

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am After Service 11:30 am	October 11 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost/NS Fellowship Meal/FH Sunday School (Growing Together)/FH-201
Monday: All Day 5:30 pm	October 12 Office Closed (Columbus Day) SPRC Meeting/JW
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	October 13 Stitchers/JW Education Committee Meeting/JW Missions Meeting/JW
Wednesday: 9:15 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	October 14 TLC Chapel/NS Women of Hope/JW Wonderful Wednesday/FH Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 5:30 pm	October 15 Thursday Bible Study/JW Cemetery Meeting/JW
Friday: 6:00 pm	October 16 Line Dancing/FH
Saturday: 9:00 am	October 17 Book Cleaning/FH

Lectionary Readings for October 18, 2026

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1-1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

OUR PRESENCE 10/4/26			
10 am Service	108	On-Line Views	89
OUR GIFTS as of 10/4/26 Operating Fund			
Received this week		\$11,233.40	
YTD Receipts		\$286,965.93	
Receipts through September 2026		\$289,268.38	
Expenses thru September 2026		\$309,109.73	
Fellowship Hall			
Received this week		\$435.00	
YTD Receipts		\$37,205.00	
Required Monthly		\$3,176.26	
Loan Balance as of 9/25/26		\$133,925.84	
1875 Sanctuary			
Received this week		\$0	
YTD Receipts		\$50.00	
Account Balance as of 4/12/26		\$6,895.00	
Improvements for Present Building/Grounds			
Coins of Change Received this week		\$89.00	
YTD Receipts		\$3,094.50	
Balance as of 10/04/26		\$12,293.29	



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SOCASTEE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover

Welcome Home!

We are so glad you found your way!



“...straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal...”
Philippians 3:13-14

FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO FOLLOW IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

October 11, 2026

10:00 am

Green

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: Handbells – Amazing Grace

INTROIT: How Majestic Is Your NameChancel Choir

INVOCATION:Jerry Loiselle

*HYMN OF PRAISE: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is CallingUMH #348

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: How sweet it is when God’s children gather together!

People: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Leader: In this hour of worship, we gather as family bound in Christian love. May our time here be a blessing of strengthened fellowship that ushers in a new season of ministry.

People: No matter where we go, how far we venture, it is always good to know that we can come home!

All: Praise God on this Homecoming Sunday! Amen.

*RINGING OF THE TRINITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER: To Know You MoreChancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

*during this time, the children may meet on the steps of the chancel area

CHILDREN’S TIME:Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: The Lord’s Prayer

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowUMH #95

ANTHEM: Press OnChancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:51–62

SERMON: “Set Straight Ahead”Charlotte Loiselle
Rev. Rett Haselden

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Korean Creed

Minister:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose faith let us now declare:

Minister and People:

We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, Father of all men, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teach, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord. We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, and in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: This Is a Day of New BeginningsUMH #383

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: Seven Fold Amen

*POSTLUDE: Lead On, O King Eternal

*Congregation Stands – Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.



The flowers for today are given to the glory of God by Ann & Lanny Lewin as a thank you for the prayers received during Lanny’s recent open-heart surgery.

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.

New Members

We will welcome new members into our church family next on October 25. If you are interested in joining, please see Pastor Paula Stover for more information.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Rev. Paula Stover

Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis

Organist: Marianne Eaton

Ushers: George Grzeszkowiak, Carol Sullivan,
John McLaughlin, Barbara Gulino

October Steward: Jay Barton

November Steward: Misty Singleton

Nursery Available

A 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 4 yrs – 5th grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children’s Time.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless asked to keep them on.

