

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Brethren, We Have Met to Worship/Larson	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Riley Short
*HYMN 2055	You Are My Hiding Place	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889		Riley Short
*GLORIA PATRI	We Will Glorify	
NEW MEMBERS		
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Nicki Taylor
OFFERTORY	Holy, Holy, Holy Fanfare	Joyful Ringers
DOXOLOGY 95	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	The Sky (Genesis 1:6-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN	God is So Good	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE	As We Go	
POSTLUDE	Lift High the Cross/Carter	Matthew H. Corl


9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
*SONGS OF PRAISE	How Great Thou Art, From The Day, Be Thou My Vision	
PASSING OF THE PEACE/PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Nicki Taylor
OFFERTORY	The Commission	
SERMON	Behind The Closed Door (John 20: 24-29)	Riley Short
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Easter Song (He Is Alive)	
*BENEDICTION		Riley Short

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Land of Rest/Held	Matthew H. Corl
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Nicki Taylor
*HYMN 613	O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889		Nicki Taylor
*GLORIA PATRI 70	Glory Be to the Father	
ANTHEM	Holy, Holy, Holy Fanfare	Joyful Ringers
BAPTISM	Olivia Brooklyn Bryan Daughter of Dan And Lara Bryan	
PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE		Nicki Taylor
OFFERTORY	Lamb of God/arr. Larson	Chancel Choir
DOXOLOGY 94	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON	Behind The Closed Door (John 20: 24-29)	Riley Short
*HYMN 133	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	
*BENEDICTION		Riley Short
*RESPONSE 349	Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus	
POSTLUDE	Blessed Assurance/Corl	Matthew H. Corl

*Please stand if you are able

11:00AM THE CURRENT		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONGS OF PRAISE	Wonderful Maker, Indescribable, All Creatures of Our God and King	
CENTERING PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	For the Beauty of the Earth	
DOXOLOGY		
SERMON	The Sky (Genesis 1:6-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
COMMUNION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE	Stars, Forever Reign	
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP		
LEADER: Come! Lift your voices to the Lord who always hears us.		
ALL:	Listen, Lord. Hear our voices sing your praises.	
LEADER: May we all call on the Lord, who bends low to hear us.		
ALL:	Listen, Lord. We lift our voices to you in praise!	

ABOUT OUR SERVICES		
Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code		
for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving		
		
Presence in Worship (April 9)		
In Person: 1,879		
Online: 918		
Total: 2,797		

Crucifers and Acolytes: Ashlyn Lisenby, 11am

Text to Give: Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE		
Birth		
Mila Sloan Payne-Nieves, 4/14 Daughter of Teddy Payne & Rochellie Nieves-Borges		
Baptism		
Amelia Dorothy-Ann Rogers, 4/16, Daughter of Brett & Jennifer Rogers		
Lillian Grace Roberts & Sophia Faith Roberts, 4/16, Daughters of Nicholas & Jamie Roberts		
Kelsie Ann Santonastaso, 4/16, Daughter of Eric & Kristin Santonastaso		
Weddings		
Haley Sawyer & Alexander Whedbee, 4/13 Jennifer Glass & Michael Riccio, 4/15		
Hospital		
Jim Cottrell, Carrie Gard, Roxanne McQuillen, Stephanie Miller		
Deaths		
Dick Burnette, 4/18		
Altar Flowers		
In memory of Carol L. Lake in Celebration of Anniversary of her Birthday by Russell Sr., Connie, Russell Lake Jr., 4 Grandchildren, and 3 Great Grandchildren		

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at firstumc.org/connect.

W+3

Worship Plus Three

Invite · Grow · Serve


The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a worship plus three church. **Worship Plus Three** is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God’s work in our lives.

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact Diana Russell (info@firstumc.org - 863-686-3163 x223)




Neighborhood Ministries Sunday

The mission of Neighborhood Ministries is to share the love of Jesus Christ with the community by providing a safe, recreational and spiritual experience for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. NHM is a program offered to families at no cost. The program is funded by grants and the generosity of the members of First United Methodist Church. To learn more, visit firstumc.org/neighborhood.



Youth Sunday, Apr 30, 8:15am, 9:30am and 11am Services

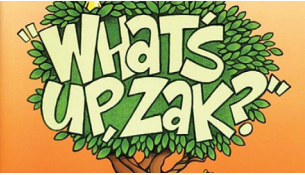
Our Middle and High School Students have been working for months to create a very meaningful and special Sunday for our entire congregation to see and experience God in a powerful way. The Current and Sanctuary 11am services will be combined that morning in the Sanctuary so all services can experience our Youth and their message on “The Lost Will Be Found.”



MAGIC OF BRONZE

Magic of Bronze, Apr 30, 5pm, Sanctuary

Central Florida’s Premiere Handbell Ensemble will present a concert of wonderful handbell music that will have you tapping your toe and humming along. This event is free and tickets are not needed.



Kids Praise Musical: What’s Up Zak? May 10, 6pm

This fun and heartwarming musical is based on the familiar Bible story of Zaccheaus and tells the story of one rich but lonely tax collector as he casts his ego aside and climbs a tree for just one glimpse of Jesus. This event is free and tickets are not needed.

CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact **Cristi Moore, Director of Children's Ministries: cmoore@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x226.**

Sundays

9:30am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)
11am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)
5-7pm: Sunday Evening Programming (K-5th Grade)

Wednesdays

4-6pm Kids PRAISE (K-5th Grade)
6:30-7:30pm Small Group (K - 5th Grade) Childcare is available for children VPK and younger for adults participating in on-site classes and groups. (Registration available: firstumc.org/children/)

Thursdays

9-10:30 Pray and Play

4th & 5th Grade Pool Party, May 12, 6-8pm

Dive into the fun. Join us for an old-fashioned pool party with games, food and fun! For more information, and to register by May 5, visit firstumc.org/children.

