

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am After Service 11:30 am	October 18 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost/NS Preschool Reception/FH Sunday School (Growing Together)/FH-201
Monday: 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	October 19 New Directions Meal Prep/FH Cub Scouts/FH Boy Scouts/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	October 20 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH Men in Ministry/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	October 21 TLC Chapel/NS Book Club/JW Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am	October 22 Thursday Bible Study/JW
Friday: 6:00 pm	October 23 Line Dancing/FH
Saturday:	October 24 No events scheduled

Lectionary Readings for October 25, 2026

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46

OUR PRESENCE 10/4/26			
10 am Service	120	On-Line Views	88

OUR GIFTS as of 10/11/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$3,790.00
YTD Receipts	\$290,755.93
Receipts through September 2026	\$289,268.38
Expenses thru September 2026	\$309,109.73

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$300.00
YTD Receipts	\$37,505.00
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	\$68.00
YTD Receipts	\$3,162.50
Balance as of 10/04/26	\$12,361.29



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SOCASTEE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover



Our Mission
*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
 of the world.*

Our Vision
*Our Vision is to love God and our neighbors. As faithful
 disciples of Jesus Christ, we welcome, receive, and
 nurture all who come to us.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE LEARNING CENTER SUNDAY

October 18, 202610:00 amGreen

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORT OF THE LEARNING CENTER

Jean Haselden, Lindsay Jackson, Rose Killian

*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: *There is a Fountain*

INTROIT: *How Majestic Is Your Name*Chancel Choir

INVOCATION:Katherine Mach

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *I've Got Peace Like a River*Children/Lindsay Jackson

I've got peace like a river... I've got love like an ocean... I've got joy like a fountain

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather in this space today, welcomed just as we are—like a child running home into open arms.

People: God love us with a perfect, unending love.

Leader: We gather celebrating the energy, laughter, and sacred worth of every person in our midst.

People: From the youngest to the oldest, we all belong to God's family.

Leader: God calls us to be partners in creating a world where every child is cherished, protected, and free to flourish.

All: Open our hearts, O God. Ignite our passion for justice, and let our praise begin! Amen.

*RINGING OF THE TRINITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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: *There's a Quiet Understanding*

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

CALL TO PRAYER: *To Know You More*Chancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM: *Our God Reigneth*Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 32:1–14Keith Marin

SERMON: “No Other”Rev. Paula Stover

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Now Thank We All Our God*UMH #102

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: *Seven Fold Amen*

*POSTLUDE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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

The flowers are given by Paula Stover to the glory of God and in honor of her mother, Bettie Stover's 90th Birthday.

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

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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT	
Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless asked to keep them on.	
Lillie Newsom, Lanny Lewin, Bob Miller, Dolores Bowerman, Sherilyn Yearty, Linda Barabuscid, Cathy Joens, Kessler Berry, Samantha Trainer, Monique Benoit, Chandler Family	
In Hospital	Tom Chandler
In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
In Home Visitations	Charlotte Minnick, Emily Michael, Kate Eley
<u>Remember our Military Members in Prayer</u> 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

Upcoming

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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!**

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

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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

Thank You!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all who worked to make Homecoming 2026 a beautiful event. The inspiring worship service, the special music, the lovely flowers, and the delicious fellowship meal all came tighter to create a memorable celebration.

Volunteers Needed

The Caregiver Group is looking for volunteers to deliver food once a month to people in need. If interested, please contact Sunny Fry at 843-421-4589 or Carolyn Dahl at 732-331-6585.

Blue Star Mothers Collection

The Blue Star Mothers of Coastal Carolina are humbly asking for your continued support of our deployed military by contributing various items that can be sent in our "Hero Boxes." Our next packing will be for Halloween and may include such things as travel-size toiletries, snacks, microwave popcorn packets, crackers, single serve cereals, protein bars, water drink packets, and socks. We do include holiday themed candies, etc. We cannot send any pork items or aerosols. Totes for the collections will be in the Narthex throughout September and October. If you have any questions or have any deployed military that you would like to include for our next packing, please contact Janice Heilman at 843-742-0232 or Marilyn Burch at 843-421-9527. Thank you for your contributions to help give our deployed military a taste of home.

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