

# This Week @ First

Thursday, July 2, 2026

## Worship & Music

To watch our worship services, connect with us on [YouTube](#) and find the weekly bulletin [here!](#)

The “Summer Choir” meets on Sundays at 10 AM and does not rehearse during the week. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, the summer is an excellent time to try it out!

## Spiritual Formation

Youth Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and the Inquirers’ Class will resume in August.

Guided Meditation meets at 10:30 in the Library.

**On-Request Nursery Staffing:** Members who have completed the Safe Gatherings screening will always be available, and numbers are posted on the nursery door.

## Compassion and Social Justice

### Snack Packs and Laundry Love:

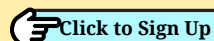
Join us from 10 AM to noon on Wednesdays to provide snack packs, laundry, and showers for our unsheltered neighbors.

To volunteer, please contact [Jon Dodrill](#). You are welcome once, weekly, or monthly as you are able and interested.

### Second Harvest Bread Boxing:

Join us on first Fridays from 9:45 AM–Noon.

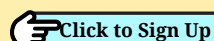
**Next opportunity: July 10**  
(postponed because of the July 4th holiday).



### Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:

Join us on second Sundays from 4–6 PM.

**Next opportunity: July 12.**



### Interfaith Vigil for Immigrant Justice

Sunday, 4–5 PM, Historic Florida Capitol



## Office Closure for July 4th

Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, July 3, for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. The office will reopen on Monday, July 6.

We will be volunteering at Meals on Wheels for our traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend but, because July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday this year, we will be cooking and delivering meals tomorrow, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bread boxing has been postponed to July 10.

Don’t forget that this Sunday is our monthly First Sunday Food Collection! Bring your non-perishable food donations to the narthex on Sunday morning to be shared with Second Harvest and/or Elder Care Services.



## Transition Updates

It takes a village to go through a pastoral transition! This Sunday, July 5, will be Rev. Glenn Hodges’ final day in the pulpit as our designated pastor (see pictures on page 2!). For the rest of the month of July, we will welcome Rev. John Cole, Rev. Tai Cole, and Rev. Candace McKibben as worship leaders. Rev. Mark Phillips will join us starting on Sunday, August 2, and there will be an informal cake-and-lemonade reception after worship that morning. His installation service will take place in September with the participation of members of the Florida Presbytery; please watch for more details!

Our summer music program will continue with guest leadership until Bryan returns. Last Sunday Dr. McKenna Stenson directed the choir, and she will return this Sunday as well.

If a need for pastoral care arises during the month of July, Rev. Matt Frease, chaplain at UKirk, has graciously agreed to be available, and you will be able to get in touch with him through the church office.

The Transition Team is in conversation with Mark Phillips about getting to know the congregation, and there will be multiple opportunities to welcome him and Larry over the next few months! Watch for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Donnie Watts, chair of the Transition Team.

To submit information for the newsletter and/or bulletin (as space permits), please use [this link](#), which will take you to an online form. The form will accept attachments. Submissions are due by Thursday at noon.

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# Thank You, Glenn & Mary!

On Sunday, June 28, we gathered after worship to celebrate Glenn and Mary Hodges and thank them for their service to the congregation, especially over the past two years. Greg Riccardi spoke on behalf of the session, and gifts were presented by the Heritage Committee and Together in Service Circle. Next Sunday, July 5, will be the final Sunday of Glenn's pastorate.

