

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 10:00 AM GREEN
GATHERING

- RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
♣WE GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS
PRELUDE: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
INTROIT: *Sanctuary*
INVOCATION: Gail Collins
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* No. 339
♣CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
People: God calls us back when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.
Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
People: let us celebrate and rejoice in God’s presence forever;
♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
CALL TO PRAYER: *O Lord Hear My Prayer*
MORNING PRAYER/ THE LORD’S PRAYER
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE
CHILDREN’S TIME: Lindsay Jackson
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY: *Just As I am, Without One Plea*
♣DOXOLOGY: No. 95
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *praying together*
Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.
GOSPEL READING: *Luke 15:1-10* Sandy Poplin
ANTHEM: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*
SERMON: ‘Lost and Found’ Rev. Paula J. Stover
♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles’ Creed UMH #881
SENDING FORTH
♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *O Worship the King* No. 73
BENEDICTION: *Shine Jesus Shine*
POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
♣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 Alice Dunn and Chip Smith in honor of our SUMC congregation, who serve in so many ways & thank you to Ginger Ford, our talented florist.

Lectionary readings for - September 21, 2025
- Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 - Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7 - Luke 16:1-13



Welcome!

*We welcome you to
Socastee United Methodist Church!
Thank you for worshipping with us today.
We love our new and returning guests and ask that
you please put your name and contact information in
one of our red pads found in the pews so we can
welcome you and get to know you.*

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.

MEN IN MINISTRY SPAGHETTI DINNER
The Men in Ministry invite you to join us for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, in the Fellowship Hall, following worship service today. Donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are looking to increase our staff of counters and hope you can help us. If you have available time on Monday mornings for about an hour and half, we need your help.
Please contact Mary Lehr at gillgal400@aol.com, or Mary Ann Graham at MAGraham@sccoast.net.

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 Tuesday, 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

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

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC</u>	
Today:	September 14
10:00 AM	Worship Service/NS
10:00 AM	Epworth Workday Offering/NS
11:00 AM	Men in Ministry Spaghetti Dinner/FH
Monday:	September 15
3:00 PM	New Directions/FH-Kitchen
5:00 PM	Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH
5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting/John Wesley
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday:	September 16
9:00 AM	Stitcher’s/John Wesley
2:00 PM	Upper Room Bible Study/FH 201
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts/FH-Upstairs
6:30 PM	Men in Ministry/FH
Wednesday:	September 17
9:00 AM	TLC Chapel/NS
11:00 AM	Women of Hope/John Wesley
4:00 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study/John Wesley
5:30 PM	Kidz United/FH
5:45 PM	Adult Bell Choir/Bell Room
6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Practice/FH-109
Thursday:	September 18
10:30 AM	Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley
5:30 PM	Finance Committee/John Wesley
Friday:	September 19
6:00 PM	Line Dancing/FH

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**.

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.

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

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Blue Star Mothers are collecting for military troops overseas. Copies of the list of items needed can be found on the table in the narthex. The collection boxes are located along the giving wall in the Fellowship Hall and in the narthex from September through October. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Burch at (843) 421-9527 or Janice Heilman at (843) 742-0232.

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. 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.

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. 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 each month, or you may drop them off at the church office, Monday-Thursday, between 8:30AM and 3:30PM.

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.

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

September 7, 2025

Sunday School – 11 10:00 AM Service – 82

Online Views – 30

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [08/31/2025]

Received this week	9,647.20
Received this week online.....	215.00
Received this year	238,896.15
Operating expenses thru July 2025.....	240,676.14
Carryover Funds used thru August 2025.....	39,890.55

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [09/07/2025]

Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	42.00
Epworth.....	25.00
Haiti Mission.....	100.00
Mission Books.....	25.00

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 [09/07/2025]	340.00
Loan Balance as of [08/24/2024] on Fellowship Hall..	167,009.57
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....	1,065.00
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign	8,695.00

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [09/07/2025]

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

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

[09/07/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....	53.00
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]..	19,952.84

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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