

Summer Break for Doughnuts

Today is the last morning that doughnuts will be available in the Fellowship Hall before service. 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 **today (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, 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.

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!

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 5/10/26	
10 am Service	94
On-Line Views	30

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 5/10/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$3,444.00
YTD Receipts	\$122,604.45
YTD Expenses thru April 2026	\$128,730.58

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$225.00
YTD Receipts	\$8,325.00
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	\$74.00
YTD Receipts	\$1,401.00
Balance as of 5/10/26	\$10,525.79



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SOCASTEE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 17, 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
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

May 17, 2026 10:00 am White

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS**

PRELUDE: *Jesus Name Above All Names*

INTROIT: *Alleluia*

INVOCATION: Ruth Berckart

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Jesus Shall Reign* UMH#157

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

People: for God reigns over all the earth!

Leader: God has gone up with a shout!

People: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

***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 Tribute*

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

ANTHEM: *I Bowed on My Knees and Cried, "Holy"* Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Come Holy Spirit open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53 Janice Heilman

SERMON: "Witnesses" Rev. Paula Stover

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #70

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH #154

vs. 1,2,5,6

Rev. Paula Stover

***CHARGE AND BLESSING:**

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

***POSTLUDE:** *Sunshine In My Soul*

**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 Dale and Nancy Faulkner in celebration of their son Patrick's birthday.

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 – 5th 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:

Sunday of Pentecost – May 24, 2026

Acts 2:1-21, Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23

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

Today: 8:45 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	May 17 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Fellowship Time/FH (until 9:45 am) Seventh Sunday of Easter/NS Sunday School/FH (Second Floor)
Monday: 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	May 18 New Directions Meal Prep/FH Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scouts Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 6:30 pm	May 19 Stitchers/JW Men in Ministry/FH
Wednesday: 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	May 20 Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	May 21 TLC End of Year Program/NS Thursday Bible Study/JW Cemetery Committee Meeting/JW TLC Graduation/NS
Friday: 8:00 am 6:00 pm	May 22 TLC – Last Day for Teachers Line Dancing
Saturday: 11:00 am	May 23 Memorial Service/NS (Trudie & John Bealer)

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