

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 31, 2025 10:00 AM GREEN
GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
♣WE GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS PRELUDE
INTROIT:
INVOCATION: Jan Terrell
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* X3 TFWS 2088
♣CALL TO WORSHIP
One: As we gather for worship
Many: God is here among us, forming us to live in love everywhere we go.
One: We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and everyday
Many: so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do.
ALL: Let us worship the Lord our God together.
♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY
BLESSING OF THE QUILTS
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
CALL TO PRAYER:
MORNING PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER Liturgical Dance
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE
CHILDREN’S TIME: Lindsay Jackson
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY:
♣DOXOLOGY: UMH No. 95
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Open Our Eyes* TFWS 2086
ANTHEM:
GOSPEL READING: *Luke 14:1, 7-14* Peggy Packard
SERMON: “Rearranged Seating” Rev. Paula J. Stover
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
SENDING FORTH
♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Shout to the Lord* X3 TFWS 2074
BENEDICTION:
POSTLUDE:
♣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 Robin McElroy in memory of her parents.
Lectionary readings for: September 7, 2025
- Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1
- Philemon 1:1-21 and Luke 14:25-33



Welcome!

We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church!
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.

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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY/WOMEN OF HOPE

The Women of Hope will be hosting the first Wonderful Wednesday dinner of the season on September 10th followed by a Bingo night in the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will come for an evening of BBQ, fellowship and fun. Prizes will be awarded for bingo games. There is no charge for the evening, but donations will be very much appreciated. Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the Fellowship Hall, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, each Sunday in September.

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Women of Hope have partnered with Dale Willoughby to ensure that we have adequate food to be placed in The Blessing Box. Food Lion has donated reusable grocery bags which can be picked up in the narthex beginning September 3, to facilitate your donations. For your convenience a list of appropriate items is attached to each bag. You may return your bag/s to the narthex on the first Sunday of the month, or you may drop them off at the church office, Monday-Thursday, between 8:30AM and 3:30PM.

LINE DANCING CLASS

The September Line Dancing Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall, on September 5, 12, and 19, from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. There is no cost for the classes, but donations are accepted. All adults are welcome to participate. This is a beginner’s class. No skills are required. Come join us for a lot of fun and fellowship.

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.

SERVING TODAY

Choir Director: Lauren Willis
Organist: Marianne Eaton
Pianist: Lauren Willis
Crucifer: TBD
Acolyte: TBD
Ushers: Steve Shuppy, Ginger Ford, Alice Dunn, and Lori Rogers
Steward: Chip Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

Today:	August 31
10:00 AM	Worship Service/NS
Monday:	September 1
All Day	Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday:	September 2
8:00 AM	TLC-Frist Day of School
9:00 AM	Stitcher’s/John Wesley
2:00 PM	Upper Room Bible Study/FH 201
Wednesday:	September 3
9:00 AM	TLC Chapel/NS
4:00 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study/John Wesley
5:30 PM	Children’s Night/FH
5:45 PM	Adult Bell Choir/Bell Room
6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Practice/FH-109
Thursday:	September 4
10:30 AM	Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley
Friday:	September 5
6:00 PM	Line Dancing/FH

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We will receive new members on Sunday, September 28. If you have questions about joining the church, please contact Pastor Paula by calling the church office at (843) 650-3373.

STITCHER’S SEWING CLASS

Come join us on September 16, at 9:00 AM, for an educational class to learn how to make quilts for the Shriner’s Hospital. You will learn terminology, and tips on quilt making. In this class, we will complete a quilt top. Please bring your sewing machine, scissors, and white cotton thread to the class. If you don’t sew but, would like to participate, we will also need someone to iron, someone to cut fabric and hand it to the stitchers.

If you have any questions, contact Jessie Geise at (540) 420-1063

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

In Hospital: Pam Moyer.

In Rehabilitation: No one at this time.

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.

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| ♣Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF) | ♣CT4 Halle Rae Anderson |
| ♣Captains Jennifer and Marc Melfi | ♣SSgt. Warren Scoggin |
| ♣Airman First Class Cassie Edwards | ♣CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman |
| ♣Captain Melisa Hedges | ♣M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin |
| ♣Specialist Isaac Hedges | ♣Airman William Rogers |

FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN USE

ATTENTION: All who use 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, swept, and mopped. Thank you for helping to keep our kitchen area clean for all.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

If you are interested in serving in a leadership position now or in the future and/or on a committee, please let Pastor Paula know as she prepares for the work of the Nominations and Leadership Development committee's work this year prior to Charge Conference.

If you feel a nudge but don't know where you are gifted to serve, Pastor Paula can help you determine that as well as answer questions.

Please be in prayer about the way you might be gifted to serve and also for the work of the Nominations committee.

Potential areas of service:

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| Trustees | Finance |
| Staff Parish Relations | Education |
| Missions | Worship |
| Hospitality - Martha's (fellowship/food) | |
| - Special Friends (visitation) | |

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

August 24, 2025

Sunday School – 13 10:00 AM Service – 109

Online Views – 44

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [08/24/2025]

Received this week6,518.60
Received this week online.....650.00
Received this year235,491.15
Operating expenses thru July 2025.....240,676.14
Carryover Funds used thru July 2025.....36,632.69

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [08/24/2025]

Children's Ministry.....20.00
Haiti.....375.00

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 **[08/24/2025]**175.00
Loan Balance as of **[07/24/2024]** on Fellowship Hall..169,247.99
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....855.00
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign7630.00

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [08/24/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....100.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund825.00

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

[08/24/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....65.00
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]..19,779.34

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.

*We are a loving
congregation that
shows the love of
Christ to the world.*



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