

Save the Date!

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| NOV 3RD | First Sunday Fellowship (FSF) 12:00 |
| NOV 6TH | High School Beach Bible Study 5:00-6:30 |
| NOV 9TH | Annual Low Country Boil Fundraiser 2:00-4:00 |
| NOV 19TH | Lunch & Learn with FBI Agent on Identity Theft and Cyber Scams 11:00 |
| DEC 1ST | NO First Sunday Fellowship (FSF) |
| DEC 4TH | High School Beach Bible Study 5:00-6:30 |
| DEC 8TH | Live Nativity led by Children & Youth 6:00 |
| DEC 18TH | College Youth Luncheon 12:00 |
| DEC 22ND | Lessons and Carols Church Service |
| DEC 25TH | Christmas Eve Services 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 |

FUMC IOP Newsletter

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Fellowship Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Advent Schedule

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP

Early one morning, a father walked into his son's room and flipped on the light. He said in a patient voice, "Son, it's time for you to wake up and get ready for school." His son rolled toward the wall and pulled the covers over his head. In a more insistent voice, the father again said, "Son, it's time for you to wake up and get ready for school." "I don't like school" the son replied. The son said, "I don't like school, it's boring, and the kids don't like me." Then the father said, "You may not like school and you may find it boring. And even if the kids don't like you, it's time for you to wake up and get ready for school." Then the father said, "You must wake and get ready for school, because you are the Assistant Principal of the school, and must wake up and get going!"

This humorous interchange comes from a book titled, "Awareness" by the late Dr. Anthony De Mello. He suggests that we are walking around asleep, unaware of our surroundings, even when we believe that we are awake. Further, he says we are sleeping through the most important moments of life. If we would only "wake up and become aware of life around us" we may find moments of clarity, peace and awareness.

Living unaware of life's joy is just like sleepwalking. When we sleepwalk through life, we tend to operate on "autopilot," and it's just like simply going through the motions. If we would only wake up and become aware of life we will find experiences of unspeakable joy awaiting us. The Bible also encourages us to wake up, "Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near" (Romans 13:11-12a).

There is more joy and wonder in life that we miss when we drift through life half-asleep. Let's wake up, get our self engaged in life, and become aware of everything that is going on around us. May the Lord bless you in the days ahead.

Grace and peace,

Charles

Pastor Charles



UPCOMING SERMONS

- 11/3- "Lift Up Your Hearts"
- 11/10- "Open the Eyes of Your Heart"
- 11/17- "Of Devine Things"
- 11/24- "Servant of All"
- 12/1- "In Those Days"
- 12/8- "Prepare The Way"
- 12/15- "Filled With Expectation"
- 12/22- Lessons and Carols
- 12/29- "Why Are You Searching"

Upcoming Events

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 3rd 12:00-1:00

Join us for First Sunday Fellowship (FSF). This month author, Suzan Phillips will be there signing copies of her book, *Seriously Seeking God*.

Lunch will be from Jon Smith Subs. Sign up through Realm or call the church office by Oct. 31st.

Lunch is \$8.00 per person

There will be NO FSF in December

FIRST
Sunday
FELLOWSHIP

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ISLE OF PALMS



Annual Low Country Boil

ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Saturday, November 9th 2:00-4:00

Join the church family as we share a meal together while enjoying the pretty crisp fall air.

Tickets will be sold on Realm and by calling the church office.

This event will be a fundraiser for our international mission trip to Chiapas this Summer.

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

Advent at First Church

FUMC IOP

✦ Advent 2024 ✦

December 8th- Live Nativity

December 12th- UWF Christmas Party

December 15th- SNL Christmas Party

December 18th- College Youth Luncheon

December 22nd- Lessons and Carols Service

Christmas Eve Service Times- 4:00, 6:00, 9:00

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Help with Church Low Country Boil Fundraiser on Nov. 9th

Lead Wee Worship

Bring food for Youth on Sunday evenings

Usher at 9:00 or 11:00 service

Acolyte (ages 10 and up)

First Friends setup / cleanup

Join Shepherd Ministry

VOLUNTEER



HELP EACH OTHER

Reoccurring Events

CHANCEL CHOIR-
WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00PM-7:30PM
CHOIR ROOM

KIRK CHOIR-
SUNDAY MORNING 8:30AM
(CHOIR ROOM)

HANDBELL CHOIR-
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 5:00PM-6:00PM
HANDBELL ROOM

FOLK BAND, INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBELS, CHAMBER
CHOIR, SMALL ENSEMBLE, YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S
CHOIRS COMING SOON IN 2025!



GET IN TOUCH!

firstiopmusicministry@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Choir - Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 PM in the handbell room.

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays 6:00-7:30PM in the choir room.

Kirk Choir - Sundays 8:30 AM in the choir room.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Kids: Sundays at 4:00-5:30pm
Drop off in Youth Loft
Pickup in Fellowship Hall

Youth: Sundays at 5:30-7:00pm
Drop off in Fellowship Hall
Pickup in Youth Loft

This is a time for children and youth to explore God's word through play and recreation.



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Upcoming Events

FIRST UNITED METHODIST IOP
* Lunch & Learn *

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
11:00-1:00



SPEAKER: FBI FIELD AGENT

TOPIC: SCAMS AND IDENTITY FRAUD



LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, November 19th 11:00-1:00

Come one, come all as we gather to learn from guest speakers and share a meal. This is open to everyone so bring your friends!

November Speaker: FBI Field Agent speaking on scams and identity fraud.

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 8th at 6:00

Come see the Christmas story come to life with animals and youth actors.

There will be cookies and hot chocolate to enjoy.

You will have the opportunity to feed the animals.

This will be a fun churchwide event!

First United Methodist Church Isle of Palms

Live Nativity

Come and see the Christmas story come to life!

Sunday, December 8th at 6:00



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Upcoming Events



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 12th

All women of the church are invited to the annual UWF Christmas party! Bring a white elephant gift and an appetizer to share.

Come get in the holiday spirit with your church family!

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15th 5:00-6:30

Children and youth will meet together for our annual Christmas party. We will have dinner, play games and exchange white elephant gifts.

\$10 white elephant gift to exchange.



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Upcoming Events

College Youth LUNCHEON



COLLEGE YOUTH LUNCHEON

December 18th at 12:00

College Aged youth are invited to join us for a free luncheon at Cantina 76! This will be a time to catch up on the semester while you are home!

UPCOMING TRIP REGISTRATION DATES

College Montreat Conference

- Registration Opens November 4th
- Trip Date: January 2nd-5th

Youth Ski Trip

- Registration Opens November 18th
- Trip Date: January 31st-February 2nd

International Mission Trip to Chiapas

- Registration Opens December 9th
- Trip Date: June 7th-14th

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