CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am Cancelled After Worship	**November 8** Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost/NS ~~Sunday School (Growing Together)/JW~~ Church Picnic/MB State Park (Pavilion B3)
Monday: 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	**November 9** Cub Scouts/FH Boy Scouts/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	**November 10** Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH Missions Meeting/JW
Wednesday: All Day 9:15 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm Canceled 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	**November 11 – Veterans Day** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** TLC Chapel/NS Women of Hope/JW Disciple Group/FH 201 ~~Wonderful Wednesday/FH~~ Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room SPRC/JW Charge Conference/NS Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	**November 12** Thursday Bible Study/JW Senior Singles/Crabby Mike's Surfside TLC Family Night/FH
Friday: 1:00 pm	**November 13** Food Distribution/Parking Lot
Saturday:	**November 14** No events scheduled

Lectionary Readings for November 15, 2026

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

OUR PRESENCE 11/01/26			
10 am Service	110	On-Line Views	30

OUR GIFTS as of 11/01/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	$10,829.00
YTD Receipts	$315,516.38
Receipts through September 2026	$289,268.38
Expenses thru September 2026	$309,109.73

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	$1,230.00
YTD Receipts	$40,695.00
Required Monthly	$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 10/25/26	$131,296.26

1875 Sanctuary	
Received this week	$0
YTD Receipts	$50.00
Account Balance as of 10/31/26	$6,945.00

Improvements for Present Building/Grounds	
Coins of Change Received this week	$100.50
YTD Receipts	$3,418.00
Balance as of 10/25/26	$12,616.79

Giving QR Code

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover



Welcome Sharks!

A special welcome and heartfelt thank you to the St. James Middle School Shark Singers and their families for sharing your time and talent with us in worship today.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 2026 10:00 am Green

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE
***SPECIAL MUSIC**: *Star Spangled Banner* Shark Singers
IN HONOR OF VETERANS Steve Shuppy
INTROIT: *Salute to the Armed Forces* Shark Singers
INVOCATION: Steve Shuppy
***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *We Gather Together* UMH #131
***CALL TO WORSHIP:** A Litany for Veterans

Leader: On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces. Price of Peace, even as we pray for an end of war,
People: we give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.
Leader: Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served
People: Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.
Leader: Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.
People: We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.
Leader: We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.
People: We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.[1]

***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
***DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
CALL TO PRAYER: *Sanctuary* Shark Singers
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
ANTHEM: *Where the Light Begins* Shark Singers
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 100:1-5 Janice Heilman
SERMON: "A Hymn of Grateful Praise" Rev. Paula Stover
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH #431 x2
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

As you prepare to cross the threshold from this place out into the world and as you encounter doorways and thresholds as you pass through gates and enter into courts throughout your week, repeat this blessing: May gratitude abound as I meet God and neighbor all throughout the world. And remember to thank a Veteran this week.

***BENEDICTION:** *Praise His Holy Name* Shark Singers
***POSTLUDE**

[1] *Adapted from "A Litany for Veterans, "The Rev. Tom Williams Whitefish Bay, Wis.*
**Congregation Stands – Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.*



The flowers are given by Mitchell Strickland to the glory of God in memory of his wife, Martha Strickland.

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: Craig Campbell, John McLaughlin, Debbie England, Robin McElroy
November Steward: Misty Singleton
December Steward: Chip Smith

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.

Tom Chandler, Jim Smith, Mark Eley, Lillie Newsom, Lanny Lewin, Dolores Bowerman, Linda Barabuscid, Cathy Joens, Kessler Berry, Family of Joy Robertson, Kathleen Leeke, O'Karu Family, Rose Killian

In Hospital	Jim Smith
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

Church Picnic

Join us for our annual Church Picnic – and kids' fishing rodeo **today**, right after church at Myrtle Beach State Park, shelter B3.

Christmas Cards for Haiti

Christmas time is coming, and we would like to wish our Holy Innocents students a blessed Yuletide season. Our friend Pere Val will assist us with this by hand delivering Christmas cards when he travels to Haiti mid-December. **Today**, a card for each student will be available for you to sign on the privacy wall of the wing to Pastor Paula's left. You are welcome to sign your name and a word of Christmas greeting to each boy and girl. Contact Gail Collins with any question.

Advent Study

Covenant Keepers will be starting "Advent of the Savior" starting **November 15**. All are welcome. The class meets Sunday morning at 8:45 in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. Contact Al Wood or Sunny Fry if you would like to attend so we can get you a study guide.

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. All are invited to participate or witness!! 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!

Annual SUMC Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thanksgiving is a time for sharing, fellowship, and giving thanks for our many blessings. If you don't have family to celebrate with or wish to bring your family to celebrate with your church family, we invite you to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Day) at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets are located at each entrance and on the table at the back of the sanctuary. This year, we would like to provide a meal to shut in church members. Volunteers are need for that as well as help is needed for set-up and clean up. For additional details, contact Al Wood at (843)655-9023 or email to WoodAlPat@aol.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias for Christmas

Help us decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 6 through Christmas Eve. Order forms will be available beginning next Sunday, November 15. The deadline for ordering will be November 30. We invite you to participate in this special tradition as we celebrate the beauty and meaning of Christmas!

Volunteers Needed for Caregiver Food Delivery

The Caregiver Group is looking for volunteers to deliver food to caregivers. Distribution will be the **1st Thursday of every month at 5:00 pm**. If interested, please contact Sunny Fry at 843-421-4589 or Carolyn Dahl at 732-331-6585.

Volunteers Needed for Advent Season

As we prepare for the Advent season, we invite you to consider volunteering to help with our church services. We would love to welcome new volunteers to join our team and help make this a meaningful season for our congregation. If you are interested in serving, please contact Joanne Ryals at (443) 618-4465 or by email at ryalsjo8@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing some new faces and sharing in the joy of serving together during Advent!

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