

# Save The Date!

MAY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	Youth Sunday 10:30am service in the Sanctuary
MAY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	HS Youth - Monthly Mission Night 4:00pm at Star Gospel Mission
MAY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	Mahjong Monday 4:00/5:00-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
MAY 17 <sup>TH</sup>	Children's and MS End of Year Party 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
MAY 18 <sup>TH</sup>	Mahjong Monday 4:00/5:00-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
MAY 18 <sup>TH</sup>	Youth Group End of Year Party 5:30pm at Crush Yard
MAY 31 <sup>ST</sup>	Graduation Sunday 10:30am service in the Sanctuary
JUNE 1 <sup>ST</sup>	Mahjong Party 4:00pm at Cantina 76
JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup> ~ 12 <sup>TH</sup>	Vacation Bible School 9:00am-12:00pm in the Sanctuary Building
JUNE 14 <sup>TH</sup> ~ 20 <sup>TH</sup>	High School Montreat Conference June 14 (10:00am) - June 20 (1:00pm)



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

## FUMC IOP Newsletter

### EATING THE TOAD

Mark Twain once said, “the first thing you do each morning is to eat a live toad, you can go through the day with the satisfaction of knowing that that is probably the worst thing that is going to happen to you all day long.”

Your “toad” is your biggest, most important task, the one you are most likely to procrastinate on if you don’t do something about it. It is also the one task that can have the greatest positive impact on your life and results at the moment.

I was introduced to this old saying, “eat the toad first thing in the morning” about twenty years ago when I was at an Army Chaplain conference at Fort Jackson. There was an older, senior chaplain, Colonel Dave DeCamp who had been asked to speak to the group of over 400 chaplains. Chaplain DeCamp, who was nearing his retirement, told the story of growing up in rural Mississippi in the 1950’s. He described his father as a man of few words; when his father spoke, Dave listened.

One of the memorable experiences from his childhood that he passed along to the group of chaplains is the practice of doing three things each morning that you would rather not do. Then, the rest of the day is downhill. He described his own challenges with the practice of doing these three things even into adulthood. He said, “think about it, if you do those things that are easy to put off until later you will have a sense of accomplishment that propels you throughout the rest of the day.”

For some of us it’s even challenging to do one thing you would rather not do, much less think of doing three tough things each morning. There is always a procrastinator among us who puts off doing the important things. Maybe you have a bit of procrastinator in you. There’s hope for us all. All we have to do is to eat the toad first thing in the morning. Naturally, no one needs to literally eat a toad each morning, but the concept might have interesting results.

It might be interesting for the Church if we adopted a corporate practice of eating the toad. The Church might benefit tremendously from doing the tough work of eating the toad in light of the challenging days ahead. I am encouraging each of you to keep the faith throughout the years ahead and to plan for the future. We have so much to be grateful for, and we have so much to offer to our community. There is no better time than now!

Grace and peace,

*Charles*

Pastor Charles

# EASTER SEASON AT FUMC IOP



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

## HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED WITH FUMC MISSIONS?

Let us know your interests and we'll get you connected!  
Contact Jen at [jenrobertson@iopmethodist.com](mailto:jenrobertson@iopmethodist.com)

- Shepherds Ministry- Outreach, care and correspondence for the sick and shut-ins of our community.
- Star Gospel Mission- Prepare and serve monthly meals with FUMC youth to men, women and children in the SGM Program.
- Respite Care Charleston- Volunteer with this half-day memory care program that provides support and respite to caregivers.
- Medical Missions- Yearly mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico to support sustainable Christian ministries by building churches, hospitals, schools and vocational training centers.
- Garden Angels- Keeping our church grounds and prayer garden maintained and beautiful.
- Tea Room Committee- Annual spring event led by the women of FUMC.
- Connections- Men from all walks of life growing in faith, building relationships, and serving others.
- ECCO- Donate needed food items to East Cooper Community Outreach.
- HALOS- Donate items, provide resources, and support kinship care.
- Epworth- Yearly mission trip to Columbia to build and repair facilities of the SC Methodist Children's Home.
- American Red Cross Blood- yearly blood drive.
- American Cancer Society Hope Lodge- Prepare and deliver meals to families of cancer patients
- Meals on Wheels- Delivering healthy meals to homebound seniors.

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# Upcoming Events

## MUSIC MINISTRY WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Summer 2026- 6:00-8:00pm

JUNE 3 <sup>RD</sup>	Sing Better, Feel Better Breathing, posture, and happy voices.
JUNE 10 <sup>TH</sup>	PANIC! in the choir room? Reading notes, rhythms, and "oohhhh...., that's how it works!"
JUNE 17 <sup>TH</sup>	How Choirs ACTUALLY work... Listening, blending, and not sticking out
JUNE 24 <sup>TH</sup>	Why Hymns SLAP! What makes a hymn stick, and why we love them.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Wednesdays  
at 6:00pm  
in the choir room

## VBS 2026

June 8-12<sup>th</sup>  
Register on Realm  
or call the  
church office.  
Volunteers needed!



