

Save The Date!

SEPT
7TH

Rally Day

One combined 10:30am service followed by a potluck lunch and ministry fair

SEPT
17TH

Youth Beach Bible Study

5:00pm meets at the Church beforehand

SEPT
29TH

Monday Mission Night (HS Youth)

4:00-7:00pm at Star Gospel Mission

OCT
5TH

Blessing of the Animals

3:30 - 4:30pm on the Church Yard

OCT
6TH

Monday Mission Night (HS Youth)

4:00-7:00pm at Star Gospel Mission

OCT
15TH

Youth Beach Bible Study

5:00pm meets at the Church beforehand

OCT
26TH

Joining Sunday

9:00 and 11:00 services

OCT
26TH

Fall Fest

5:30-7:00pm on the Church Yard

Mahjong Mondays

5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

September / October 2025

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WHEN ALL WE HAVE IS NOW.

Pause for a moment and think back on your life and recall where you've been.... Your past is uniquely yours, and no one else has experienced life in the same way that you have – your joys, celebrations, sadness, are your own unique perspective on life. Perhaps you may remember times in your past when you were joyful and carefree. For some that was just yesterday. For others that carefree time was long ago and far away when they were much younger. Life is simpler when you're young. Not many cares, not many concerns or responsibilities.

I remember summer vacation that seemed to last forever until it came to an abrupt end with the arrival of the big yellow school bus and with the ringing of the school bell. School is a necessary part of everyone's experience, but does it have to come so soon? Those distant memories of my two children beginning the first day of school, the first days of college, and the first days of beginning their lives on their own, and the first grandchild. The past seems so far away, and the future is now. Seems like we were here just a yesterday! Time flies! Or does it?

It seems as though we zoom through life so fast that we don't seem to notice the changes that take place every day. You remember the old cliché, "hindsight is 20/20." I'm not sure my hindsight is 20/20. Especially when I need reading glasses or contacts just to read a book, to see the TV remote, or to simply check the score of the game on television. These days, nothing seems to be 20/20 anymore. Either way, I think the phrase means that we have to live a little to have a clearer perspective on the past. Sometimes the past becomes clearer with time. In other ways the past becomes more bothersome as we get older.

No one can change the past. We are left with the memories of where we've been. We can, however, reinterpret, revisit, or explore the past and possibly learn from it. I spend most of my early life leaning forward and straining into the turns of life that I find it necessary to stop...and recall where I've been. We are better able to move forward in life when we know where we've been. We're not doomed to repeat the same mistakes and disappointments. We can actually look at the past straight on and embrace the joy and carry the good stuff into the future.

Each week you share your lives with me. You share your stories of faith and forgiveness and your stories of pain and heartbreak. You have borne the load of others, and you have allowed me to hear your story. You have shown your tears of the past, and you have shared your hopes for the future. Life twists and turns, but the only time we have is "now." There is no more precious time than now, and no holier place than here. Where we've been we can't go back, but we have the future that is shaped in the now.

Remember to always carry the good stuff forward and to live in the now. After all, that's all we have. May God bless you and keep you and strengthen you for the days ahead as you seek to live in the now.

Grace and peace,

Charles

Pastor Charles

Upcoming Events



RALLY DAY

September 7th

We will have ONE worship service on this Sunday at 10:30 and there will be a POTLUCK lunch to follow that.

Join the church family as we kick off the program year together! Free lunch and the Ministry Fair will be filled with learning about all of our different classes and ministries at First Church!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

September 21st and 28th

Thinking about joining the Church? Or would you like to learn more about Methodism and being a part of FUMC IOP? Join our classes on September 21st and 28th at noon in Fellowship Hall for lunch, fellowship and answers to all of your questions!

Contact Jen or the Church office for more information.
Jenrobertson@iopmethodist.com



Join our Fall Class of 2025

NEW MEMBERS

CLASSES HELD IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL AT
12:00:
SEPT 21ST AND SEPT 28TH

JOINING SUNDAY:
OCTOBER 26TH AT BOTH SERVICES

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

Reoccurring Events

CHOIR PRACTICE

Kirk Choir
Sunday morning
8:30am

Children's Choir
Sunday afternoon
3:15-4:00pm

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

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



SEASIDE SERENADES CONCERT SERIES

Thank you to all who attended our August 24th Hymn Festival, "The Good Shepherd." It was a beautiful evening of music and worship.

Mark your calendars and join us again for our next Hymn Festival, "For Unto Us" on December 14th at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

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Reoccurring Events

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Starts back September 14th

Children ~ 4:00-5:30pm

Youth ~ 5:30-7:00pm

Volunteers:

Come help with leading children or youth programming! Can't stay the whole time? Volunteer by bringing dinner one week!



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

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



YOUTH BEACH BIBLE STUDY

Starts back September 17th

Third Wednesdays at 5pm.

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.

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Upcoming Events



MONDAY MISSION NIGHTS

September 29th

October 6th

November 10th

December 8th

4:00-7:00pm

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 5th
3:30 pm
on the Church Yard.

Church and community-wide event to honor or remember a special pet. Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ISLE OF PALMS

Blessing of the Animals



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST ISLE OF PALMS

CHARLESTON YOUTH MISSION

OCTOBER 17-19
\$250.00
6TH-12TH GRADERS
JOIN US AS WE SPEND A WEEKEND TOGETHER SERVING THE LOW COUNTRY

CHARLESTON YOUTH MISSION

October 17-19

Join us as we do mission work in the Low Country. This is a local mission group with a campus in Park Circle. We will stay there as they have showers, sleeping quarters, meals, etc.

RSVP through Realm or call the Church office.

FALL FEST

October 26th
5:30-7:00pm

Dinner Provided!
Please consider providing a trunk or a golf cart, as well as a festival game. Donations of candy can be brought to the church office.

RSVP through Realm or call the Church office.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IOP

Fall FEST

AND TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26, 2025
5:30 PM - 7:00PM
COME JOIN IN ON THE FUN WITH GAMES, FOOD, AND TREATS!
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!

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Reoccurring Events



MAHJONG MONDAYS

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

Newbies & Pros are welcome!

RSVP through Realm or call the Church office.

BIBLE STUDIES

MLBS:
Contact Wessie Mitchell
to get involved.

Disciple IV:
Contact Mike Holman
to get involved.

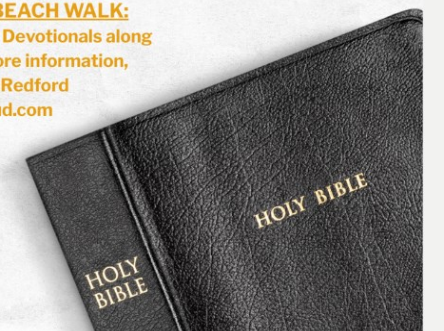
Devotional Beach Walk:
Contact Suzanne Redford
to get involved.

BIBLE STUDIES

MARILYN LIPSCOMB BIBLE STUDY (MLBS):
All female class that meets on wednesday mornings.
For more information, contact Wessie Mitchell 843-729-5511

DISCIPLE IV:
A 32 WEEK in-depth Bible Study beginning Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00pm. Whether you're continuing from a previous Disciple course or looking to deepen your understanding of the powerful texts, you're welcome to join. For more information, please contact Mike Holman at 704-477-4846

DEVOTIONAL BEACH WALK:
Monday Morning Devotionals along the beach. For more information, contact Suzanne Redford
suzredford@icloud.com



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