

### Sunday School Canceled

The 11:30 am Sunday School Class has been canceled today in honor of Mother's Day.

### Epworth's Offering

Today, our church will receive the annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. This special collection supports the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, which provides care, healing, and hope to children and families in need. Your gifts help ensure that these children are surrounded by safe, loving environments where they can grow and thrive. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this important ministry.

### Wonderful Wednesday

Last Wonderful Wednesday until September will be Wednesday, May 13, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an "I Scream for Ice Cream" social with ice cream and a special game of bingo for a chance to win a lap quilt.

### Summer Break for Doughnuts

The last morning that doughnuts will be available in the Fellowship Hall before service will be Sunday, May 17. Coffee from the kitchen's Keurig will still be available. We will resume in the fall.

### 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.

OUR PRESENCE 5/3/26	
10 am Service	111
On-Line Views	36

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 5/3/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$13,946.40
YTD Receipts	\$119,160.45
YTD Expenses thru March 2026	\$97,135.00

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$735.00
YTD Receipts	\$8,100.00
Required Monthly	\$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 4/23/26	\$146,853.89

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	\$78.00
YTD Receipts	\$1,327.00
Balance as of 5/3/26	\$10,525.79



### 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, May 10, 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  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 10, 2026 10:00 am White

**GATHERING**

**RINGING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS**

**PRELUDE:** *Have Thine Own Way*

**INTROIT:** *Alleluia*

**INVOCATION:**

Sunny Fry  
UMH#92

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O people sing!

**People: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**People: the Lord who has made everything.**

**\*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:** *Give Thanks*

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

**ANTHEM:** Chancel Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

**Come Holy Spirit open our minds this day, entice us with your presence.**

**Spark us with a word of life – a message that we may share with others**

**as we seek to live out Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the**

**name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Acts 17:22-31 Katrina Barton

**GOSPEL READING:** John 14:15-19 Katrina Barton

**SERMON:** "Living Love" Rev. Paula Stover

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Canadian Creed

UMH #883

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #70

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *Be Still, My Soul*

UMH #534

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING:**

Rev. Paula Stover

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

*\*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 Katie Ward in memory of her mother Geronia Doyle.

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.

*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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children's Time.

*Serving Today*

Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis  
Organist: Marianne Eaton  
Ushers: Craig Campbell, Barbara Gulino,  
Debbie England, John McLaughlin  
May Steward: John McLaughlin  
June Steward: Chip Smith

*Lectionary Readings for:*

Ascension of the Lord - May 14, 2026  
Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93,  
Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC**

<b>Today:</b> 8:45 am 8:30 am 10:00 am Canceled	<b>May 10</b> Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Fellowship Time/FH (until 9:45 am) Sixth Sunday of Easter/NS Sunday School/FH (Second Floor)
<b>Monday:</b> 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>May 11</b> Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scouts Troop 891/FH
<b>Tuesday:</b> 9:00 am 5:30 pm	<b>May 12</b> Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
<b>Wednesday:</b> 11:00 am 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	<b>May 13</b> Women of Hope/JW Wonderful Wednesday/FH Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
<b>Thursday:</b> 10:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>May 14</b> Thursday Bible Study/JW Church Council
<b>Friday:</b> 6:00 pm	<b>May 15</b> Line Dancing
<b>Saturday:</b> 2:00 pm	<b>May 16</b> Memorial Service for Lee Marin/NS

*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