

First Congregational UCC

TABLE TALK ~ LENT 2022

By my count, our family has fifteen tables in our house. I don't know if this is normal, because it feels like a lot of surfaces for only four people.

To break that number down: we have two dining tables. One everyday table in our kitchen where we eat most of our meals and one formal table for special occasions like Christmas or if Oprah ever stops by. We have four desks ~ one for each of member of the family. And eight end-tables and nightstands which becomes the surface to stack books, water glasses, lamps, mail, picture frames, and other tokens and treasures. And because I know someone reading this is going to do the math, the missing table is one by our front door, which basically is where we put our Amazon packages.

Tables are sacred spaces in our church. We have communion tables in the sanctuary and chapel. In February we dedicated a communion table in loving memory of Mike White for the Oasis Center (*if you have not seen it, it is beautifully made by a local artist*). Tables are where we gather for fellowship and for Bible study. Tables are where we laugh, catch up, and connect.

On the last night of Jesus' life, he sat at a table with his friends to sing songs, share stories, and offer a meal. This Lent we are going to focus on tables.

A couple of suggestions of ways you can live the Lenten Theme.

1. You might want to create an altar in your home using one of your tables. You could put a special cloth on that table, fresh flowers, and a Bible. You could put a box of crayons and blank paper there to color your prayers every day. You could put special photographs of sacred places and people that you hold each day in prayer. Let your imagination loose and run wild. **I would love to see a photo of YOUR table.**

Office Hours

Pastor Wes:

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mark:

Mon. - Fri.: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Greg:

Tues. - Sat.: various hours



- **Lenten Worship ~ 9 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **On-line worship ~ 10:55 a.m.** Livestream on Facebook, YouTube and our website.
- **In-person, in-the-sanctuary with masks, social distancing. Our choir has returned and wearing masks to lead our singing/prayer/praise.**
- **Coffee Hour in Syster Hall on March 6th (March birthdays celebrated) and March 20th.**

2. Our theme for Morning Meditations during Lent is focusing on the narrative of Lazarus. You will learn more about this beloved son of God in the coming weeks. But I pray leaning in and listening to Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (sorry, spoiler alert) might awake us to the beauty of new life around and within us.
3. I will be posting videos on a project I am calling, “Your Lenten Toy Box” on YouTube and Facebook. I hope you will enjoy these.
4. There are classes at the church starting this Thursday focusing on moving, drumming, and storytelling. Please see the announcement about FEAST (Friends Eating and Studying Together) in this newsletter and online.

Most of all, I pray Lent this year will be a time of gathering and encountering God’s grace in life-giving ways.

With great love ~ Wes

WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT

**Every Sunday we worship at 9 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.
in-person in the sanctuary, with 10:55 a.m. also
streamed online (Facebook, YouTube, Website)**

Our theme for Lent is **“Table Talk”**. You are invited to create a sacred space in your home on a table to center your faith every day. All our readings for Lent will be taken from the Gospel of John where Jesus offers an extended teaching after washing his disciples’ feet at the table. Rather than offering bread and wine, Jesus offers the disciples a feast of words to stir their souls.

March 6 ~ Table Talk 1 ~ **John 13:21-38** ~ Holy Communion will be celebrated. We begin by hearing how Jesus offers Judas, the one who will betray him, a piece of bread ~ then immediately speaks of a new commandment to love! How can Jesus’ wisdom speak to our lives in such a time as this?

March 13 ~ Table Talk 2 ~ **John 14, selected verses** ~ Jesus says in God’s presence there are many dwelling places. Our home may be where our heart is, but within our heart do we find space for the sacred? We will continue to explore the wisdom of Jesus in our lives.

March 20 ~ Table Talk 3 ~ **John 15, selected verses** ~ Jesus says, “I AM the true vine,” but how can we remain rooted in Christ when so much pulls and pushes at us? We plant ourselves this Sunday in Christ’s wisdom as a promise for us every day.

March 27 ~ Table Talk 4 ~ **John 16:16-24** ~ Our amazing choir will offer **Schubert’s Mass in G** at 11 a.m. The mass will be accompanied by strings of the Sarasota Orchestra. This mass was written in 1815 when Schubert was 18 years old.

