CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm	**October 25** Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost/NS Sunday School (Growing Together)/FH-201 Blessing of the Animals/Parking Lot
Monday: 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	**October 26** Cub Scouts/FH Boy Scouts/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	**October 27** Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	**October 28** TLC Chapel/NS Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 12:00 pm	**October 29** Thursday Bible Study/JW Gracie's Heart/JW
Friday: 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	**October 30** Food Distribution/Parking Lot Line Dancing/FH
Saturday:	**October 31** No events scheduled

Lectionary Readings

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

OUR PRESENCE 10/18/26			
10 am Service	172	On-Line Views	52

OUR GIFTS as of 10/18/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	$10,699.45
YTD Receipts	$301,455.38
Receipts through September 2026	$289,268.38
Expenses thru September 2026	$309,109.73

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	$355.00
YTD Receipts	$37,860.00
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	$3,230.50
Balance as of 10/18/26	$12,429.29

Giving QR Code

Scan this QR Code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.

SOCASTEE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25, 2026 10:00 am Green

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING OF THE QUILTS Jessie Geise

Leader: Gracious and loving God, you call us to be a people of compassion, stitching love and hope into the fabric of the world.
People: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.
Leader: We give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, the thread, the sewing machines, and the hands that have labored over these quilts. May every stich represent a prayer, and may the final work be a beautiful sign of your faithful presence.
People: Bless the work of these hands, O God.
Leader: We consecrate these quilts today. As they go forth to those who are ill, those who are frightened, or those who are seeking warmth, let them be a physical reminder that they are wrapped in the prayers of this community and the unconditional love of Christ.
People: May these quilts bring healing, comfort, and peace.
Leader: As we consecrate these quilts, this fabric, to your service today Lord, bind us together as the Body of Christ.
All: In the name of the Creator, the Sustainer, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRESENTATION Jessie Geise/Craig Campbell
PRELUDE: *Count Your Blessings*
INTROIT: *How Majestic Is Your Name* Chancel Choir
INVOCATION: John Packard
***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127
***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Turn to the Lord with yearning and with hearts ready.
People: May God turn our mourning into singing and our sorrows into laughter.
Leader: Come before the Lord with hope and expectation.
People: May God turn our weeping into celebration and our grief into shouts of joy.
Leader: Turn to the Lord with yearning and with hearts ready to worship.
All: Let us worship the Lord together.

***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: *Ivory Palaces*
***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: *He's As Close of the Mention of His Name* Chancel Choir
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to illumine your Word that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. Amen.
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46 Mary Wilson Campbell
SERMON: "Endless re-Formation" Rev. Paula Stover
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* UMH #430
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***BENEDICTION:** *Seven Fold Amen*
***POSTLUDE:** *We Shall Behold Him*

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



The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Eley Family in loving memory of Forest Eley and in honor of Kate Eley remembering the love they shared on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

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 November 22. 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.

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, Lanny Lewin
In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
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)	*CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
*Captain Jennifer and Marc Melfi	*SSgt. Warren Scoggin
*Airman First Class Cassie Edwards	*CM SGT. Jessica Heilman
*Captain Melissa Hedges	*M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin
*Specialist Isaac Hedges	*Airman William Rogers



EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals - Today

The Blessing of the Animals will take place in the front parking lot of the church at 4:00 pm today . 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.

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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 B2 (closest to the pier).

Annual Charge Conference

Socastee UMC's annual Charge Conference has been set for 6:30 pm on **Wednesday, 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.

Senior Singles

Senior Singles will meet **Thursday, November 12** at 4:30 at Crabby Mikes in Surfside Beach. Please contact Joanne Ryals or Al Wood if you are planning to attend.

Book Club

Book Club will be held on **Wednesday, November 18**, at noon in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. Our book selection is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. 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!

Upcoming
EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casserole Sale & Gift Baskets Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for our Women of Hope Casserole Sale & Gift Baskets Silent Auction! Join us on **Sunday, November 22 immediately following church service in the Fellowship Hall**. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up a delicious casserole for your family or find a special gift while supporting our church. We hope you'll stop by, shop, and enjoy a little fellowship with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed

The Caregiver Group is looking for volunteers to deliver food to caregivers on **November 5 at 5:00 pm**. If interested, please contact Sunny Fry at 843-421-4589 or Carolyn Dahl at 732-331-6585.

New Directions

On Monday, October 19, 2026, we served dinner to approximately 150 homeless and hungry friends at New Directions. We prayed with each group before the meal and were blessed by how appreciative they are were. We want to thank the volunteers who gave their time and energy to prepare the meal and serve it: Deb Marin, Shirley Rossi and Mike Greenwood, and Jimmy and Susan Redmon. The desserts were a hit as usual, especially the brownies. A big thank you to Alice Dunn, Julie Fay, Madge Friedman, Deb Marin, Saundra Stegall and Barb Wolfe for baking them. It is such a blessing to be a part of a group of people who are so willing to give their time and talents to help others in need. Thank you to our church family for supporting this mission opportunity.

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!