

FUMC IOP Newsletter

TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

The “Dog Days of Summer” are often the hottest and most unbearable days of the season. The weather is still very warm, and the days are still long and humid. Even with the summer days still on our calendars the school season has begun for most of our teachers and students. Our students and teachers are starting a new school year, and parents are already settling into a new routine of drop-offs and pick-ups. The ubiquitous big yellow school buses are starting their new routine. It doesn’t take people very long to settle into a new routine, but sometimes new routines are hard to settle into.

Many of us would rather do something that is new and exciting, rather than settle into a routine. Even the word “routine” sounds uninviting. The word seems too close to the synonym, “rut.” But the word “routine” actually conveys a deeper, more comforting idea: a usual course of action, a path, a way, an activity, a habit. These words may sound like tiresome, boring activities, but routine may actually mean engaging in something new, exciting, and refreshing. After all, we all need something new and refreshing once in a while!

Maybe a new routine is something you’ve been searching for; something new that you have searched for that will give you that extra boost of energy. Maybe an extra boost of spiritual energy is what you’ve wanted all along. Spiritual energy that will give you the extra boost of excitement in your life can be found in a new routine of spending time with God. Spending time with the God who knows you and loves you more than you could ever imagine. The One who longs to know your deepest thoughts and feelings, your secret desires, and your private pains. Spending time with the God who is always constant, always near, always new, and who is anything but “routine.”

Do you remember when your faith was new and exciting? Do you recall the last time you truly looked forward to coming to church excited to encounter God and God’s people? Can you remember what it was like when you were eager to jump into a new and vibrant ministry of caring, compassion, and love? Well, those days are just around the corner.

As the fall school season begins, we each have a new season of cultivating a time with God that offers something new, refreshing, and inviting. Through devotional reading, daily prayer, weekly worship attendance, and by participating in the upcoming programs and opportunities, you may find a new and exciting relationship with God and God’s people that will give you new spiritual energy and a new outlook on life. So, settle into a new routine of spiritual growth by spending time with God and a new routine of cultivating your soul.

Grace and peace,

Charles

Pastor Charles

Upcoming Events



RALLY DAY

September 13th

10:30am Worship Service and Potluck Lunch to follow.

RSVP on Realm or call the Church office. If you chose to bring something for the potluck lunch, please mark that on the registration.

Please wear your FUMC IOP T-shirts! If you ordered a new T-shirt, you can pick them up at the Church office starting September 2nd. More T-shirts are available to purchase in person.



5TH & 6TH GRADE WELCOME TO YOUTH

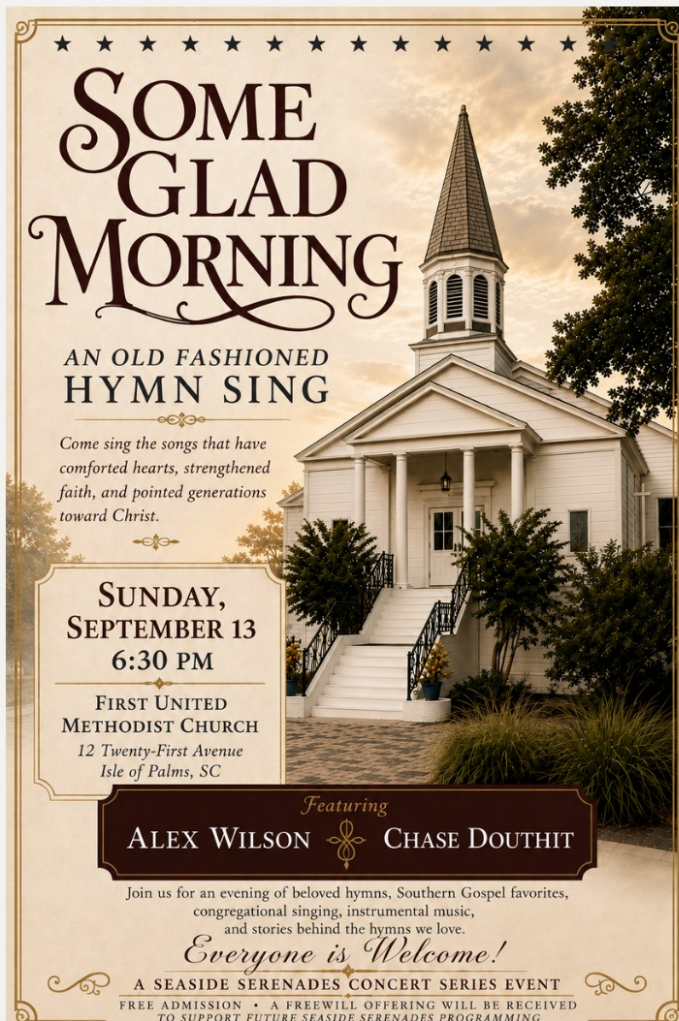
September 13th
4:00 at Top Golf.

