

Need to Know

ZOE VIRTUAL TOUR

We have an opportunity to Zoom with our *Zoe Empowers* families in Rwanda. It's a Virtual Mission Trip/Tour on Wednesday, February 11 at 9:30am. Email Heidi at reception@firstsrq.com for the Zoom link. *Zoe Empowers* has a vision to see a world where all children are given opportunities, not handouts, to reach their full potential. They empower orphans and vulnerable children to move beyond charity, becoming fully self-reliant leaders who change entire communities.



GED CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION

February 15 - March 8

We are collecting gently used clothing for all ages and household items such as kitchenware, blankets, and sheets. Financial donations are also encouraged to help provide ride-share transportation. Donations will support students and families in the Suncoast Technical College's GED Newtown Program. The GED is equivalent to a high school diploma and opens doors to employment and further education.

FIRST'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, February 25
2:00pm - Room 104/Zoom

We will be meeting and discussing our February book, *The Monuments Men*, by Robert Edsel. For more information, contact Sharon Kenworthy at skenworthy233@gmail.com or Luan Hedley at halluan1@comcast.net.



Celebrations



Our *Caring Connections* ministry has joyfully reinstituted flower delivery to our home-based members. Each week, the altar flowers are lovingly rearranged and delivered by *Caring Connections* servants as a sign of our ongoing care.

MUSIC FINE ARTS BEN ROSENBLUM TRIO

Sunday, March 15 - 4:00pm



Church Calendar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30pm Choir Practice - Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:30pm Kids Valentine's Glow Party - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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 - Youth Hall

First United Methodist SARASOTA

February 8, 2026



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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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 8, 2026

PRELUDE (11:00am)
More Love to Thee
Amazing Grace
Albert Travis

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER
Rev. Brett DeHart

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

*HYMN
To God Be the Glory
Hymnal 98

*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

CHORAL ANTHEM (11:00am)
Pilgrim's Hymn
Stephen Paulus Ensemble

Even before we call on thy name To ask thee, O Lord; When we seek for the words to glorify thee Thou hearest our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love Surpassing all we know; Glory to the father And to the Son And to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in We breathe thy name; And through all the days that follow so fast We trust in thee; Endless thy grace, O endless thy grace Beyond all mortal dream; Both now and forever And unto ages and ages; Amen.

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

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

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT
Suncoast Technical College's GED Newtown Program
Susan Imperato
Adult General Education Instructor

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
Amen
Peter Lutkin

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)
Meditation
Mark Hayes

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00am)
Things that Never Die
Brad Nix
Chancel Choir

The pure, the bright, the beautiful that stirred our hearts in youth, the impulses to wordless prayer, the streams of love and truth, the longing after something lost, the spirit's yearning cry, the striving after better hopes, these things that never die, these things that never die. The timid hand stretched forth to aid a brother in his need; a kindly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend indeed; the plea for mercy softly breathed, when justice threatens high, the sorrows of a contrite heart, things that never die. Let nothing pass, for ev'ry hand must find some work to do, lost not a chance to waken love, be firm and true. So shall a light that cannot fade beam on thee from on high, and angel voices say to Thee, "these things that never die."

SERMON
"Awakened to Grace: Sabbath"
Exodus 20:8-11, Mark 2:27, Matthew 11:28

God of rest, we lay down our striving.
We release our worry and our work.
We trust that the world will keep turning without our help.
Teach us to rest in your goodness
and to delight in your presence. Amen.

A Prayer from Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals
Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Enuma Okoro

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Open My Eyes
Hymnal 454

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL BENEDICTION
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs;
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Hymnal 347

POSTLUDE (11:00am)
Voluntary
Andrew Carter

**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.

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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.