**Connect One. Drop One –** An invitation can lead to a big connection! Invite someone to worship, Community Dinner, or any activity, then drop a blue stone in the jar. 1 person. 1 invitation. Endless possibilities!

**There's Always Room for YOU at the Table!** Join us Wednesdays at 6 pm for Community Dinner. Enjoy great food, friendly faces, laughter, and a little time with Jesus. Come as you are, bring a friend, and discover a place where everyone belongs!

## SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 4 | Community "Potluck" Dinner | 6 pm | GP |
| Nov 7 | UMM Breakfast | 8 am | SL |
| Nov 11 | UWIF Friendship Circle & Bible Study | 10 am | SL |
| Nov 24 | Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship | 6 & 7 pm | FG |

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

| **Week of Oct 25** | | **2026 Year To Date** | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Worship | 25 | Worship (avg) | 37 |
| Online Worship | 33 | Online (avg) | 16 |
| Giving Received | $228.00 | Giving Received | $30,830.48 |
| Giving Needed | $1,230.77 | Giving Needed | $52,923.11 |
| Surplus/Loss | **-$1,002.77** | Surplus/Loss | **-$22,092.63** |

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

*COMPLETE A PRAYER CARD FROM THE PEW AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE*

**Gulfport:** No requests received

**Gulfport Ongoing:** Jean Blackman, Juanita MaGill Cantillano, Wendy Christy's son, Wendy deLong, Alice Johnson, Laura Magill, Johnny Mitchell, Valerie Schmidt, Allison (Cindy & Per Lee's granddaughter), Anita (Funky Flamingo), Debbie S, Francine Savatana, Abigail Springhorn, George (Jack Wamhoff's son), Family of Dean Wilde, Mary & Bill; Pam & Jeff, Willie

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# GULFPORT

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## November 1st, 2026

## 11:15 am • Sanctuary & Online

### CHURCH OFFICE

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Monday 9 am – 1 pm & Wednesday 1 pm – 5 pm

The pastors are available by appointment

**Your Pastoral Team**

Rev. Erick Ashley – erick@spconnection.org

Rev. Tracie Ashley – tracie@spconnection.org

Rev. Sue Garcia – sue@spconnection.org

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**Please stand as you are able*

**WE GATHER**

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude
Call to Worship*
Hymn* | *For All The Saints* – UMH 711

**WE PROCLAIM**

Affirmation of Faith* | *The Apostles' Creed* – UMH 881
Gloria Patri* | *Glory Be to the Father* – UMH 70
Invitation, Confession & Pardon – UMH 12
Passing of the Peace*
Hymn* | *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – UMH 400
Children's Moment
Prayer For Illumination
Scripture Reading | *2 Corinthians 9:8*
Choral Response | *Freely, Freely* – UMH 389 (Chorus only)
Message | *Pouring Out Our Cup to Fill Others* – Rev. Tracie Ashley

**WE RESPOND**

Sacrament of Holy Communion – UMH 13-15
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music
Doxology* | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* – UMH 95
Offertory Prayer*

**WE GO OUT**

Hymn* | *Faith of Our Fathers* – UMH 710 (alternate lyrics)
Benediction*

** Restrooms are in the courtyard, near the Fellowship Hall entrance. **

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**South Pinellas Connection Church Conference – Today!** Join us this afternoon at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First UMC Gulfport for our annual Church Conference, led by District Superintendent Rev. Emily Hotho. All are welcome! Please bring finger food to share as we gather in fellowship and celebrate our shared ministry.

**Celebration & Commitment Sunday** – God has poured so much into our lives! How will we let those blessings overflow into others? Join us Sunday, Nov 8, as we celebrate God's blessings and joyfully offer our lives back to God! Prayerfully review your stewardship packet and consider how you will grow and serve through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the coming year. During worship, we'll bring our commitment cards forward as an expression of gratitude, faith, and hope for all God will do through us together!

**Sweet Treats & Hot Dogs — Nov 14!** United Women in Faith are serving up something delicious at the City-Wide Yard Sale! Support UWIF by donating cookies, brownies, or other easy-to-eat baked treats. And don't miss Pastor Sue at the grill! Enjoy a hot dog, chips, and a drink for just $5! Come hungry and support a great cause!

**Share Your Love for First Gulfport!** We're ordering more First Gulfport T-shirts! Just $10**,** available in sizes S–3XL. Wear yours on Sundays and around town to share your church spirit! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to order yours today!

**Community Thanksgiving Worship – Come Together in Gratitude** – In a divided world, gratitude brings us together! Join our Gulfport neighbors and all four South Pinellas Connection churches on Tuesday, November 24, at First UMC Gulfport for a special evening of food, fellowship, and thanksgiving!

Enjoy a community meal at 6 pm, followed by worship at 7 pm featuring art, creativity, and interactive expressions of gratitude. Together, we'll celebrate God's blessings and the hope we share. Bring a friend and a grateful heart. Everyone has a place at the table!