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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: All People

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### Visitors & Members

Please register your attendance on the pads located at the end of each pew. We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! Please find an usher or staff member if you have any questions.

### Church Information

If you would like to receive our weekly e-blast, please e-mail us at [hello@iopmethodist.com](mailto:hello@iopmethodist.com)

### Name tags

We encourage everyone attending services to please wear your name tag. If you need to order a name tag, please ask an usher for an order form, then return it in a collection basket.

### Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 after the Early Service. All ages 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.

**Fall Study with Suzan Phillips:** Beginning September 14, Join Suzan Phillips for a Fall study on prayer. Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

### Announcements:

**Staff Appreciation Week:** Join us in celebrating Staff Appreciation Week Sept. 8-14 as we honor the hard work and dedication of our wonderful church staff. Throughout the week, we invite you to share your gratitude by sending cards, flowers, sweet treats, or small gifts as a way of saying "thank you" for all they do to serve our church family. Your kindness will help remind them how much they are loved and appreciated! From FUMC IOP Staff Parish Relations Committee.

**Disciple IV Bible Study:** Join us for the continuation of DISCIPLE IV: Under the Tree of Life, a 32 WEEK in-depth Bible Study beginning Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact Mike Holman at 704-477-4846 or [mikeandleeholman@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandleeholman@gmail.com)

**Crafty Ladies:** Meetings will resume September 10th , 10:00am-2:00pm weekly in the Fellowship Hall. New Crafters are welcome to join! Donations of items or materials are always appreciated as well. Contact Bernice Wolfensberger for more information.

**Guest Speaker Series:** Sponsored by Methodist Men's Club: Our speaker on Thursday, September 11, 6:00 pm is Dr. Jacobo Mintzer, MD, who is a professor at MUSC and researcher at VA National Institute for Brain Health. Dr. Minzter's work has included extensive studies in the power of music to stimulate patients with Parkinsons, Alzheimer's, stroke, and PTSD. His presentation will include laboratory videos showing brain activity undergoing stimulation with music therapy, and he will discuss efforts to use music to stimulate physical activity and treat people with selected afflictions. Some of the recorded results are remarkable. All adult members of First Church and their guests are invited. Dinner (by Amalfi's Italian Restaurant) will be provided at \$7.00. We are requesting that you RSVP by email stating the number of people in your party.

[Tom1929ncreek@gmail.com](mailto:Tom1929ncreek@gmail.com) or 703.967.5308, or Julianne Wise [julianne-wise@iopmethodist.com](mailto:julianne-wise@iopmethodist.com).

**Coastal Belle Singers:** Rehearsals will be Tuesdays at 1:30-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. (September 16-November 18) It's our 19th year bringing religious and holiday music to seniors! Contact Anne Bushong for more info.

**ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach):** This month, ECCO is in need of the following items. **Food Items:** Rice, chicken noodle soup and corn.

**Hygiene Items:** Deodorant and cleaners (shower essentials.)

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, September 7

10:30 AM One Combined Service  
Rally Day Potluck Lunch  
and Ministry Fair  
to follow

### Monday, September 8

9:30 AM Line Dancing  
(Fellowship Hall)  
9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk  
5:30 PM Mahjong  
(Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, September 9

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting  
10:00 AM Crafty Ladies  
(Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM Disciple IV Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 10

10:00 AM MLBS  
(Contact Wessie Mitchell  
for Address)  
5:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice  
(In the Sanctuary)  
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice  
(In the Choir Room)

### Thursday, September 11

6:00 PM Men's Club Guest Speaker  
(Fellowship Hall)

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Charles Phillips, Pastor

Jen Robertson, Director of Member Care and Development

Courtney Kraus, Director of Youth and Student Ministries

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praeludium in G

J. S. Bach

† The Processional Hymn

UMH 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

† Opening Prayer

† Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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† Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children’s Message

Courtney Kraus

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit; that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

The Second Reading

Philemon 1:1-21

† The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

The Message

“Discipleship Essentials”

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Invitation to the Table and The Passing of the Peace

UMH 12

Offertory

Rejoice, Beloved Christians

J. S. Bach

† The Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFRUEUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

† The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

† Sharing the Bread and Cup

Today we will receive the Bread and Cup of our Lord by intinction. As you are able, come down front to one of the communion stations to receive a small bit of bread. You are welcome to dip the bread lightly in the cup as you receive. After you have received communion, you may remain in prayer at the rail, or you may return to your seat as others receive.

† Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication

UMH 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction

TFWS 2186

Song of Hope

ARGINTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

† Postlude

Symphony VI: Finale

Charles-Marie Widor

Serving Today:

Guest Musician:

10:30— Lee Kohlenberg

Ushers:

10:30— Dolly Cannon and Barbara Scarboro

Our Commitment In Action

Sunday, August 31

9:00 Early Worship49

11:00 Traditional88

Worship TOTAL137

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, August 31:

Annual Budget: \$755,000.00

Required each week: \$14,519.23

Required YTD: \$522,692.31

Received YTD: \$486,639.81

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