## FUMC IOP

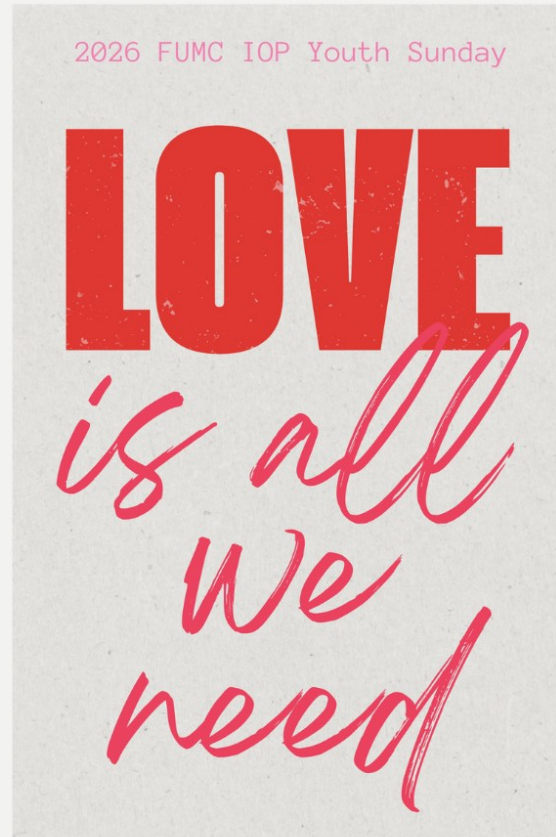
2026 Vacation Bible School

June 8th-12th  
9:00-Noon  
Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Registration NOW Open

Sign up on our website or call the church office 843-886-6610

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# Upcoming Events



2026 FUMC IOP Youth Sunday

# LOVE

is all  
we  
need

## YOUTH SUNDAY

May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:30am Worship Service

*Love is All We Need*  
1 John 4:11-21; Matthew 22:37-40;  
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

This service is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate our Youth's gifts, leadership, and faith as they share God's message with the congregation.

## MONTHLY MISSION NIGHT

May 11<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm  
at Star Gospel Mission

9th-12th graders are invited to join as we make a meal for our friends in need once a month at Star Gospel Mission.

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

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## 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

# Upcoming Events



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
END OF THE YEAR  
PARTY!**

Pre k- 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
(older kids can attend too if they would  
like. MS and HS Party is at MIX)

**MAY 17TH | 4:00-5:30**  
Parents, friends, and family are invited to attend!

Dinner, games, music,  
treats, jump house

Register on Realm or call  
the church office

QUESTIONS? CALL  
COURTNEY KRAUS

## CHILDREN'S END OF THE YEAR PARTY!

May 17<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-5:30pm at the Church

Pre K-5th Graders and their families are invited to an end of the school year party at the church. We will have treats, dinner, games, bounce house. Parents, friends, and family are invited!

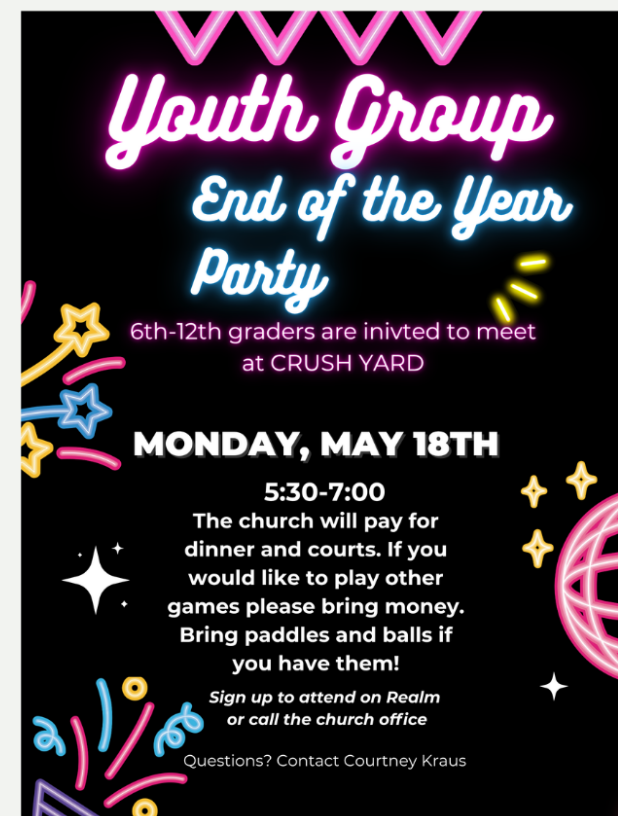
RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

## YOUTH GROUP END OF THE YEAR PARTY!

May 18<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:00pm at Crush Yard

6th-12th graders are invited to celebrate the end of the school year by meeting at CRUSH YARD in North Mount Pleasant.

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.



**Youth Group  
End of the Year  
Party**

6th-12th graders are invited to meet  
at CRUSH YARD

**MONDAY, MAY 18TH**  
5:30-7:00  
The church will pay for  
dinner and courts. If you  
would like to play other  
games please bring money.  
Bring paddles and balls if  
you have them!

Sign up to attend on Realm  
or call the church office

Questions? Contact Courtney Kraus

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# Upcoming Events

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

May 31<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 am service  
followed by a Luncheon  
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we recognize our graduating seniors' accomplishments, pray over their next steps, and encourage them in this exciting new season of life.



CLASS OF 2026 WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON

**Graduation  
Sunday**

Sunday, May 31st at  
10:30

There will be a luncheon for graduates and family following the service



FUMC IOP MAHJONG MINISTRY

**MAHJONG PARTY!**

JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> FROM 4/5:00-7:00 PM  
AT CANTINA 76

COME ENJOY ONE LAST MAHJONG MONDAY BEFORE  
WE TAKE A SEASONAL BREAK. STAY TUNED FOR  
FUTURE DATES RETURNING THIS FALL!

## MAHJONG PARTY

June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm  
at Cantina 76

Come enjoy one last Mahjong Monday before we take a seasonal break. Stay tuned for future dates returning this fall!

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

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