

Sunday School Class

The Sunday School class begins today at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on the second floor.

Book Club

The new book club will begin this Wednesday, April 29th in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. For more information, please contact Carolyn Dahl at (732) 331-6585.

Graduation Sunday

We are planning our graduate recognition service for May 31. If you are a member of our church, or attend with us regularly, and are graduating from high school or college, please reach out to Carly Hall at carlymichelle45@gmail.com so we can recognize your accomplishments!

SUMC Night at the Pelicans Ballpark

Join us on Tuesday, May 26 for a fun evening at the ballpark! The game begins at 6:35 pm. A large buffet dinner (opening at 5:30 pm) and game seating are included for \$36 per person. Our church choir will have the special honor of singing the National Anthem. Reservations and payments are due by May 17. To sign up, please contact John Packard at 540-578-2428. Checks should be made payable to John Packard and may be given to John, Dale Faulkner, or placed in the collection plate with "Pelicans" noted in the memo line.

New Members

We will welcome new members into our church family on May 31. If you are interested in joining, please see Pastor Paula Stover for more information.

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.

OUR PRESENCE 4/19/26	
10 am Service	112
On-Line Views	69

OUR PRAYER AND SUPPORT	
In Hospital	No one at this time.
In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
In Home Visitations	Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, Emily Michael

OUR GIFTS as of 4/19/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$5,111.00
YTD Receipts	\$102,078.05
YTD Expenses thru March 2026	\$97,135.00

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$520.00
YTD Receipts	\$7,065.00
Required Monthly	\$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 3/24/26	\$149,398.32

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	\$77.50
YTD Receipts	\$1,174.00
Balance as of 4/19/26	\$10,372.79



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SOCASTEE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

10:00 am

White

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS**

PRELUDE: *Love Was When*

INTROIT:

INVOCATION: Gail Collins

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH#381

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather together to worship God,

People: the Shepherd of our souls.

Leader: The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad,

People: and who calls us to follow.

Leader: This is our God!

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***RINGING OF THE TRINITY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER: *O Lord Hear My Prayer* Chancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S TIME Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

ANTHEM: *Have You Not Known* Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen

GOSPEL READING: *John 10:1-10* Mary Wilson Campbell

SERMON: "The Good Shepherd" Rev. Paula Stover

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

***GLORIA PATRI:** UMH #70

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH #139

***CHARGE AND BLESSING:** Rev. Paula Stover

***BENEDICTION:** *Seven Fold Amen*

***POSTLUDE:** *Joyful Joyful*

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



The flowers for today are given to the glory of God by Marianne Eaton in memory of her parents, Melvin & Ruth Bates.

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.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Mary Lehr

Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis

Organist: Marianne Eaton

Ushers: George Grzeszkowiak, Lanny Lewin,
John Packard, Carol Sullivan

April/May Steward: John McLaughlin

Lectionary Readings for:

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2026

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms: 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

Today: 8:45 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	April 26 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Fellowship Time/FH (until 9:45 am) Fourth Sunday of Easter/NS Sunday School/FH (Second Floor)
Monday: 12:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	April 27 TLC Board/FH (Second Floor) Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scouts Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	April 28 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	April 29 TLC Chapel/NS Book Club/JW Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 12:00 pm	April 30 Thursday Bible Study/JW Gracie's Heart (JW)
Friday:	May 1 No events scheduled at this time.
Saturday:	May 2 No events scheduled at this time.

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