

Wonderful Wednesday

Please join us as Wonderful Wednesday resumes on **Wednesday, September 9** at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! We will be serving hot dogs and enjoining s’mores at the Fire Pit. Bring your family and friends and join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

Golf Outing

Join us for the SUMC Golf Tournament on **September 12** at the newly renovated Whispering Pines Golf Course!

The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. and will be played in a Captain’s Choice format. We currently have room for seven more teams, so gather your friends and come enjoy a fun day on the course.

100% of the proceeds will benefit the operating expenses of the church. For more information or to sign up, please contact Chip Smith at 843-222-2447.

Sunday School Class

The 11:30 Adult Sunday School class will resume **September 13**. Our new study will be *Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths*, by UMC Reverend Adam Hamilton. Please plan to join us and notify Mary Lehr so that we can order a book for you.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will resume **Tuesday, September 15** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Men, come join us for a meal, fellowship and devotion! UMM meets on the third Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there!

Book Club

Book Club will resume on Wednesday, **September 16**, at noon in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. Our book selection is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and discussion. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Dahl at (732) 331-6585. We hope to see you there!

OUR PRESENCE 8/16/26		OUR PRAYER AND SUPPORT	
10 am Service		In Hospital	No one at this time.
On-Line Views		In Rehabilitation	Kate Eley
		In Home Visitations	Charlotte Minnick, Emily Michael

OUR GIFTS as of 8/16/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$4,843.00
YTD Receipts	\$234,976.33
Receipts through July 2026	\$216,352.03
Expenses thru July 2026	\$233,150.84
Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$185.00
YTD Receipts	\$14,440.00
Required Monthly	\$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 7/25/26	\$139,114.19
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	\$87.00
YTD Receipts	\$2,511.00
Balance as of 8/16/26	\$11,709.79



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SOCASTEE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 23, 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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

10:00 am

Green

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: *Be Thou My Vision*

INTROIT: *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Chancel Choir

INVOCATION:

Marianne Eaton

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH #127

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

People: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

ALL: Come, let us worship God together.

*RINGING OF THE TRINITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

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: *Spirit of the Living God*

*DOXOLOGY: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, we are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts as we hear your word so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of the One which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:8-20

Al Wood

SERMON: "It's Who You Know"

Rev. Paula Stover

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH #474

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: *Amen*

*POSTLUDE: *They'll Know We Are Christians*

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



The flowers for today are given to the glory of God by Bill and Misty Singleton in loving memory of Agnes Coney and Linda Singleton.

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 into our church family on August 30. 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: Alice Dunn, Neal Smith, Mary Lehr, Roger Friedman

August Steward: Jean Haselden

Lectionary Readings for August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am	August 23 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost/NS
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	August 24 Cub Scouts/FH Boy Scouts/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am	August 25 Stitchers/JW
Wednesday: 5:30 pm 6:45 pm	August 26 Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: Canceled 12:00 pm	August 27 Thursday Bible Study/JW Gracie's Heart/JW
Friday:	August 28 No events scheduled
Saturday:	August 29 No events scheduled

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)

*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