

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 10:00 AM GREEN  
GATHERING  
RINGING OF THE HOUR  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
♣WE GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS  
PRELUDE: *Let Us Break Bread Together*  
INTROIT: *Sanctuary*  
INVOCATION: Tina Shuppy  
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* No. 66  
♣CALL TO WORSHIP:  
Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.  
People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.  
Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.  
People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.  
Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.  
People: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.  
♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY  
INVITATION / CONFESSION AND PARDON  
SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II Pg. 12  
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE  
CALL TO PRAYER: *O Lord Hear My Prayer* Chancel Choir  
MORNING PRAYER  
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE  
CHILDREN'S TIME: Lindsay Jackson  
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY:  
♣DOXOLOGY No. 95  
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *praying together*  
God of wisdom, by your Spirit speak this day a word of life, and plant in us the power of your righteous love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.  
GOSPEL READING: *Luke 14:25-33* Mary Wilson Campbell  
ANTHEM: *Let Us Break Bread Together*  
SERMON: "The Danger of Discipleship" Rev. Paula J. Stover  
♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed No. 881  
♣GLORIA PATRI No. 70

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION  
HOLY COMMUNION:  
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH Pg. 13  
THE PRAYER OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS  
SENDING FORTH  
♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Are Ye Able* No. 530  
BENEDICTION: *Shine Jesus Shine*  
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 Misty Singleton in honor of her husband, Bill Singleton's birthday.*  
Lectionary readings for - September 14, 2025  
- Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14  
- Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10  
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
- Luke 15:1-10





# 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children's Time.

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, 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.

SERVING TODAY

Choir Director: Lauren Willis  
Organist: Marianne Eaton  
Pianist: Lauren Willis  
Crucifer: TBD  
Acolyte: TBD  
Ushers: George Grzeszkowiak, Neal Smiht, and Skip & Delores Bowerman  
Steward: Jean Haselden

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

<b>Today:</b> 10:00 AM <b>Monday:</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 PM <b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:30 PM <b>Wednesday:</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:45 PM <b>Thursday:</b> 10:30 AM 5:30 PM <b>Friday:</b> 3:45 PM 6:00 PM	<b>September 7</b> Third Grade Bibles/NS <b>September 8</b> Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH <b>September 9</b> Stitcher's/John Wesley Upper Room Bible Study/FH 201 Girl Scouts/FH <b>September 10</b> TLC Chapel/NS Women of Hope/John Wesley Disciple 1 Bible Study/John Wesley Wonderful Wednesday-Children's Night/FH Adult Bell Choir/Bell Room Chancel Choir Practice/FH-109 <b>September 11</b> Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley Church Council/John Wesley <b>September 12</b> SHS Football Spaghetti Dinner/FH Line Dancing/FH
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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:** Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, & 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)	♣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

### 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.

### WOMEN OF HOPE SOUP TO GO SALE

The Women of Hope will be hosting a Soup To Go Sale, in the Fellowship Hall, on October 5, following worship service. If you are interested in making your favorite soups for the sale, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Women of Hope will provide the quart or pint containers and labels for your donation. Quart size soup will be \$10.00 each and pint size soup will be \$6.00 each. Money raised will be used to fund projects that will benefit our church family and community. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Marin at (843) 668-4703 or Mary Lehr at (614) 264-9329. Thank you for your support.

### BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The Blue Star Mothers are collecting for military troops overseas. Items that can be brought include: Travel size Toiletries, lip balm, dental floss, hand sanitizer, white socks, Single packs of instant coffee, other non-alcoholic drink mixes, small sized fruit, Jello or pudding cups, single packs of granola bars, trail mix, pretzels, peanuts, peanut butter crackers, Slim Jims, Ramen noodles [dry soup], mac & cheese [individual cups], Rice Krispie treats, and candy of any kind! Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Tuna/Chicken foil packets, single serve Nutella/Peanut butter cups. The following items would also be acceptable: puzzle books, jump ropes, small balls, yo-yo's, small nerf balls or footballs, and cards. Please, no pork, no aerosols, and no liquids. The collection boxes will be located along the giving wall in the Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex from September through October. Thank you for supporting our deployed soldiers. If you have any questions, you may contact these BSM's at SUMC:

Marilyn Burch 843-421-9527 or Janice Heilman 843-742-0232

### A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

**August 31, 2025**

Sunday School – 13 10:00 AM Service – 114

Online Views – 145

### BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [08/31/2025]

Received this week .....	2890.00
Received this week online.....	515.00
Received this year .....	238,896.15
Operating expenses thru July 2025.....	240,676.14
Carryover Funds used thru July 2025.....	36,632.69

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [08/31/2025]

Upper Room Devotionals.....	5.00
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### 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 <b>[08/31/2025]</b> .....	725.00
Loan Balance as of <b>[08/24/2024]</b> on Fellowship Hall..	167,009.57
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....	725.00
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign .....	8355.00

### 1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [08/31/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....	0.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund .....	825.00

### IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS [08/31/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....	120.50
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]..	19,899.84

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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