April 3 ~ Table Talk 5 ~ On this weekend when we welcome our speakers on Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman, our **Racial Justice Mission Group** will share select passages from sermons of Rev. Thurman. This will be a wonderfully rich Sunday for your soul.

Join the Zoom Conversation



**TOGETHER IN
Spirit**
STAYING CONNECTED

COLLAGE 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 11 a.m. ~ Collage is our LGBTQ and Ally Group. All are welcome to join our Collage group on Zoom for support and faithful discussions.

Tuesday Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. ~ We meet on Zoom to discuss the Bible passage for the upcoming Sunday.

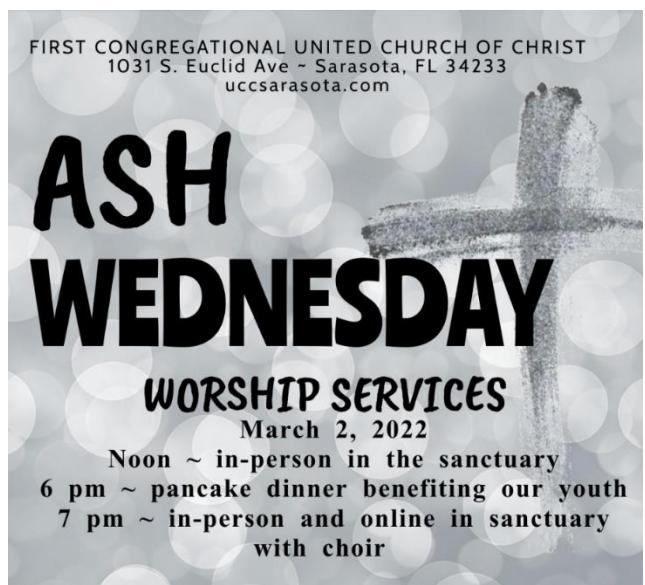
Wednesday Bible Study @ 11 a.m. ~ **HYBRID** in the Oasis Center to discuss the Bible passage for the upcoming Sunday.

Wednesday @ 3 p.m. ~ Sacred Conversations on Race (SCOR)

***Zoom links available through Pastor Wes.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ~ March 2

We begin the Holy Season of Lent with several opportunities to worship together.



Noon ~ In-person in the sanctuary. We prepare our hearts for the coming 40 Days through hymns, scripture, sermon, and prayerfully opening our lives to God. Pastor Wes and Greg Chestnut will lead the service. Ashes will be offered for those who wish—placed on the back of your hand.

6 p.m. ~ Join us for a **pancake dinner in Syster Hall** to benefit our youth. A free-will offering will be received.

7 p.m. ~ In-person in the sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube, Website, and Facebook. We prepare our hearts for the coming 40 Days through hymns, scripture, sermon, and prayerfully opening our lives to God. Our choir will sing. Ashes will be offered for those who wish—placed on the back of your hand.

SPECIAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

FEAST (Friends Eating and Studying Together) ~ Thursday mornings in March @ 10:30 a.m.

We will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Syster Hall with coffee and conversation.

At 11 a.m. we will move to the following classes:

OPTION 1: Greg Chestnut, Instructor ~ (Chapel)

On **March 3 and March 17**, we will continue with **drumming** as a spiritual prayer practice. In person, in our Chapel, we will drum, sing, improvise, and immerse ourselves in body, mind, and spirit. Drums are provided, no previous experience needed, you are invited to join in the fun and discover your playful side.



On **March 10 and March 24**, we will gather for a **Composers workshop**. You will discover your own musical voice, whether it's a tune, text, or both that interests you. We will examine folk songs and hymns to discover melody, style, and emotions in strictly layman's terms.

You will gain the skills to compose your very own song.

OPTION 2: Lynne Woodman, Facilitator ~ (Oasis Center)



"Thin places" is an old Celtic term for those settings where heaven and earth seem to come closer together. These are places that feel like sacred ground. In this session of FEAST, share your stories of thin places you have encountered and hear about those that others have discovered. Our goal will be to listen, learn, and get to know one another better!

