

# Save The Date!

JULY High School  
6TH~12TH Montreat Conference

JULY Kids Fun in the Sun Event  
22ND 1:30-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

JULY Youth Mid-Month Meetup  
23RD 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

JULY American Red Cross Blood Drive  
30TH 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

AUG Kids Fun in the Sun Event  
5TH 1:30-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

AUG T & T Gathering  
7TH 6:00 at Sol in Mt. Pleasant

AUG Blessing of the Backpacks  
10TH 9:00 & 11:00 services in the Sanctuary

AUG "The Good Shepherd"  
24TH A Hymn Festival  
5:30 PM in the Sanctuary

July / August 2025

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## FUMC IOP Newsletter

### TAKING TIME TO JUST BE

Within each of us there is an urging to slow down, reflect and to recall the deeper things in life. Things such as the sound of a light rain on an old tin roof, the comforting smell of fresh-baked bread, or the warmth of an old-timey quilt on a cool mountain evening. Many of us miss these simple enjoyments because of the busyness and the muchness of life. The rush of every day rolls by, and the task lists get longer and longer. It seems to be more common recently for people to keep going and going while all along losing the purpose in all the doing.

You may recall the creation account in the book of Genesis, "then the Lord God formed the human from the dust of the earth, and blew life's breath into nostrils. The human became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). You may quickly note that God did not make us human doings, we are, in fact, created as "beings." If we look at the Genesis account closely, we may see that the more we live our true nature as beings, the more in alignment we are with the beauty and wonder of God's incredible design for us.

So, when we make time in our busy schedules to revisit our true nature as beings we may encounter God in a clearer and more profound way. Think of it: God spoke to the prophet Elijah not in the blast of the of the wind, not in the clamor of the earthquake, not in the might of the fire. God spoke to Elijah in the intimate sound of sheer silence. We may only hear the voice of God in the sound of sheer silence when we finally quiet our own inner voice long enough to hear One speaking words of comfort.

Ponder these comforting words from Psalm 46:10:

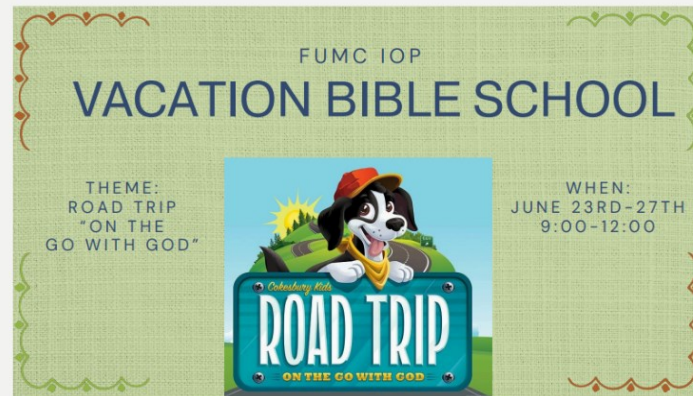
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am,  
Be still and know,  
Be still,  
Be

You may sense a deeper call to disconnect from your over-committed and frenetic life. If so, take a few precious moments out of each day to sit, breathe, relax, reconnect, and just be. God will meet you there.

Grace and peace,  
*Charles*  
Pastor Charles



# VBS 2025 Recap



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
VBS 2026!  
JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> 2026



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

# Reoccurring Events



## MAHJONG

Monday Nights at 5:30pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Newbies & Pros are welcome!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 am after the Early Service. All ages are welcome!

**Anchor:** Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study material. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

**All Comers:** Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study materials. Meets in the classroom next to the kitchen on the first floor of the Sanctuary building.  
For more information, call Nancy Wood. Cell: (843) 830-7365

**Boone Bowen:** A non-traditional approach to fostering a Christian faith.  
Meets in the Admin Building, first door on the left.  
For more information, call Mary Chason. Cell: (843) 270-9092

**Sisters of Soul (all female class):** Meets downstairs in Admin building.  
Last room on the left.

**Spend the summer with Matthew:** June through August, for all ages, come when you can for an in-depth, close reading of the Gospel of Matthew. Join Suzan Phillips in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday during the summer at 10:00am.  
Kiddos? No worries; child care will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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# Looking Ahead

## "THE GOOD SHEPHERD" A HYMN FESTIVAL

August 24th  
5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for the opening of the Seaside Serenades Concert series with "The Good Shepherd" A Hymn Festival featuring guest organist Jeffrey Rain and the First Church Chancel Choir.

RSVP through Realm or call the Church office.



## *The Good Shepherd*

A Hymn Festival of Guidance,  
Love, and Trust

Featuring Guest Musician Jeffrey P. Raub

August 24th, 2025  
5:30pm

12 21st Ave.  
First United Methodist Church  
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

## MUSIC MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF

August 6<sup>th</sup>

Join the First Church choir for fall kick off dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall

## NEW REHEARSAL TIMES

Chamber Choir - Time TBD!  
Handbell Choir - 5:00 - 6:15pm  
Chancel Choir - 6:30 - 8:00pm

## SEASIDE SERENADES CONERT SERIES

August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
"The Good Shepherd"

October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
"Singing the Faith"

December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm  
"Gloria in Excelsis!"

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## HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAT

JULY 6TH-12TH

Rising 9th-graduated 12th graders are invited to join as we go to Montreat, NC for Youth Conference.

This is a great week growing with God and with other youth from all over the world!

## KIDS FUN IN THE SUN

Join us for Fun in the Sun!

July 22nd & August 5th  
in the Fellowship Hall

For ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade



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**YOUTH MID  
MONTH MEET  
UP**  
**JULY 23RD**  
**12:30-2:00**

MEET AT THE CHURCH  
AND WE WILL GO TO  
THE CO-OP FOR LUNCH

RIISING 6TH-12<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADERS ARE INVITED!

## YOUTH MID-MONTH MEETUP

July 23rd  
12:30-2:00pm

for rising 6th-12<sup>th</sup> graders

Meet at the Church before  
heading to the Co-Op!

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

July 30th  
10:00am - 3:00pm

First Church will be hosting an  
American Red Cross Blood  
Drive. We invite all who are able  
to donate and help save lives.  
Your gift of blood can make a  
difference for those in need.

Contact Jen Robertson or call the  
Church office to register.



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# Looking Ahead

## T & T GATHERING

August 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm at Sol in Mt. Pleasant

Join us for a casual gathering to  
connect with others in their 20s  
and 30s, build community, and  
grow in faith together.



## Twenties & Thirties Gathering!

August 7th  
6:00pm at Sol in Mt. Pleasant

IF YOU'RE IN YOUR 20S OR 30S AND  
LOOKING TO GROW IN FAITH AND  
FRIENDSHIP, JOIN US FOR A RELAXED  
HAPPY HOUR GATHERING. IT'S A  
CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN  
THIS SEASON OF LIFE, SHARE IN  
MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION, AND  
BUILD COMMUNITY BEYOND SUNDAY  
MORNINGS.



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 10th  
9:00 & 11:00 services

This is a special moment  
for students to bring their  
backpacks to Church to be  
prayed over as we ask for  
God's guidance, protection,  
and a great start to the  
school year!

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