Cindy Thayer, Archie Smith, Lillie Newsom, Pat Chandler, Lanny Lewin, Bob Miller, Dolores Bowerman, Sherilyn Yearty, Linda Barabuscid, Cathy Joens, Kessler Berry

In Hospital	No one at this time.
In Rehabilitation	Pat Chandler
In Home Visitations	Charlotte Minnick, Emily Michael, Kate Eley

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) *Captain Jennifer and Marc Melfi *Airman First Class Cassie Edwards *Captain Melissa Hedges *Specialist Isaac Hedges	*CT4 Halle Rae Anderson *SSgt. Warren Scoggin *CM SGT. Jessica Heilman *M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin *Airman William Rogers
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Upcoming

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Homecoming - Today

Today is Homecoming Sunday and our Guest minister will be Rev. Rett Haselden, and in true United Methodist fashion, worship will be followed with a fellowship meal! It's always a special day of celebration!

Wonderful Wednesday

Please join us for **Wonderful Wednesday on October 14** at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans, along with wonderful fellowship. For meal planning purposes, please sign-up on the sheets located at each exit of the church if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Book Cleaning

Everyone is invited to support our literacy mission by joining us from 9-12 on Saturday, **October 17** to clean children's books to share with our neighbors. We'll provide coffee and Goo-Gone, and you bring the elbow grease!

Book Club

Book Club will resume on Wednesday, **October 21**, at noon in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. Our book selection is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and discussion. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Dahl at (732) 331-6585. We hope to see you there!

Blessing of the Animals - Rescheduled

The Blessing of the Animals will take place in the front parking lot of the church at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 25 (weather permitting). All pets are welcome on a leash or in a carrier (or to remain in their vehicle and drive through) - pet parents and friends can determine their needs. There will be a brief service of general thanksgiving and blessing. Then, each animal may receive a personal blessing to include a pet or wave from the pastor, a treat, and a certificate of blessing. This year we ask, if you would like, that you bring a Walmart gift card (in any amount) to be donated to All 4 Paws Animal Rescue in Pawleys Island.

Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday!

We encourage everyone to wear PINK on Sunday, October 25th, in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Let's come together as a church family to show our support for those who have been affected by breast cancer, honor those we have lost, and celebrate the strength and courage of survivors. **Wear your PINK and help us spread a message of hope, love, and support!**

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Disciple II Fast Track

For those of you that have signed up for **Disciple II Fast Track**, a 24-week study covering Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. The study will be held Wednesday at 4:00 pm, beginning **Wednesday, October 21** in Room 201 at the Fellowship Hall.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is being held on Friday, October 23 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at The Learning Center in the Parking Lot. This event is open to the public and is an opportunity to provide a safe and friendly option to our community, and to fellowship with our TLC and Socastee families! It is important to have plenty of trunks participating so please sign up with Lindsay if you can!

lindsayjackson816@gmail.com

All-Saints Sunday

On November 1, we celebrate All-Saints Sunday, honoring those that have gone before us. The All-Saints banner will be in the sanctuary, and all are welcome to pin a bell on the banner in memory of your loved one.

Church Picnic

Join us for our annual Church Picnic – and kids' fishing rodeo! Bring a covered dish to feast and fellowship on Sunday, November 8, right after church at Myrtle Beach State Park, shelter B1 (closest to the pier).

Annual Charge Conference

Socastee UMC's annual Charge Conference has been set for 6:30 pm on November 11, 2026, in the New Sanctuary. Our District Superintendent will meet with members of the SPRC at 6:00 pm in the John Wesley room in the Meeting House. All are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Bags

Twice a week, volunteers fill bags with supplies appropriate to those who are homeless. These bags are then put into the Blessing Box. You can support this ministry by donating supplies: vienna sausages, beanie weenies, fruit cups, pudding cups, small boxes of raisins, cups of applesauce, peanut butter or cheese crackers, granola or cereal bars, juice boxes, and bottled water. Donations can be placed in the tub under the table in the narthex. Additional copies of the list are on the table. Questions may be addressed to Peggy Packard or Sandra Stegall.

Please contact the Church Office if you have anything you would like to share on our NEW Events & Announcements page!