OPTION 3: Finding Stillness in Movement with Marylou Lindsay ~ (Labyrinth)

These four sessions will introduce participants to ancient practices of meditation through movement. Quieting our minds has become more difficult in the busyness of our lives. So many distractions are available with thousands of streaming TV and internet and music channels. It is easy to snap on a device and escape. But what if you could find a practice, an art that allowed you to find stillness in movement? Would you give it a try? Here is your chance.

Come experience these ancient practices: Yoga from India; Qi Gong and Tai Chi from China; and prayer walking from Greece. (Comfortable clothes and footwear recommended).



Special Musical Event



Sarah Melcher and her friend, Kent Holiday, will have an afternoon recital for violin and piano on **Thursday, March 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Take a break and enjoy the music of Schubert, Massenet, Bach, Sibelius and others.

We Welcome New Members – February 27th



Ed Andersen	Wesley Horner
Jan Andersen	Lindsey Huddleston
Cas Burleson	Margo Light
Linda Campbell	Rev. Dr. David Pitt
Sandy Davenport	Loren Kolpin
Julie Detloff	Peggy Kolpin
Maria Duprez	Maggie Revere
Barbara Evans Edelin	John Ristow
Charles Hawkins	Nancy Taylor
Beth Hawkins	Casey Taylor
Harry Hinrichs	Kayla Taylor
Carolyn Hinrichs	Jan Weston

“Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



The Great American Cleanup Opportunity Saturday, March 26



Interested in helping to clean up Sarasota County? The Great American Cleanup began as a litter cleanup initiative designed to aesthetically improve our environment by creating cleaner parks, streetscapes, and public spaces through litter removal and elimination. Areas to be cleaned include the beaches as well as the parks and roadways. There are also special projects involving removing invasive vegetation.

The Green Team invites you to join your church family in the Great American Cleanup on **Saturday, March 26, from 8 to 10:00 a.m.** Each volunteer must individually register to participate. When you sign up to volunteer, you will be able to choose where you will be working. You'll also get a t-shirt! Bring along a friend or family member!

For more information and to register, please go to <https://www.scgov.net/government/public-utilities-water/keep-sarasota-county-beautiful>.

World Water Day is March 22



The focus is on groundwater this year. According to the World Water Day website:

<https://www.worldwaterday.org/learn>, most of our drinking water in the world comes from groundwater. We should care about groundwater because in some cases groundwater is being depleted at a greater rate than replenishment through rain and snow. Groundwater pollution has a slow recovery rate, once contaminated. Groundwater must be protected and used sustainably.

The National Resource Defense Council reports that "Race bears the strongest relationship to slow and ineffective enforcement of the federal drinking water law in communities across the nation, according to a new report released today."

<https://www.nrdc.org/media/2019/190924>. This may be an example of environmental racism, which is a focus in the environmental justice movement since the 1970s and 1980s. A concern about environmental racism is reflected in the

analysis of EPA data, which suggest that people of color and those living in poverty have unequal access to safe drinking water.



As Pope Francis has stated in his encyclical about the environment, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, "The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation." https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papafrancesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html. This papal document makes the point that people of color are often disproportionately affected by environmental degradation. Through your own research, you may be able to discern what legislation you may support that promotes clean water in Florida.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT NEWS



"COLLAGE" ~ New Meeting Times Starting in March



On **Sunday, March 13, COLLAGE** will have a **luncheon meeting** in the **Oasis Center immediately following the 11 o'clock service**. A free box lunch will be provided - please RSVP in order to reserve yours. If food allergies are a concern, please let us know so we can accommodate them. Your free-will offerings are welcome to offset the luncheon costs. RSVP to sarajlittle@me.com.

Mark your calendars: We will continue the practice of a luncheon meeting after the 11:00 service on the second Sunday of each month.

Our **Zoom meetings** will now be on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month**. We will meet on **March 8 and March 22 from 11:00 a.m. to noon**.

