

# Save The Date!

MAR 1 <sup>ST</sup>	Oyster Roast & Chili Cookoff 3:00pm on the Church yard
MAR 9 <sup>TH</sup>	HS Youth - Monthly Mission Night 4:00pm at Star Gospel Mission
MAR 12 <sup>TH</sup>	Shepherd's Luncheon 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall
MAR ~ MAR 18 <sup>TH</sup> ~ 20 <sup>TH</sup>	Tea Room 11:30 am-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
MAR 26 <sup>TH</sup>	Palm Cross Making & Devotion 3:30pm (in the Fellowship Hall)
MAR 29 <sup>TH</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon 11:30am on the church yard
MAR 29 <sup>TH</sup>	"In Paradisum" Lenten Evensong by candlelight 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
APR 2 <sup>ND</sup>	Maundy Thursday Worship Service 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
APR 3 <sup>RD</sup>	Good Friday Worship Service 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
APR 5 <sup>TH</sup>	Easter Sunday Worship Service 9:00 and 10:30am in the Sanctuary
APR 12 <sup>TH</sup>	New Member Brunch 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall
APR 13 <sup>TH</sup>	HS Youth - Monthly Mission Night 4:00pm at Star Gospel Mission



**REMINDER:**

There will be ONE Worship Service on Sundays at 10:30am

## FUMC IOP Newsletter

WITH A DISCERNING HEART

Many of us want to know God's will for our lives. Discovering the will of God for life is the foundation of discernment. When we truly seek to know what God would have for us, we would do well to begin with living each day in an attitude and posture of prayer. When we begin to live each day in an attitude of prayer we find that God's will begins to blossom and unfold like a beautiful and mysterious flower.

There's a mistaken notion that God's will is like a laser-focused pathway that is indisputable and narrow. The idea that if only God would speak to us in understandable terms then we might get on the path and follow. It seems that our responsibility is to discover the pathway and jump on board. Unfortunately, the "pathway" approach is not always obvious. It may seem more like confusing maze that twists and turns leaving us confused and frustrated. In the end, we might simply select an avenue through the maze and hope for the best.

I have found, however, that the "find the pathway through the maze" may lead to dead ends along the path. In contrast, we find that God's way for our living is generous and comprehensive. In other words, it is more of an unfolding discover of peace and harmony that comes with listening to, and submitting to, the direction that God will guide.

Where this all comes down is in our everyday decisions both large and routine. When was the last time you made an important decision and felt a sense of disconnect and remorse? I have heard spiritual directors call this feeling "dissonance." Dissonance is a musical term that means a sense of unrest, disharmony, and feeling the need for resolution. The feeling of dissonance is common when we do our own thing rather than doing God's way.

Doing God's way and following God's leading brings a growing sense of consonance which is the feeling of harmony, repose, resolve and a growing sense of "oneness" with God. This oneness is what discernment is all about. Oneness with God's will is a growing reality in life as we cultivate a pattern of prayer, listening to God, responding with the heart, and of adjusting our course to follow God's way.

Finally, we cannot take it all with us along the way in following God. There are often things and patterns that we must let go and free ourselves for the journey of faith. I have learned that the most pressing decisions we might face call for the grace of letting our own plans go. There is great freedom in letting go and lightening the load.

May you discover God's unfolding way for your life, and may you have the grace and peace that God will always make a way. Peace for the journey ahead.

Grace and peace,

*Charles*

Pastor Charles

# Fundraiser Recaps



## Oyster Roast & Chili Cookoff Fundraiser!

All proceeds went towards the Church's International Missions Ministry.



## Youth Valentine's Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser!

All proceeds went towards the Church's Youth Outreach Fund.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call the Church Office: 843-886-6610

# Recurring Events

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Children ~ 4:00-5:30pm  
Youth ~ 5:30-7:00pm



4:00-5:30- Pre-K - 5th Grade

5:30-7:00- 6th Grade - 12th Grade

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Handbell Choir**  
Wednesday afternoon  
Fellowship Hall  
4:30-6:00 pm

**Chancel Choir**  
Wednesday afternoon  
Choir Room  
6:30-8:00 pm

## MAHJONG MONDAYS

Monday evenings at 4/5:00pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.