VBS Donations Needed

Game on! Time to clean out the playroom. We need your board games for VBS decorating this summer. Bring us your old board games, missing pieces and all! You can bring to the front office during weekday work hours (8:30am - 4:30pm) or to the children's check in desk on Sunday mornings. Then look for them the week of June 26-30th all around the church!

VBS Twist & Turns June 26-30, 8:45am-12pm:

Children who have completed Kindergarten - 5th grade, you will need to bring your A-game for this VBS! Registration is now open for children, and volunteers! For more information or to register by May 21 visit firstumc.org/vbs

Warren Willis Summer Camp (Children & Youth), Jul 10-15

Registration is now open for students rising into 4th grade through graduated 12th graders. For more information, and to register visit firstumc.org/children.

MISSIONS

For more information regarding Missions, contact **Forrest White, Director of Missions: fwhite@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x224.**

O'Brien Elementary Partnership

Teacher appreciation week is May 8-12. Principal Charlie Huntley asked us to kick off the week with a breakfast for the staff. We will take food to the school at 7am on Monday the 8th. Seeking donations of breakfast muffins, breads, etc., and boiled eggs! Donated items need to be dropped off on the morning of Sunday the 7th (coordinate with Forrest White, Director of Missions) unless you want to meet at the school early Monday. 5th grade celebration: We will play host to the 5th graders and their families on May 25. Join us in the sanctuary at 9am! We are collecting \$10 gift cards to include with year-end thank you notes for all of the staff (about 80 total). All cards (restaurants, gas, groceries, stores, etc.) welcome.

kidsPACK, May 3

The final food packing day of the 2022-23 school year for children in need is coming up! Setup begins at 9am in the First United Welcome Center and takes about 90 minutes. At 4pm we pack and wrap weekend food bundles. Please help with this important ministry. Thank you to all who have served this year, especially Skip Stevenson for his outstanding leadership!

First Sunday Food Collection, May 7

We will receive food at the Missions Depot immediately following the 11am worship services until 1:30pm. (Note: We shortened the collection time because we haven't had much if any traffic past 1:30 in several months.) Servants at First United sort and box donations. The list of required items may be found at firstumc.org/firstsundayfood.

YOUTH

For information regarding our Youth Ministry events, contact **Emily Felgenhauer, Director of Youth Ministries: efelgenhauer@firstumc.org, (863) 687-9750 x253.**

Sundays:

9:15-10am Youth Choir
10-10:45am Donuts and Discussion, C201D
5-7pm Youth Group, Fellowship Center

Tuesdays:

5-6pm Youth Dance Ministry, C201B&C

Wednesdays:

6-7:30pm Open Gym and MS/HS Bible Study, C201

Youth UMC Conference 2023, Jul 24-28

Join us for the 2023 Youth Conference in Daytona, FL. This conference only happens every 4 years and this year it's in Florida! On Mon, Jul 24 we will be serving at the Florida Children's Home and then we will be in Daytona from the 25-28. The conference kicks off with a Rend Collective concert on the 25. On the 26 and 27, youth will have opportunities to hear from different speakers and participate in learning and service opportunities along with communion, worship, and free time. The total cost for the week is \$475 which includes lunch and dinner on the 26 and 27. Youth will need to bring money for the other meals as well as any souvenirs they would like to purchase. We are covering the cost for the hotel for all youth.

Youth Beach Day, Jun 7, 8am- 4:30pm, Free

Join us for summer fun at Anna Maria Island Beach. Youth will need to bring a lunch, towel, and sunscreen. Youth may also bring money to purchase a snack from the snack shop by the beach and any other beach gear they would like to bring. Registration closes on May 31. Sign-up at firstumc.org/youth.

Youth Serve Saturday, May 20, 9am-12pm

Join us for our next Youth Serve Saturday at the church! We are going to help make sets for VBS this year! Please make sure to wear clothes that can get messy as we will be painting that morning. Youth who participate can get 3 service hours. Sign-up at firstumc.org/youth

ADULTS

For more information or Zoom/Online credentials, contact **Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: wpattison@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x227.**

Stained Glass Window Docent Tour 2, Apr 23, following 8:15am and 11am services

As we began following Jesus' life with Docent Tour 1 in December 2022, we continue the narrative of His life through the experiences of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. Enjoy the visual depictions of Jesus Christ with a brief history, symbolic mentions, as well as Biblical passages that enhance the journey through this difficult period of Jesus' ministry as well as the promise God makes for all believers.

Men's Weekly Lunchtime Bible Study on Tuesdays

Followers of the Way, our weekly men's Bible study, meets on Tuesdays, 11:45am-1pm in the Parlor. Men of all ages are invited to join us for lunch and a study of the previous Sunday's sermon and Bible passage. Purchase your hot lunch in the Fellowship Center for \$10, or bring your own lunch, and join us in the Parlor at 11:45 for a time of sharing. At noon we pray and then dive into our study, concluding by 1pm. Contact Warren for more info (wpattison@firstumc.org, 863-686-3163 x227). Register at firstumc.org/groups.

Ten Brave Christians Study Group, Wednesdays, Apr 12-May 17, 6:30pm, C-206

Wanted: Ten Brave Christians! Join Martha Gay Duncan for this 6-week group discussing the book Ten Brave Christians: The John Wesley Great Experiment. The John Wesley Great Experiment has inspired thousands of Christians to band together in small groups for the purpose of coming into a personal encounter with Christ. Through Bible study, prayer and meditation, service, self-sacrifice, and Christian concern, you will experience renewed spiritual growth and fulfillment. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

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