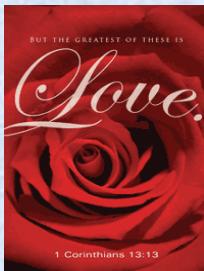
When we have a special program, we plan to provide a Hybrid Zoom experience.

Looking ahead to April:

- Luncheon in the Oasis after the 11 o'clock service – April 10
- Zoom meetings – April 12 and April 25 from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

Everyone longs to be loved.
And the greatest thing we
can do is to let people
know that they are loved
and capable of loving.

MISTER ROGERS



**"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love,
but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13**

Sometimes when family members and friends expect our loved ones to be a certain way and we find out they aren't, it comes as a big shock. This happens often when finding out their loved one or their loved one's child is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBTQ+), something other than heterosexual. Hopes and dreams may not coincide.

It is not always easy to understand what others feel and know about themselves on the inside. It takes being open to really listening. Even when someone feels and knows who they are and who they love on the inside, it does not mean they are clear or feel safe in knowing how to live that truth on the outside. Sharing our care and love for them and their family as they are, still God's children, can be huge and maybe even life-saving.

Knowing our church has an Open and Affirming Covenant with each other and with God is a blessing for parents and relatives as well as for LGBTQ+ people who want and need a spiritual community that loves and honors them. Many have felt and experienced disdain and rejections by family, friends, other churches and religious institutions and political laws. Being able to come to our First Congregational United Church of Christ is a blessing of kindness and caring and acceptance of God's love coming through our member's hearts.

Love is love is love.



PEACE AND JUSTICE COVENANT NEWS

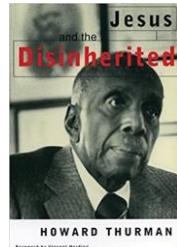


Sacred Conversations on Race

We continue our Sacred Conversations on Race on **Wednesdays at 3 p.m.** Starting on **March 9th, we will begin a 4-week book study of "Jesus and the Disinherited."**

There is **ALWAYS** space and place for you to join us. It is not necessary that you participate each week nor is it too late to join us. Truly, **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

We pray that in the coming months, you will join us whenever you can. If you have questions or need a **Zoom** link, let Pastor Wes know.



Our Racial Justice Ministry Group



In celebration of passing our Racial Justice Covenant at the Annual Meeting on January 31st.

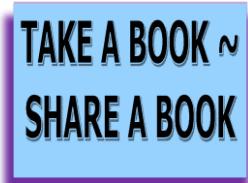
Front row: Jim Butterworth, Warren Bacon (co-chair), Rev. Ellen Marsey (co-chair), Felix McElroy

Second row: Lois Wilkins, Lynne Woodman, Sara Little, Jim Crumel

Not pictured: Jerry Long and Dale Woodling

Photographer/Creative Racial Justice Art: Carol Fields

Coming Soon



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.org

Little Free Library Project

The Sacred Conversations on Race group is excited that our **Little Free Lending Library will be installed in March.**



Can You Help With . . . ?

- Donations of gently used books.
- Funds to purchase books.
- A creative bookplate design for our stickers in each book.
- Maintaining the library (*tidy the display/add books*). This can be as little as one week a month/or less.

Please contact Nancy McElroy, who is spearheading this project, at fnmcelroy@gmail.com or 941-527-7257.



Newtown Trolley Tour – March 7th (Reminder)

The private tour of Newtown for all who have already reserved a spot, is **Monday, March 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** Bring your proof of vaccination or a negative test taken 24 to 48 hours prior to departure. Masks will be worn onboard. We will depart from the historic Leonard Reid House at 1435 7th Street in Sarasota.

Annual Crop Hunger Walk – March 6



The Annual Crop Hunger Walk is sponsored by St. Andrews and held in honor of Rev. Paul Binder, an active supporter of the Crop Walk for 35 years until his passing at age 90. While Rev. Binder was a former Pastor at St. Andrews, upon his retirement Paul and his wife Peg became beloved members of our FCUCC family.

Due to Covid restrictions, we are asking for **donations** to support the ministry of the Crop Hunger Walk where 25% is donated to our local All Faiths Food Bank and 75% to our global Church World Service.

