

Save the Date!

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| JAN 12TH | Confirmation Class begins 10:00am |
| JAN 19TH | Organ Concert ~ Alex Wilson 4:00pm |
| JAN 31ST | Youth Ski Trip Jan 31st - Feb 2nd |
| FEB 2ND | Children & Youth Choir Practice Begins Kids: 3:15pm ~ Youth: 4:45pm |
| FEB 5TH | High School Beach Bible Study 5:00pm |
| FEB 12TH | Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser led by the Youth 6:00pm |
| FEB 23RD | 2nd Annual Oyster Roast 3:00 - 5:00pm |
| MAR 2ND | New Member Brunch 12:15pm |

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YOU'RE FREE TO LET GO

Many of us are what are known as “pack rats.” Maybe you know what a pack rat is: accumulating unnecessary things with the hope of needing it someday. “Better to have and not need rather than to need and not have” is the mantra of diehard pack rats. It may be true that someday you might find a use for something discarded, but most often, when the need arises a better alternative might appear.

How much have you accumulated over the years? Are there things lying around that you cannot remember where they came from? What have you stepped over or around for years that you wish to be rid of? These questions relate to material things, but the real question relates to spiritual things that we accumulate such as habits, life patterns, behaviors, thoughts and dreams, and choices. We accumulate spiritual things much as if we gather material things. Some things we gather intentionally, but other things we acquire almost without notice.

Those spiritual things that cling to us without notice are subtle reminders that life is intentional. Each day is an calculated endeavor. It may be a day of struggle, a day of refreshment, a day of trial or a day of leisure, but either way, each day is an intentional day. You may even accomplish what you intended to accomplish on a given day, and other days might bring no accomplishment at all. However, each day adds stuff to life. The stuff that accumulates can be either beneficial like joyful memories of a happier time. On the other hand, this stuff can be destructive like old habits that bring misery on self and others.

Now is the time to let go of old tired ways that make life a chore. What is it that you can let go of that might make your life more enjoyable? Maybe an old habit harms body and soul. Maybe a thought pattern keeps others at arm's length. Maybe it is accumulated years of running from God. Now is the time to let go.

Letting go of some old things might lighten the burden that you carry. Now is the time to take spiritual inventory of things that you have accumulated and consider those things in the way of your relationship with others and your relationship with God. You are free to let go. God bless you in the days to come.

Grace and peace,

Charles

Pastor Charles

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Fellowship Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities



UPCOMING SERMONS

01/5- “To Pay Him Homage?”

01/12- “A Voice From Heaven”

01/19- “Saving the Best for Last”

01/26- “The Spirit of the Lord”

02/02- “Familiarity and Contempt”

02/09- “Out in Deep Water”

02/16- “The Power of Touch”

02/23- “Expect Nothing in Return”

Looking Ahead

VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

They say it takes a village to raise a child, I think it takes a church to raise a Christian!

Please help out with our children and youth ministry programs here at First Church.

Please see weekly E-Blast with sign up links and contact Courtney with questions.



CHILDREN & YOUTH
MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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| Wee Worship Leadership | Sunday Night Dinners | Youth Group Leaders | Chaperoning Trips |
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MISSION TRIP



WHERE: CHIAPAS, MEXICO
WHEN: JUNE 7-14, 2025
WHO: YOUTH & ADULTS

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

2nd Interest Meeting Sunday, Jan. 26th.

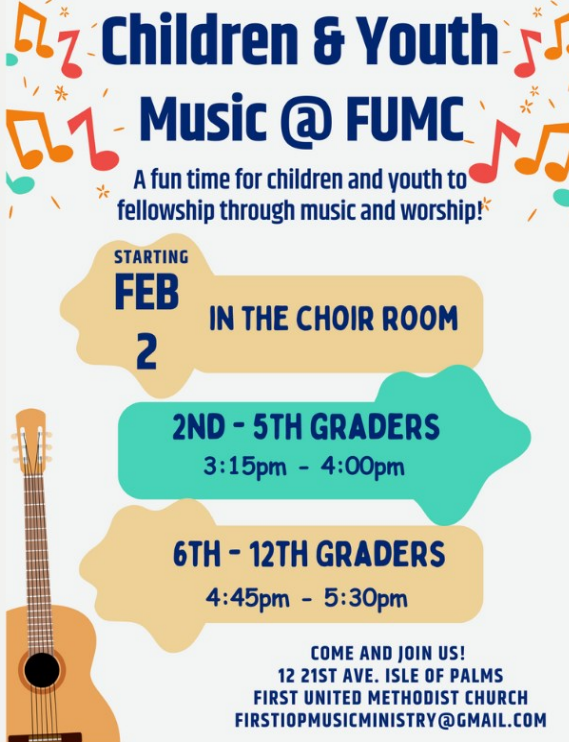
First Church has the amazing opportunity to go international this summer to Chiapas, Mexico.

