

Need to Know

GAME NIGHT AT LIDO BEACH PAVILION TONIGHT

Join us for a multigenerational evening of fun and fellowship with our youth. Classic board games, light dinner, and sunset prayer. Throw a beach chair in the car just in case. Sunday, January 25 at 5:00pm at Lido Beach Pavilion, 400 Benjamin Franklin Dr., Sarasota, FL 34236.



Friday, January 30
6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

ECC TRIVIA NIGHT LAST DAY TO REGISTER: MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Tables are filling fast! Join us for an evening of fun, trivia, silent auction, food, and fellowship with local trivia show, *B Trivial*, 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 tickets, contact Laura Ross at laura@firstSRQ.com.

BBQ WITH BRETT

Join Pastor Brett on Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30pm for a casual dinner at Brick's Smoked Meats, 1528 State St, Sarasota, FL 34236. Park near church at the Mark garage for free and walk or parking available is available next door to restaurant at State Street Garage (1538 State Street, levels 2 through 6, first hour free after registering license plate on App or at Meter, \$2 beyond that).

URGENT NEED FOR CARITAS SERVERS

Consistent help is needed one Monday a month from 9:00-10:30am at Herrig Center, 1645 Fruitville Road, greeting individuals seeking help with utility bills, prescriptions, work attire, and transportation. Contact Neal Merrifield at nealcoal1@verizon.net or 202-379-6672.

DO YOU LIVE IN DOWNTOWN OR THE ROSEMARY DISTRICT?

As we seek to better connect with our neighbors, we'd love to know who among our church family lives in Downtown or the Rosemary District. If that's you, please email Pastor Brett at brett@firstSRQ.com. Thank you for helping us strengthen our local connections!



Please bring "Cup-a-Soup" individual soup pouches to worship on Sunday, February 8. We will be fulfilling a vital need for the Caritas ministry.

Celebrations



50 people attended our first Dinner Party of 2026. Dinner Party is a multi-generational opportunity for church members to connect with the kids and families of SongSquad and Early Care Center. Future dates: March 12, April 2, April 30.



Church Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

3:30pm First's Book Club - Room 104/Zoom
5:00pm ECC Board Meeting - Room 104/Zoom

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30pm ECC Trivia Night Fundraiser - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

First United Methodist SARASOTA

January 25, 2026



104 South Pineapple Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236
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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 25, 2026

PRELUDE
Intermezzo Op. 118 No. 2 Brahms
Angela Steiner, *pianist/organist*

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER Rev. Brett DeHart

HYMN SING (8:30am)

PASSING THE PEACE (8:30am)

*HYMN
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Hymnal 626

*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

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

CHORAL ANTHEM (11:00am)
Inscription of Hope Z. Randall Stroope
Chancel Choir

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining, And I believe in love even when there’s no one there. And I believe in God even when he is silent, I believe through any trial there is always a way. But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair, My heart cries for shelter, to know someone’s there. But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child, I’ll give you strength, I’ll give you hope, Just stay a little while. May there someday be sunshine, May there someday be happiness, May there someday be love, May there someday be peace.

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 arr. Peter Lutkin

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT Caritas
Neal Merrifield

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 arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERTORY (11:00am)
Keep Breathing Ingrid Michaelson

SERMON
“Awakened to Grace: Silence”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Be Still My Soul Hymnal 534

NEW MEMBERS (11:00am) Jamie Epling
Kathy and Keith Grady

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION
On Eagle’s Wings Hymnal 143

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Amazing Grace arr. Mark Hayes

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*


**John Herr
Memorial Service**
Today at 1:30pm
The Oaks, Osprey


ALTAR FLOWERS
*The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Church
by Tony and Sharon Kenworthy.*



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.