Make your checks to FCUCC (*with Crop Walk on the memo line*). Checks may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the church. **We do need your donations by March 6.**

Should you wish to participate in the actual walk on March 6, registration begins at 2:30 p.m. with the walk at 3 p.m. Contact St. Andrews for more information: office@sarasotaucc.org or 941-922-7595.

Sarasota Conference on Spirituality, Community & Social Change

**"The Thought and Spirituality of Howard Thurman:
His Historical Legacy and Relevance to the Issues of Today"**

First Congregational UCC will be hosting the multicultural & interfaith conference on April 1 & 2



Now recognized as "one of the unacknowledged shapers of 20th century America," Dr. Howard Thurman was a bridge between Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. He provided theological and philosophical foundations for non-violent engagement in social change. He was a pioneer in interfaith work and a seminal figure in the American civil rights movement.

CNN once called Dr. Thurman "a spiritual genius who transformed the people who transformed history."

Join us as we explore his life and how he pioneered a spiritual practice that blends deep spirituality with political advocacy.

A fellow Floridian, Dr. Thurman finally is getting the recognition he has long deserved. **Dr. Luther Smith** (Atlanta) and **Dr. Shively Smith** (Boston), two of the leading experts on Dr. Thurman's life and thought, will travel to Sarasota to lead us in a reflection on his life and legacy.

Please mark your calendars for April 1-2 as we explore Dr. Thurman's deep spirituality and his influence on the civil rights movement. The Conference will be held at the First Congregational UCC of Sarasota, 1031 South Euclid Avenue.

You can also register by contacting the church office and sending a check for \$35 with "Thurman Registration" in the memo line. If you'd like to make a donation toward the costs of the conference, please send a check to the church with "Thurman Donation" in the memo line.

First UCC Women's Luncheon ~ March 1 @ 11:30 a.m.



Our Mission at Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee is to help children experiencing homelessness and their families find sustainable, independent housing while providing temporary safe shelter, job search, and counseling.

Preventing a family in need from becoming homeless is the most effective way to address the crisis of family homelessness. Please join us on **Tuesday, March 1**, to hear about the incredible work **Family Promise** is doing to help these families.



Tara Maffei, Director of Family Promise Sarasota-Manatee will be our guest and will be joined by our own Lynn Jones, Coordinator for our church. We will be getting an update on recent successes as well as learn how we can help with the exciting work ahead.

We will gather at **11:30 a.m. in Syster Hall** and a \$12 lunch will be served.

Please sign up after either service, or call the church office to reserve your place.

Artful Prayer

All are invited to join us on **Thursday, March 17th @ 2 p.m. via Zoom or at the Oasis Center** for this month's Artful Prayer experience.

Dawn Swain will lead a fun and creative session on making Prayer Beads on St. Patrick's Day. No art experience is needed. Supplies will be provided if you attend in person in the Oasis Center ... or contact Dawn Swain if you wish to pick them up at the church office or have them mailed to you.

Contact the church office or Pastor Wes for the Zoom link.



SUPPLIES (*IF BUYING YOUR OWN*)

- 10 OR 12 MM BEAD - **ONE PURPLE, ONE BLUE**
- 6 OR 8 MM BEAD - **ONE GREEN, ONE RED, ONE ORANGE, ONE WHITE**
- 3.5 X 2.5 MM CROSS OR OTHER SIZE SYMBOLIC FOCAL BEAD WITH THREADING HOLE
- 18" BUTTON & CRAFT THREAD (IDEALLY STRENGTHENED AND CONDITIONED BY YOU IN BEESWAX)
- ONE 5/0 SEED BEAD (E)
- SCISSORS
- BEESWAX (OPTIONAL)
- DROP OF CLEAR NAIL POLISH

SURE – Date change and updates

SURE Rally: Now Monday, March 14th @ 6 p.m.
Hybrid Zoom/In-Person
Location: TBD—*stay tuned*

NEHEMIAH ACTION: Tuesday, April 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
Goal: In-person
Location: TBD

CELEBRATION: Monday, May 2nd @ 6 p.m.



