

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

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: Join Suzan Phillips for a Fall study on prayer. Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements:

New Member Class: 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!

Monday Mission Nights at Star Gospel (High School Youth): 9th-12th graders are invited to join as we make a meal for our friends in need once a month at Star Gospel Mission. Parents and friends are encouraged to help and join us as well! September 29th at 4:00pm will be the first Monday Mission Night of the year. RSVP on Realm or contact the Church Office for more information.

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.)

Donations can be dropped off in one of three locations: below the Narthex (next to the flower calendar), in the Fellowship Hall, or in the Admin building. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

Crafty Ladies: Weekly meetings will be Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 21

8:30 AM Kirk Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM Early Worship Service
10:00 AM First Friends
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Service
12:00 PM New Member Class (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Children's SNL
5:30 PM Youth SNL

Monday, September 22

9:30 AM Line Dancing (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk
4:30 PM Trustee Meeting (Boone Bowen)
5:30 PM Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
1:30 PM Coastal Belle Singers (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting (Boone Bowen)
6:00 PM Disciple IV Bible Study

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 AM MLBS (Contact Wessie Mitchell for Address)
10:00 AM Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)
3:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
5:00 PM Handbell Choir Practice (In the Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice (In the Choir Room)

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**Our mission is to discover, celebrate,
and share God's love!**



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: All People

Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips

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Color: Green

September 21, 2025

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Charles Phillips, Pastor

Jen Robertson, Director of Member Care and Development

Courtney Kraus, Director of Youth and Student Ministries

Julianne Wise, Office Manager

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Marcie Lesesne, Nursery Coordinator

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

Paul Manz

† The Processional Hymn

UMH 98

To God Be The Glory

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† 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.

**universal

† Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Glory Be to the Father

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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.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Courtney Kraus

Anthem

O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go (9:00)

Traditional

Hear Me, Redeemer (11:00)

Henry Mollicone

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 79:1-9

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

† The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

The Message

“Why Character Matters”

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Call to Prayer

UMH 352 (Refrain, V1, Refrain)

It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord

PENITENT

It’s Me (it’s Me), its me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s Me (it’s Me), its me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s Me (it’s Me), its me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s Me (it’s Me), its me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

† 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!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication

TFWS 2153 (v1-4, repeat v1)

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction

May God Bless and Keep Us

ADORO TE DEVOTE

May God Bless and Keep Us, may God smile on us.

May God show us kindness, fill us with His peace.

And may God bless us, Father, Son and Spirit;

May we always love and serve, filled with God's peace.

† Postlude

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Mary McDonald

Serving Today:

Ushers:

9:00— Barb Keefer and Beverly McDow

11:00— Jim and Hale Edwards

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers are to the glory of God given by Lindsay and Dea Walker to celebrate their 54 years of marriage.

Our Commitment In Action

Sunday, September 14

9:00 Early Worship52

11:00 Traditional122

Worship TOTAL174

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, September 14:

Annual Budget: \$755,000.00

Required each week: \$14,519.23

Required YTD: \$551,730.77

Received YTD: \$503,229.56

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