

Senior Singles

Senior singles will meet at Red Lobster by Coastal Grand Mall on Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 pm. Please let Al Wood or Joanne Ryals know if you are attending so they can make reservations.

Epworth's Offering

On Sunday, May 10, 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.

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.

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!

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 4/26/26	
10 am Service	90
On-Line Views	57

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	\$3,136.00
YTD Receipts	\$105,214.05
YTD Expenses thru March 2026	\$97,135.00

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$300.00
YTD Receipts	\$7,365.00
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	\$75.00
YTD Receipts	\$1,249.00
Balance as of 4/19/26	\$10,372.79



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 3, 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
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 3, 2026 10:00 am White

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS**

PRELUDE: *Let Us Break Bread*

INTROIT: *Alleluia*

INVOCATION: Marianne Eaton

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Forward Through the Ages* UMH#555

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, people of God!

People: Take refuge in the Lord,

Leader: who listens when we cry out,

People: who rescues us when we call,

Leader: and who leads and guides us

People: according to his unfailing love.

ALL: Let us worship God together! Amen

***RINGING OF THE TRINITY**

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH #12

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S TIME Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word read and proclaimed, open our hearts by the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

ANTHEM: Chancel Choir

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

GOSPEL READING: *John 14:1-14*

Al Wood

SERMON: "The Way"

Rev. Paula Stover

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION:

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

UMH #13

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *The Church's One Foundation* UMH #545

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

**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 honor of her children and grandchildren Khyle, Noel, Wesley, Jacob and Leah.

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

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:

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20,

1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

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

Today: 8:45 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	May 3 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Fellowship Time/FH (until 9:45 am) Fourth Sunday of Easter/NS Sunday School/FH (Second Floor)
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	May 4 Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scouts Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	May 5 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	May 6 TLC Chapel/NS Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 5:30 pm	May 7 Thursday Bible Study/JW Senior Singles (Red Lobster)
Friday:	May 8 No events scheduled at this time.
Saturday:	May 9 No events scheduled at this time.

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.

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