Kings And Queens Bridge



Kings and Queens Bridge resumes **Monday, March 14, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 9 of the Education Building.**

We welcome new players who are interested in playing contract bridge for fun.

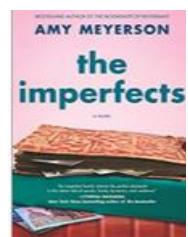
Please contact Ethel Rudy at 941-727-0122 or email Ethel at ethelhr@verizon.net whether you are a new or returning player.

Ready Readers



Ready Readers is a book discussion group that meets on the second Thursday of every month at noon in the Oasis Center.

We welcome and encourage the participation and input of new members even if you are not able to attend every meeting. For more information and further updates, contact Sandy Smith at sandysmithvi@gmail.com or 340-227-5121.



Please join us **Thursday, March 10, at noon in the Oasis Center.** We will be discussing "*The Imperfects*" by Amy Myerson. "The Imperfects" tells the story of a priceless inheritance that leads one family on a life-altering pursuit of the truth.

Volunteer Opportunity – Church Bus Drivers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to drive the church bus to Plymouth Harbor on Sunday mornings. You do **NOT** need a special license, just a willingness to share God's love. We currently have three drivers, two of whom are seasonal.

Please give this invitation prayerful consideration. Your willingness to help drive once a month keeps our historic connection to Plymouth Harbor strong in the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Oliver or Pastor Wes.



Community Meal



We continue our monthly ministry of serving and providing a hot, nutritious and balanced community meal at St. Paul Lutheran Church. With Sandy Smith as our cook and your **homemade brownies** there are sure to be smiles.

Not only will our guests be served a delicious meal; they will appreciate the time of fellowship in a safe and welcoming space.

It is food for the soul to witness helping those who count on this meal and to see them walk out with smiles and extra goodies. We are thankful for this ministry.

Your volunteering with set-up/serving/clean-up functions at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall from **4:00 – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22** is needed, rewarding and much appreciated.

We continue to wear masks to be safe. ~ Thank you, Carol Hagglund at carol.hagglund@gmail.com.



VOTE

Elections – March 8th

- ✚ School District Millage Referendum
- ✚ County Charter Referendum
- ✚ Holiday Park and Tri Par Estates Elections

SarasotaVotes.com and open the link "Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections" for more information.

26th Choir Festival

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church

March 6th @ 5:00 p.m.



This festival was started by our own **Jane Hunder** as a way to bring choir singer from various congregations together. You will see many of our own choir members participating.

This is a free concert – a gift to our community.

"Nothing's working," said Rabbit.
"Have you tried unplugging?" asked Bear.
"I don't plug in anywhere," said Rabbit.
"Yes, you do," said Bear. "You're plugged into the world around you."
"Oh", said Rabbit, giving this some thought.
"How do I unplug then?"
"Close your eyes, let your muscles relax and listen only to the sound of yourself breathing in and out." said Bear.
"After a while, when you feel ready, plug back in, and try again."



