

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 25, 2025 10:00 AM WHITE
GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
♣WE GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS
PRELUDE: *Because He Lives*
INTROIT: *Give Thanks*
INVOCATION: Neal Smith No. 598
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *O Word of God Incarnate*
♣CALL TO WORSHIP
LEADER: Clap your hands, all you peoples.
PEOPLE: **Jesus is risen from the dead!**
LEADER: Shout to God with songs of joy.
PEOPLE: **Jesus has ascended into heaven!**
LEADER: Sing praises to God, all the earth.
PEOPLE: **Jesus will come again to reign!**
♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY
BLESSING OF THE SOIL, SEEDS, AND WATER
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
CALL TO PRAYER: *Open Our Eyes*
PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD’S PRAYER
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE
CHILDREN’S TIME: Lindsay Jackson
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY: *My Tribute*
♣DOXOLOGY: No. 94
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 1:6-14*
ANTHEM: *Patriotic Medley*
SERMON Rev. Paula J. Stover
♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed No. 881
♣GLORIA PATRI
SENDING FORTH
♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* No. 173
BENEDICTION: *Alleluia*
POSTLUDE: *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*
♣Congregation Stands [Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit]
The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Don & Gleora Jones in celebration of their great granddaughter, Ellie.

Lectionary readings for – June 1, 2025
- Acts 16:16-34 - Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26



Welcome!

We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church. If you wish to join this church, you may do so by contacting the church office at (843) 650-3373 or email at sumc@socasteeumc.org. Thank you for worshipping with us today.
We love our new and returning visitors and ask that you please put your name and contact information in one of our red pads found in the pews.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving congregation that strives to show the love of Christ to the world.

NURSERY AVAILABLE



Nursery is available in the rear of the sanctuary for children through age 4 during Sunday School and worship.
Children’s Church is available for ages 4yrs – 3rd grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children’s Time.

UNITED METHODIST ADVOCATE



If you are a new member of SUMC, you are entitled to a FREE one-year subscription to “The United Methodist Advocate,” the monthly Methodist newspaper found in South Carolina. If you are interested, please contact the church office at (843) 650-3373.

ATTENTION ALL 2025 GRADUATES



Please contact the church office if you are a graduating high school or college student. We would like to recognize our graduates in worship on June 8.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE



The Missions Committee will meet on July 8, at 6:00 PM in the John Wesley room. We will not meet in June.

SERVING US TODAY

Choir Director: Lauren Willis
Organist: Marianne Eaton
Pianist: Lauren Willis
Lay Reader: Mary Wilson Campbell
Crucifer: TBD
Acolyte: TBD
Nursery: Madison Karnes & Jan Terrell
Ushers: Steve Shuppy, Jimmy Redmon, Neal Smith, and Ginger Ford
Steward: John McLaughlin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

Today:	May 25
10:00 AM	Worship Service/NS
Monday:	May 26
All Day	Office Closed/Memorial Day
5:00 PM	Cub Scout Troop 891/FH
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday:	May 27
9:00 AM	Stitchers/John Wesley Room
2:00 PM	UMW-Upper Room Bible Study/FH-201
Wednesday:	May 28
5:45 PM	Adult Bell Choir Practice/Bell Choir Room
1:00 PM	Special Friends-Visitation Teams/John Wesley
Thursday:	May 29
10:30 AM	Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley
12:00 PM	Gracie’s Heart/ John Wesley

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Don’t forget, the new church office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

USHERS NEEDED



If you would like to volunteer to usher, please contact Lori Rogers at nana61.lr@gmail.com or 571-235-8701.

VISITATION TEAMS (SPECIAL FRIENDS)



There will be a short meeting for the Visitation Teams (Special Friends) on Wednesday, May 28, at 1:00 PM in the John Wesley room.

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

In Hospital: Beverly Moretz

In Rehabilitation: Patricia Wittenbecher

In Home Visitations: Dot Froelich, Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, and Emily Michael

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

The addresses of all our military family members will be held in the office and can be made available to anyone who would like them.

♣Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF) ♣1st Lieutenant Jacob Hedges
♣M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin ♣CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
♣Airman First Class Cassie Edwards ♣SSgt. Warren Scoggin
♣Captains Jennifer and Marc Melfi ♣CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman
♣Army Ranger Private Isaac Hedges ♣Captain Melisa Hedges

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:30 AM in the John Wesley Room. This is an informal, exegetical study of the scripture that is to be used in worship the following Sunday. It is taught by Pastor Paula and there is no book, no preparation and no reason not to come!



BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for bulletin items is every Tuesday at midnight. Please make sure you email your information to the church office at sumc@socasteeumc.org before the deadline. If you miss the deadline, please write down your item and it to the pastor before service beings.

**Deadline
Tuesday**

GIVING QR CODE

In an effort to make it easier for regular attenders and visitors to give online, we have included a QR code on the bulletin. Simply scan the code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.



GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2026

We are ordering the 2026 Giving Envelopes on May 29. If you would like to use these envelopes that are personalized with your giving number on them, please text “**YES 2026 Giving Envelopes**” to **(843) 855-2313** and include your name. We need your request by May 29. If we do not hear from you, you will not receive Giving Envelopes for 2026.



If you choose to opt out of receive giving envelopes, you can use the offering envelopes located in the pews or give online.

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

May 18, 2025

Sunday Scholl – 19 10:00 AM Service – 116

Online Views – 64

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [05/18/2025]

Received this week2,870.00
Received this week online.....1,035.00
Needed each week9,196.00
Received this year115,551.90

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [05/11/2025]

Haiti Missions.....1,405.00
The Society of St. Andrews.....20.00
Epworth Offering.....230.00
Alter Flowers.....10.00
Wonderful Wednesday.....184.00

BUILDING TOGETHER FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

“I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing”

2 Samuel 24:24

Received to complete Fellowship Hall [05/18/2025]225.00
Loan Balance as of [04/23/2025] on Fellowship Ha.l.176,827.32
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign4,595.00
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....12,396.04

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [05/18/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....0.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund61,252.08
Received for 1875 Sanctuary Renovation Fund100.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Renovation Fund.....58,285.00

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

[05/18/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....72.50
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]..18,865.84

FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN USE



ATTENTION: All Groups using the Kitchen. Please remember to launder any used towels, potholders, aprons, and any other goods used during your time in the Kitchen. Return these laundered items

folded, to their proper location. Also, please take your trash to the dumpster and leave the kitchen clean. Thank you for helping keep our Kitchen area clean for all



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