## BIBLE STUDIES

**MLBS:**  
Contact Wessie Mitchell to get involved.

**Disciple IV:**  
Contact Mike Holman to get involved.

**Devotional Beach Walk:**  
Contact Suzanne Redford to get involved.

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# Upcoming Events

## Lent Services



Ash Wednesday 2/18/26 at 12:00 PM &  
6:00PM

Palm Sunday 3/29/26 at 10:30AM

Maundy Thursday 4/2/26 at 6:00PM

Good Friday 4/3/26 at 6:00PM

Easter 4/5/26 at 9:00 & 10:30AM

### Activities

Oyster Roast 3/1/26 at 3:00 PM

Palm Cross Making & Devotion 3/26/26  
at 3:30 PM

Kids Palm Sunday Processional  
3/29/26 at 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon  
3/29/26 at 11:30AM

"In Paradisum" Choir Concert 3/29/26  
at 6:00PM

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# Upcoming Events

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MONDAY  
MISSION NIGHTS

## Star Gospel Mission

Join us once a month as we prepare a meal at Star Gospel Mission  
Followed by dinner and fellowship downtown CHS.  
Dates & Sign Ups On Realm

## MONTHLY MISSION NIGHTS

March 9<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup>

We will meet there beginning at 4:00 and have dinner prepared by 5:00. Afterwards we will grab a bite to eat downtown and talk about our mission together.

Parents and friends are encouraged to help and join us as well!

## TEA ROOM

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am - 2:00pm

Join us for lunch at our annual TEA ROOM!  
Reservations are recommended!  
Grab a table for 8 and join us for great food and fellowship with your friends!

Call 843-708-0650  
to reserve your spot.

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# TEA ROOM

## MARCH 18-20

### 11:30-2:00



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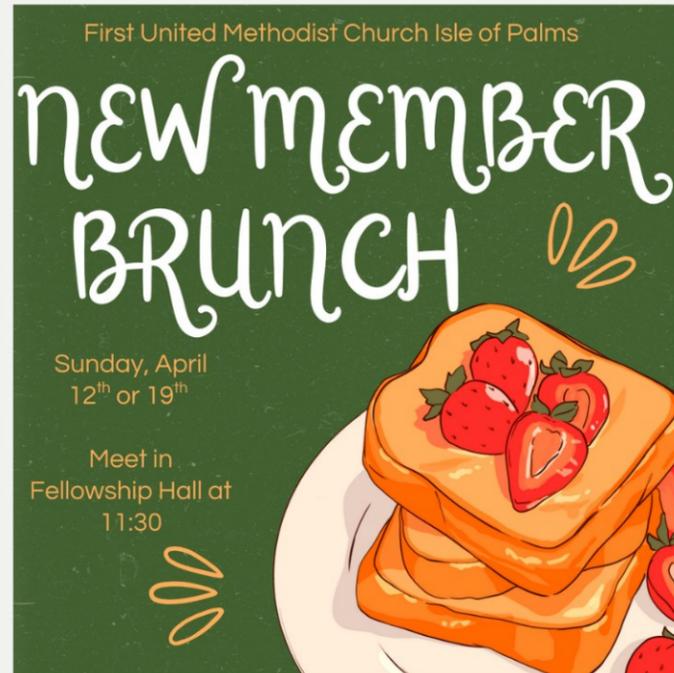
## NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

April 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am  
in the Fellowship Hall

Come and learn what it means to be a member of First Church.

Jen and Pastor Charles will lead and speak to you about the next steps of becoming a member.

Register on Realm or call the Church office.



## PALM CROSS MAKING & DEVOTION

March 26<sup>th</sup>  
3:30pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

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# Upcoming Events

## EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCHEON

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is for ALL ages because there is a luncheon for those participating in the hunt and those that just want to watch the joy of our children.

There will be a FREE boxed lunch from Jimmy Johns for all that sign up. The meal is free as we are using this is a great chance for a fellowship event at First Church.



## “IN PARADISUM”

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
in the Sanctuary

A Lenten evensong by candlelight as we venture through the journey to the cross through music.

We have a \$5,000 fundraising goal to cover the remaining concert series of 2026!

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