & Bunnies - Fellowship Hall  
10:00am ECC SongSquad Shining Stars - Fellowship Hall  
10:00am UWF/Rebekah Circle Group - Room 104/Zoom  
2:00pm Trustees - Room 104/Zoom  
5:30pm SongSquad - Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Dinner Party - Fellowship Hall

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9:40am Faith Café - Room 104/Zoom  
10:45am One Service Gospel Sunday Worship - Sanctuary  
11:00am Kids Sunday School Sign-In Narthex/Lobby  
12:00pm Lunch and Interactive Performance - Fellowship Hall  
5:00pm Youth Group - Youth Hall

# First United Methodist SARASOTA

January 11, 2026



104 South Pineapple Avenue  
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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

January 11, 2026

PRELUDE  
*Just A Closer Walk With Thee* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brett DeHart

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

\*HYMN  
*Amazing Grace* Hymnal 378

\*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

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

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

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT SPARCC  
Jessica Hays, *President and CEO*  
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center

CHORAL ANTHEM (11:00am)  
*My Jesus I Love Thee* arr. Dan Forrest

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* John Rutter

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)  
*Be Thou My Vision* arr. Carol Tornquist

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)  
*I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry  
Annie S. Hawks; arr. Ricky Valadez  
Thomas Thai, *baritone*

SERMON  
“*Awakened to Grace: Prayer*”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE  
*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Hymnal 404

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION  
*On Eagle’s Wings* Hymnal 143

POSTLUDE (11:00am)  
*Old Time Religion* with *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. Mark Hayes

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.*



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**  
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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](mailto:brett@firstSRQ.com) or 941-955-0935.