

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 8:45 am 10:00 am After Service 11:30 am	September 27 Sunday School (Covenant Keepers)/JW Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost/NS UMM Spaghetti Dinner/FH Sunday School (Growing Together)/FH-201
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	September 28 Cub Scouts/FH Boy Scouts/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	September 29 Stitchers/JW Nominations Committee Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	September 30 TLC Chapel//NS Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 am 5:30 pm	October 1 Thursday Bible Study/JW Senior Singles/Hot Fish Club
Friday:	October 2 No events scheduled
Saturday:	October 3 TLC Tag Sale & Cookie Bake Sale/FH

Lectionary Readings for October 4, 2026

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3-4b-14,
Matthew 21:33-46

OUR PRESENCE 9/20/26	
10 am Service	107
On-Line Views	46

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

OUR GIFTS as of 9/20/26 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$3,732.60
YTD Receipts	\$270,230.53
Receipts through August 2026	\$252,767.38
Expenses thru August 2026	\$267,246.47

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$485.00
YTD Receipts	\$16,300.00
Required Monthly	\$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 8/25/26	\$136,525.22

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	\$101.50
YTD Receipts	\$2,946.00
Balance as of 9/13/26	\$12,044.29



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SOCASTEE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 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
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 27, 2026 10:00 am Green

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: *I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian*

INTROIT: *Great is the Lord* Chancel Choir

INVOCATION: George Grzeszkowiak

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

People: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

People: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

People: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

*RINGING OF THE TRINITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Laura and Keith Marin

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come, Holy Spirit Come* Chancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

*during this time, the children may meet on the steps of the chancel area

CHILDREN'S TIME: Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Nearer, My God, To Thee*

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

ANTHEM: *Alleluia* Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

0 God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts that we might hear your Word for us today. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21 Janice Heilman

SERMON: "Holy Extravagance" Rev. Tom Pietila

RESPONSE: Dedication of our Stewardship Commitments
Bless Thou the Gifts UMH #587

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Go, Make of All Disciples* UMH #571

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: *Go ye, Go ye into the World*

*POSTLUDE: *Proclaim the Glory of the Lord*

**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 Sheri Mathis in honor of her mom, Cindy Watts, whose birthday is today.

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 next on October 25. If you are interested in joining, please see Pastor Paula Stover for more information.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Rev. Paula Stover
Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis
Organist: Marianne Eaton
Ushers: Dale Faulkner, Don Jones
Susan Williamson, Jimmy Redmon
September Steward: George Grzeszkowiak
October Steward: Jay Barton

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Names will stay on the list for four weeks unless asked to keep them on.

Cindy Thayer
Archie Smith
Lillie Newsom
Bettie Stover
Pat Chandler

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

Upcoming EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS

Senior Singles

Our Senior Singles are gathering for a time of fellowship and fun! Please join us for dinner and a wonderful evening together at the Hot Fish Club at the Marsh Walk on Thursday, October 1 at 5:30 pm. Please contact Al Wood or Joanne Ryals if you plan to attend so reservations can be made. We'd love to have you join us!

TLC Yard Sale

The TLC Yard Sale will be held October 3. Donated items are being accepted beginning Monday, September 28 through Friday, October 2 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Please drop off donations at The Learning Center Main Door. Thank you for supporting the TLC Yard Sale!

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals will take place in the front parking lot of the church at 4:00 pm on Sunday, **October 4, 2026**. All pets are welcome on a leash or in a carrier (or to remain in their vehicle and drive through) - pet parents and friends can determine their needs. There will be a brief service of general thanksgiving and blessing. Then, each animal may receive a personal blessing to include a pet or wave from the pastor, a treat, and a certificate of blessing. This year we ask, if you would like, that you bring a Walmart gift card (in any amount) to be donated to All 4 Paws Animal Rescue in Pawleys Island.

Soup To Go Sale

The Women of Hope will sponsor a Soup To Go Sale on Sunday, October 4th immediately following worship service. Stop by and pick up some delicious homemade soup to enjoy at home! Quart size is \$10 | Pint Size \$6.00. Proceeds will benefit our church family and community projects. We hope you'll stop by and take some soup home!

Lay Servant Ministry

The next Lay Servant School will be on **October 9 & 10** at Trinity UMC in Conway from 6:00–8:00 pm on Friday, October 9 and all day Saturday, October 10. More information on classes being offered and how to register will be available soon. Please see Pastor Paula if you are interested.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for homecoming at Socastee on **October 11, 2026**, when we gather to rejoice in 208 years of God's blessings here on the corner of Dick Pond Road and Highway 707. Guest minister will be Rev. Rett Haselden, and in true United Methodist fashion, worship will be followed with a fellowship meal! It's always a special day of celebration!

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Wonderful Wednesday

Please join us for Wonderful Wednesday on October 14 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans, along with wonderful fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Book Cleaning

Everyone is invited to support our literacy mission by joining us from 9–12 on Saturday, **October 17** to clean children's books to share with our neighbors. We'll provide coffee and Goo-Gone, and you bring the elbow grease!

Book Club

Book Club will resume on Wednesday, **October 21**, at noon in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. Our book selection is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. 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!

Disciple II Fast Track

For those of you that have signed up for **Disciple II Fast Track**, a 24-week study covering Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. The study will be held Wednesday at 4:00 pm, beginning **Wednesday, October 21** in Room 201 at the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Best of the Beach"

Congratulations to **"The Learning Center"** (TLC) on receiving **First Place** in the *Sun News "Best of the Beach"* contest for best pre-school in Myrtle Beach! We are so proud of TLC and grateful for the wonderful care, love, and dedication they provide to the children and families in our community. This recognition is well deserved! Please join us in congratulating them on this wonderful achievement!

Blue Star Mothers Collection

The Blue Star Mothers of Coastal Carolina are humbly asking for your continued support of our deployed military by contributing various items that can be sent in our "Hero Boxes." Our next packing will be for Halloween and may include such things as travel-size toiletries, snacks, microwave popcorn packets, crackers, single serve cereals, protein bars, water drink packets, and socks. We do include holiday themed candies, etc. We cannot send any pork items or aerosols. Totes for the collections will be in the Narthex throughout September and October. If you have any questions or have any deployed military that you would like to include for our next packing, please contact Janice Heilman at 843-742-0232 or Marilyn Burch at 843-421-9527. Thank you for your contributions to help give our deployed military a taste of home.

Please contact the Church Office if you have anything you would like to share on our NEW Events & Announcements page!