CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	**November 15** Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost/NS Sunday School (Growing Together)/JW
Monday: 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	**November 16** New Directions Meal Prep/FH Cub Scouts/FH Boy Scouts/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	**November 17** Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH Men in Ministry/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	**November 18** TLC Chapel/NS Book Club/JW Disciple Group/FH 201 Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am Canceled	**November 19** Thursday Bible Study/JW ~~Gracie's Heart~~
Friday: 6:00 pm	**November 20** Line Dancing/FH
Saturday:	**November 21** No events scheduled

Lectionary Readings for November 22, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

OUR PRESENCE 11/01/26			
10 am Service	236	On-Line Views	46

OUR GIFTS as of 11/01/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	$3,982.00
YTD Receipts	$330,327.38
Receipts through October 2026	$319,161.75
Expenses through October 2026	$341,011.15

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	$355.00
YTD Receipts	$42,280.00
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	$119.50
YTD Receipts	$3,638.00
Balance as of 10/25/26	$12,836.79

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, November 15, 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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 15, 2026 10:00 am Green

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE: *How Great Thou Art*
INTROIT: *Give Thanks* Chancel Choir
INVOCATION: Misty Singleton
***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH #89
***CALL TO WORSHIP:**
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
People: God, we delight in your creation.
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
People: God, we delight in our connectedness.
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!
People: God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us.
Leader: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!
ALL: Come! Let us worship God together. 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: *Have Thine Own Way Lord*
***DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95
CALL TO PRAYER: *Near to the Heart of God* Chancel Choir
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
ANTHEM: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Chancel Choir
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light rejoicing in you. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 4:4-13 Peggy Packard
SERMON: "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Rev. Paula Stover
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *Spirit Song* UMH #347
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***BENEDICTION:** *Trees of the Field* Chancel Choir
***POSTLUDE:** *Proclaim The Glory of the Lord*

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



The flowers are given to the glory of God by Butch and Carol Ann Williamson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and by Greg and Jule Fay in celebration of their 54th 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 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, Lillie Newsom, Cathy Joens, Kathleen Leeke, O'Karu Family

In Hospital	No one at this time.
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

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!!

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!

Growing Together Sunday School Class – NEW STUDY

On **November 29th**, the Growing Together Sunday School class will begin a new study, Light of the World, A Beginner's Guide to Advent, by Amy-Jill Levine. Please plan to join us in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House at 11:30 am. Contact Mary Lehr if you are planning to attend so we can provide the book to you.

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.

Epworth Gift Basket Donations

Epworth Children's Home provides gift baskets to foster parents who care for children in need. This year, we are inviting you to be a part of this special outreach by contributing toward two gift baskets that will be given to local foster families. Each basket will include a $100 gift card, and we are asking for your help in making this possible. Any donation, regardless of amount, is greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate, please make your donation payable to SUMC with "Epworth Gift Baskets" on the memo line of your check. For questions or additional information, please contact Lori Rogers at 571-235-8701.

Upcoming
EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens and the First Sunday of Advent is during church service on November 29th.

Save the Date

The Annual Christmas Dinner, provided by United Methodist Men and Women of Hope, will be held December 15 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Watch for additional details.

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. 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!

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 Saundra Stegall.

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