

Visitors & Members

Please register your attendance on the pads located at the end of each pew. We are so glad you are worshipping 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

Adult Sunday School Classes
9:30am

Anchor: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study material. Meets in the classroom across from the nursery. For more information, contact Teresa McKenzie at teresaiop60@gmail.com
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

Announcements:

ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach): For the month of July, ECCO is in need of the following items:

Food Items: Breakfast items, canned corn, and rice.

Hygiene Items: Deodorant and paper towels.

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!

Summer Music Ministry Workshops: Join us this summer for a series of fun and engaging Music Ministry Workshops each Wednesday designed for anyone interested in worship, music, and serving the church. **No musical experience is required**, just a willingness to learn and participate!

All Comers Summer Choir: Love to sing? Join our All-Comers Summer Choir! Simply show up at **10:00 AM in the Choir Room** on Sunday mornings and sing with us in worship. No robes, no weekly commitment, and no pressure.

First UMC American Red Cross Blood Drive: On Wednesday, July 29th, (from 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.

Meals on Wheels—Driver’s Needed! The Connections group at FUMC IOP is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals with Meals on Wheels in North Mount Pleasant on Fridays. You can always join us for a trial drive-along to see how this brief commitment fits into your schedule. Drivers needed as little as once or twice a quarter. Please reach out to Donny Taylor at (843)-412-3609 to get involved.

Jesus in the Gospels—New Bible Study: We will begin a new Bible study titled Jesus in the Gospels. This is a 30 week study that invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" We will be comparing the three synoptic Gospels and then taking on the Gospel of John. Please join us for a time of fellowship and study. We will begin on September 8th at 5:00pm and meet weekly. If you would like more information or have questions, please call Mike Holman (704)-477-4845.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, July 26

9:15 AM First Friends
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
Classes
10:00 AM Summer Choir
(Choir Room)
10:30 AM Worship Service
(Sanctuary)

Monday, July 27

9:30 AM Line Dancing
(Fellowship Hall)
9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk
4:30 PM Fun in the Sun
(4th-8th Graders)
(Church Yard / F. Hall)

Tuesday, July 28

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
4:30 PM Finance Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 29

10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)
6:00 PM Music Ministry Workshop
(Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM—3:00 PM Blood Drive
(Fellowship Hall)

HALOS Backpack Drive:

This year’s instructions for the “Back to School Backpack Drive” are to go to their website (charlestonhalos.org/school), and click on “Sign up to sponsor a child.” Choose a child. Each listing gives a child’s number, boy or girl, and grade level. Click on “sign up,” and it will give additional information about favorite color, and/or character, if the backpack needs to be clear, and the store they’d like the \$50 gift certificate to be from. Purchase the gift certificate and backpack. Label the backpack with the child’s number, and put the gift certificate in the front pocket of the backpack. Bring the backpack to the Church by July 26th.

Thank you for participating!
If you have any questions, please call Cynthia Carpenter at (843)-607-0951 or Denise Cohen at (843)-886-8692

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Color: Green

July 26, 2026

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10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O God of Earth and Altar Dale Wood

† 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.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message Courtney Kraus

Anthem

How Great Is Our God Chris Tomlin

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Psalm Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

The Second Reading Romans 8:26-39

† The Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Message “Living the Promise” Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response TFWS 2216

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise KINGFOLD

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our 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.

The Offertory

† The Doxology UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication UMH 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King DARWALL’S 148TH

† Benediction and Choral Response UMH 672

God Be with You till We Meet Again GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

† Postlude

Toccata in Seven John Rutter

Serving Today:

Ushers: Barb Keefer and Georgia Meyer

Lay Readers: Teresa McKenzie

First Friends: Set Up– Lee Holman Clean Up– Diane Mullins

Altar Flowers:

Today's flowers are to the glory of God
in loving memory of our parents,
Gilmer and Nancy Edwards
and Tom and Peggy Crocker,
given by Susan and Mark Crocker.

Preserving the Place:

Write “Admin Building” in the memo line if you choose
to donate to our Church’s repairs.



Our Commitment In Action
Sunday, July 19

10:30 Worship Service TOTAL - 156

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, July 19:

Annual Budget: \$750,000.00
Required each week: 14,423.08
Required YTD: \$418,269.23
Received YTD: \$352,294.51

To give online, please scan the QR code or go to
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