Youth and adults are encouraged to come to the second interest meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26th.

Call the church for the time and location of the meeting.

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

Reoccurring Events



Children & Youth Music @ FUMC

A fun time for children and youth to fellowship through music and worship!

STARTING
FEB 2
IN THE CHOIR ROOM

2ND - 5TH GRADERS
3:15pm - 4:00pm

6TH - 12TH GRADERS
4:45pm - 5:30pm

COME AND JOIN US!
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

3:15 - 4:00pm
2nd through 5th
graders.

4:45 - 5:30pm
6th through 12th
graders.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

7th graders are invited to join us in a semester of deepening faith and learning what it truly means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of First Church.

If you are older than 7th grade and have not yet been confirmed, you can join as well!



Reoccurring Events



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

KIRK CHOIR- SHOW UP AND SING!
SUNDAY MORNING 8:30AM
(CHOIR ROOM)

CHAMBER CHOIR-
MONDAY AFTERNOON 4:00PM-5:00PM
CHOIR ROOM

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:15-4:00PM
CHOIR ROOM

YOUTH CHOIR
SUNDAY 4:45PM-5:30PM
CHOIR ROOM

**WE WANT YOU!
BE INVOLVED!**
firstiopmusicministry@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Whether you drum on the steering wheel or a drumset, whether you sing opera or in the shower, there is a spot for you! Check out the many offerings of First Church. Be plugged in. Be involved! Help us share God's love through music to the IOP community and beyond!

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Kids: Sundays at 4:00-5:30pm.
Youth: Sundays at 5:30-7:00pm.

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday Night Live

4 - 7

Children & Youth

Come help with leading Kids Programming at 4:00-5:30 OR Youth 5:30-7:00

Can't stay the whole time? Volunteer by bringing dinner one week!

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Looking Ahead

REGISTRATION OPENS 11/18

FUMC IOP YOUTH SKI TRIP
6TH-12TH GRADERS



WHEN: JAN. 31ST - FEB. 2ND

**WHERE: CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA
(STAYING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA)**

YOUTH SKI TRIP

Jan. 31st-Feb. 2nd

6th-12th graders are invited to join us on a ski trip in NC.

We will be staying at Lake Junaluska and skiing at the Cataloochie Ski Area (Maggie Valley).

\$350.00 includes food, transportation, rentals, and lodging.

HIGH SCHOOL BEACH BIBLE STUDY

First Wednesdays at 5:00.

9th-12th graders 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.



FIRST WEDNESDAY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Bible Study

First Wednesdays at 5:00

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

Looking Ahead

FUMC IOP
SIGN UP FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION OPENS FEB. 10TH ONLINE OR CALL THE OFFICE

THEME:
ROAD TRIP
"ON THE
GO WITH GOD"



WHEN:
JUNE 23RD-27TH
9:00-12:00

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 6:00.

\$20 per person in advance \$25
the day of.

Join us for a night of music,
food and fellowship.

RSVP online or call the church
office.

FUMC IOP YOUTH MINISTRY Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser



JOIN US WITH YOUR DATE OR ON YOUR OWN AS WE TREAT YOU TO A
BEAUTIFUL VALENTINE'S SPAGHETTI SUPPER

THE YOUTH WILL BE PREPARING A BEAUTIFUL DINNER AND SERVING YOU
THIS WILL BE AN EVENING WITH MUSIC, 3 COURSE MEAL, AND FELLOWSHIP

\$20 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE \$25 PER PERSON THE DAY OF

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 6:00

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Looking Ahead

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ISLE OF PALMS

2ND ANNUAL



OYSTER ROAST

FUNDRAISER AND CHILI COOKOFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 3-5
\$30 PER PERSON

2025 OYSTER ROAST

Sunday, Feb. 23rd 3:00-5:00.

Join us for the 2nd annual
FUMC IOP Oyster Roast
Fundraiser and Chili Cookoff.

Kids and youth \$10
Adults \$30

We are raising funds for the
Chiapas Mission Trip.

Register on Realm or call the
Church office.

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

Sunday, March 2nd at 12:15.

Come and learn what it means to
be a member of First Church.

Jen and Pastor Charles will lead
and speak to you about next steps
of becoming a member.

Register on Realm or call the
Church office.

First United Methodist Church Isle of Palms

new member BRUNCH

Sunday, March
2nd

Meet in the
Fellowship Hall at
12:15



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