

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
Methodism 101: Join Suzan Phillips on Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall Starting October 4th for a four week mini course on our denomination.

Announcements:

ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach): For the month of **September**, ECCO is in need of the following items:
Food Items: Soup, pasta, pasta sauce, canned chicken, and grits/oatmeal.
Hygiene Items: Toothpaste and mouthwash.
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!

Methodist Men’s Connection Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Charles:
Join us and Pastor Charles September 23rd at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, conversation, and a short devotional.
Connections BBQ will be Saturday, October 3rd, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Methodist Men’s Connection BBQ: BBQ Tickets: The Methodist Men’s Connections BBQ will be Saturday, October 3rd, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Pickup is at the drive thru behind the Church. BBQ Platters with two sides - \$10. And, one pound bulk BBQ cups - \$12. Great for watching Saturday football! Proceeds go to help support five local charities! Ladies of the church, contact Nancy Wood to volunteer in Dessert making! To purchase tickets, use the QR code or purchase them in the Narthex on upcoming Sundays. Please support!

Meals on Wheels - Drivers 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 27

9:15 AM First Friends
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
Classes
9:30 AM Pre-K—3rd Grade
Sunday School
10:00 AM Chancel Choir
(Choir Room)
10:30 AM Worship Service
(Sanctuary)
4:00 PM Children’s SNL
5:30 PM Youth SNL

Monday, September 28

9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk
9:30 AM Line Dancing
(Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Mahjong Monday
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Coastal Belle Singers
(Fellowship Hall)
5:00 PM Finance Meeting
(Boone Bowen)
5:00 PM Jesus in the Gospels Bible
Study (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 30

10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)
4:30 PM Handbell Choir
(Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Chancel Choir
(Choir Room)

Men’s Connections BBQ Tickets QR Code:



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: All People
Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips
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12 21st Avenue, Isle of Palms, SC 29451
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Color: Green

September 27, 2026

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10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Opening Words

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Thompson and Scruggs
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude
Come, Thou Almighty King Kevin McChesney
Handbell Choir

† The Processional Hymn UMH 400
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

† Opening Prayer

† Affirmation of Faith UMH 883 A Modern Affirmation
We are not alone; we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

† 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
My Faith Looks Up to Thee Barbara Kinyon
Handbell Choir

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 74:1-4, 12-16
The Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13
† The Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:23-32
The Message “Imitation of Christ” Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 189
Fairest Lord Jesus ST. ELIZABETH
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 140
Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS
† Words of Blessing and Choral Response UMH 143
On Eagle’s Wings ON EAGLE’S WINGS
And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God’s hand. Amen.
† Postlude
With Resounding Joy Douglas Wagner

Altar Flowers:

The altar flowers are to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents
and the blessings of our united families
given by Joan and Harry Shadoan.

Serving Today:

Ushers: Brooke and Alexander Matheson
Lay Reader: Teresa McKenzie
First Friends: Set Up– Alice Taylor Clean Up– Laura Whitley

Our Commitment In Action
Sunday, September 20
10:30 Worship Service TOTAL - 122

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, September 27:
Annual Budget: \$750,000.00
Required each week: 14,423.08
Required YTD: TBD
Received YTD: TBD
To give online, please scan the QR code or go to
www.iopmethodist.com

