

Save The Date!

NOV & DEC 10 TH 8 TH	Monthly Mission Night 4:00pm at Star Gospel Mission
NOV & DEC 19 TH 17 TH	Youth Beach Bible Study 5:00pm meets at the Church beforehand
NOV 30 TH ★	Hanging of the Greens Service One combined service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
DEC 2 ND	UWF Christmas Party 6:00pm (Contact Nancy Wood for more info)
DEC 7 TH ★	One Combined Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
DEC 7 TH	Live Nativity 6:00pm on the front lawn
DEC 14 TH ★	One Combined Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
DEC 14 TH	Children & Youth Christmas Party 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall
DEC 14 TH	"For Unto Us" Hymn Festival 4:00pm in the Sanctuary
DEC 18 TH	College Youth Luncheon 11:30am at Cantina 76
DEC 21 ST ★	One Combined Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
DEC 21 ST	The Longest Night Service of Healing 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
DEC 24 TH	Christmas Eve Services 4:00, 6:00, & 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary
DEC 28 TH ★	Lessons and Carols Service One combined service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
	Mahjong Mondays 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

★ Every Sunday in Advent, beginning Nov 30th - Dec 28th
there will be ONE service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

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WE ARE A "CONNEXIONAL" CHURCH

The structure of the United Methodist Church can be confusing at times. We are a connexional Church; we are connected to other United Methodist churches by a shared ministry and heritage. We are a denomination comprised of conferences that enable churches to remain connected for our mission of "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Our unique polity (structure) gives our denomination particular strengths and weaknesses.

Organization of the United Methodist Church

From our founding in the 1700's under the leadership of John Wesley, conferences make up the organizational chart of the church. At every conference level above the local church, the laypersons and clergy have equal voice and vote on business items affecting the UMC Church.

- **The Local Churches** – are known as a Charge Conference when it meets each year to celebrate ministry and to organize for the coming year. Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. Learn more about First UMC at: iopmethodist.com
- **District Conferences** – are the smallest regional conferences in Methodism, made up of local churches in a close geographic area. First UMC is in the Charleston District and is supervised by our District Superintendent, the Rev. Jeffrey Salley. First UMC is one from among 63 churches in the Charleston District. Learn more about our district at charlestondistrict.wixsite.com/mysite-1
- **Annual Conferences** – are the name of the geographic region of local churches. First UMC is in the South Carolina Annual Conference, and the Annual Conference is overseen by Bishop Leonard Fairley. First UMC is one from among approximately 780 churches in the SC Annual Conference. The 2026 Session of the SC Annual Conference is scheduled for June 7-10, 2026, at The Greenville Convention Center, Greenville SC. Learn more about the SC Annual Conference at: umcsc.org
- **Jurisdictional Conferences** – are groups of annual conferences in regional divisions of the UMC across the nation. St. Luke is in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The SEJ meets every four years at Lake Junaluska, NC. Learn more about the Southeastern Jurisdiction at: sejumc.org
- **General Conference** – is the only body that can set official policy and speak for the denomination. It meets every four years, in different cities, with approximately 860 delegates from around the world. General Conference gathers to add, edit, and amend The Book of Discipline. Learn more about General Conference at: umc.org

I hope this information is helpful for you to gain a better understanding of our Church and our connexion. Please continue to be engaged and prayerful for our mission and for our Church.

Grace and peace,

Charles

Pastor Charles

Upcoming Events



MONDAY MISSION NIGHTS

November 10th &
December 8th

4:00-7:00pm

For 9th-12th graders.
Parents & friends are
encouraged to join as
well!

YOUTH BEACH BIBLE STUDY

November 19th &
December 17th

5:00pm

Middle and High School Youth are
invited to come together to grow
their faith through study once a
month. We will gather at the
Church, share a meal, and walk on
the beach for devotion.



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

Reoccurring Events

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

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



MAHJONG MONDAYS

Monday evenings at 5:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Folk Band
Sunday Morning
8:15 am
(No folk band in Dec.)

Handbell Choir
Wednesday afternoon
5:00-6:00 pm

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

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

For Unto Us...
"Messiah" and other works celebrating the coming of the Christ Child

December 14th 2025
4:00pm

First United Methodist Church
12 21st Ave.
Isle of Palms
SC.
29512

Featuring members of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Charleston Symphony Chorus and the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church

COLLEGE YOUTH LUNCHEON

December 18th
at 11:30am at Cantina 76.

Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and conversation as we gather to reconnect and spend time together during your visit home.

"FOR UNTO US" A CHRISTMAS HYMN FESTIVAL

December 14th
4:00pm in the Sanctuary

Featuring FUMC IOP
Chancel Choir and
Charleston Symphony
orchestra and Charleston
Symphony Chorus.

FUMC IOP
College Youth
LUNCHEON



DECEMBER 18TH AT 11:30

MEET AT CANTINA 76 FOR A
FREE LUNCH AND A TIME TO
CONNECT WHILE YOU ARE HOME!

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Upcoming Events



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Every Sunday in Advent,
beginning November
30th-December 28th
there will be ONE service at
10:30 in the Sanctuary

November 30th- Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

December 7th- Live Nativity at 6:00PM on the front lawn

December 14th- "For Unto Us" Musical Performance at 4:00PM in the Sanctuary

December 21st- The Longest Night Service of Healing at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary

December 24th- Christmas Eve Services at 4:00, 6:00, & 9:00 PM in the Sanctuary

December 28th- Lessons and Carols Service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary

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UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 2nd at 6:00pm

All women of the Church are invited!
Contact Nancy Wood for more information.

LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, Dec. 7th
6:00pm

Join us for a special Live Nativity led by First Church's youth. Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us and share in this hearwarming tradition!

First United Methodist Church Isle of Palms

Live Nativity

Come and see the Christmas story come to life!

Sunday, December 7th at
6:00



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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT STAR GOSPEL MISSION

December 8th
4:00-7:00pm

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14th
4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Children & Youth Christmas party will take place at the same time as the Christmas Hymn Festival, making it easy for parents to drop off their kids for some festive-fun while they enjoy the concert!



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