March Birthdays



March Anniversaries

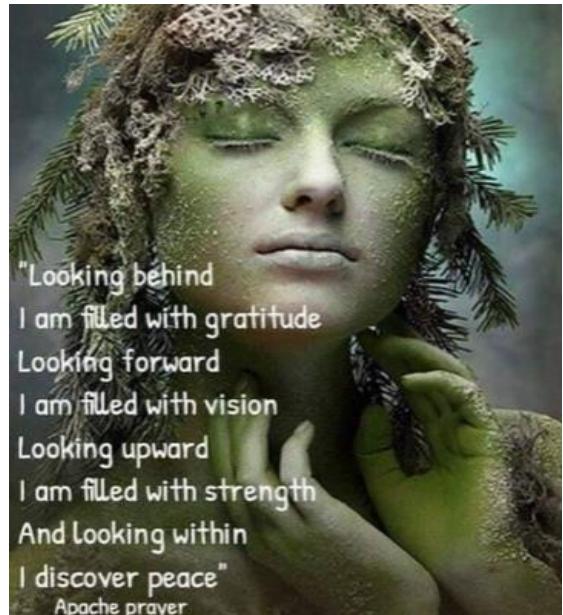


3/1	Bonnie Richards Jack Stewart	3/18	Don Laing Susan Raines
3/2	Nancy Alger Jeffrey Carlson Judy Jones Rachel Taylor	3/19	Pat Myers
		3/20	Maxine Althouse Mercedes Traba
3/3	Wesley Bixby	3/21	Sydney Starcher
3/5	Sharon Quimby	3/23	Dannie Vance Gwen West
3/6	Carol Rescigno	3/24	Page McCloud Becky Tavares
3/7	Kelly Beachler Toska Strong	3/25	Jennifer Joseph
3/9	Barbara Ralph	3/26	Judith Plerhoples
3/10	Lucy Hedrick Geraldine Mattson	3/28	Harold Kuhn
3/11	Audrey Shutters Lori White	3/29	Rowena Janssens Carol Jeanine Johnston
3/13	Charles Hamilton	3/30	Pauline Geary Katherine Stewart Joseph Yocom
3/14	Bob Millar		
3/16	Michael Cross	3/31	Michael Johnston



3/4 ~ Barney & Nancy Kavanagh
3/19 ~ Christine Hoffman

3/21 ~ Patricia & Bonnie Lipton
3/25 ~ Bruce & Marcia Knight





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Thank you!

The 2022 Flower Chart is ready for YOU! Do you have a special occasion coming up this year? Would you like to celebrate on an upcoming Sunday service?

Each Sunday, there is an opportunity for two bouquets.

The cost is \$40 per bouquet, payable to the church. Please sign up for a Sunday by emailing admin@uccsarasota.com. We are grateful for the fresh flowers every Sunday that bring the beauty of God's creation into our worship space.

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We are worshiping on-line via Livestreams each week at 10:55 a.m. and the service is posted to our website for streaming by 1 p.m. each Sunday afternoon.

March

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Key: IP = in-person; H = hybrid (zoom and in-person); IP/LS = in-person and live-streamed;
SCOR = Sacred Conversations on Race

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Services		11:30 - Women's Luncheon, Syster Hall 6:30 – Zoom Bible Study	1 Ash Wednesday 2 Noon – IP 6:00 – Pancake Dinner 7:00 – IP/LS (with choir))	3 10:30-12 - FEAST Options 1:00 – Violin/Piano Music Recital, IP, Sanctuary	4	5
6 CROP HUNGER WALK – donations due Coffee Hour - March Birthdays 12:15 pm Confirmation 5 pm – Choir Festival at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church	7 10-12:00 – Newtown Trolley	8 11-12:00 – Collage Zoom 6:30 – Zoom Bible Study	9 11:00 – Bible Study (H)/Oasis 3:00 – SCOR “Jesus and the Disinherited”	10 10:30-12 - FEAST Options 12:00 – Ready Readers, Oasis	11	12
13 Noon – Collage Luncheon	14 1:00-4 – Kings & Queens Bridge, Room 9 6 pm – SURE Rally TBD	15 6:30 – Zoom Bible Study	16 11:00 – Bible Study (H)/Oasis 3:00 – SCOR “Jesus . . . ”	17 10:30-12 - FEAST Options 2:00– Artful Prayer (H)/Oasis	18	19
20 Coffee Hour after worship 12:15 pm Confirmation	21	22 WORLD WATER DAY 11:00-12 – Collage Zoom 4-6:30 – Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran	23 11:00 – Bible Study (H)/Oasis 3:00 – SCOR “Jesus . . . ”	24 10:30-12 - FEAST Options	25	26 8-10:00 – GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP —Need to register beforehand
27 12:15 pm Confirmation	28	29 6:30 – Zoom Bible Study	30 11:00 – Bible St. (H)/Oasis 3:00 – SCOR “Jesus . . . ”	31	April 1 & 2 – Sarasota Conference on Spirituality, Community & Social Change	“The Thought & Spirituality of Howard Thurman”