Drop off and pick up will be at Top Golf.

The cost for the time there, snacks, and soda will be \$20. Please bring extra money if you would like something else. RSVP on Realm.

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

Upcoming Events



SOME GLAD MORNING

AN OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING

Come sing the songs that have comforted hearts, strengthened faith, and pointed generations toward Christ.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
6:30 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12 Twenty-First Avenue
Isle of Palms, SC

Featuring
ALEX WILSON & **CHASE DOUTHIT**

Join us for an evening of beloved hymns, Southern Gospel favorites, congregational singing, instrumental music, and stories behind the hymns we love.

Everyone is Welcome!

A SEASIDE SERENADES CONCERT SERIES EVENT
FREE ADMISSION • A FREWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TO SUPPORT FUTURE SEASIDE SERENADES PROGRAMMING

“SOME GLAD MORNING” HYMN SING

September 13th
6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of beloved hymns, Southern Gospel favorites, congregational singing, instrumental music, and stories behind the hymns that we love. Everyone is welcome!

Seaside Serenades Concerts are free to the public. If you feel inclined to donate to the Music Ministry program, include “Seaside Serenades” in your check memo or online donation.

MAHJONG MONDAY

Resumes September 14th
3-6:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us on Mondays for a fun evening of mahjong, laughter, and fellowship! All ages welcome.

No RSVP needed.



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Upcoming Events

MONTHLY MISSION NIGHT

September 14th
& October 5th
4:00pm at Star Gospel
Mission

6th-12th graders are invited to join as we make a meal for our friends in need once a month at Star Gospel Mission.

Afterwards we will grab a bite to eat downtown and talk about our mission together

RSVP on Realm or call the church office.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 5th at 3:30pm
on the Church Yard

Church and community-wide event to honor or remember a special pet. Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier.

No RSVP needed.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ISLE OF PALMS

Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 4TH
AT 3:30PM



BRING YOUR
PETS AND
COME TO BE
BLESSED!

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Upcoming Events

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

October 18th
10:30am Service

This is a special milestone at FUMC IOP and we hope that you will join us!

3rd Grade Bible Presentation



Sunday, October 18th
at 10:30 Combined
Service

3rd graders and their families are invited to come to the 10:30 service to receive their Bible from FUMC IOP



FALL FEST

October 25th
5:30-7:00pm
on the Church Yard

Stay tuned for sign-up links to host a trunk for trunk or treat, to be a game volunteer, or donate to the cake walk.

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Recurring Events

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Children ~ 4:00-5:30pm
Youth ~ 5:30-7:00pm



MONTHLY MISSION NIGHT

Monday evenings at 4:00pm
(check Realm for dates)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MONDAY MISSION NIGHTS

Star Gospel Mission

Join us once a month as we prepare a meal at Star Gospel Mission

Followed by dinner and fellowship downtown CHS.

Dates & Sign Ups On Realm



MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Choir
Wednesday afternoon
Fellowship Hall
4:30-6:00 pm

Chancel Choir
Sunday Morning
10:00am
&
Wednesday afternoon
Choir Room
6:30-7:30 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

MLBS:
Contact Wessie Mitchell to
get involved. (843)-886-0873

Jesus in the Gospels:
Contact Mike Holman to get
involved. (704)-477-4845

Devotional Beach Walk:
Contact Suzanne Redford to
get involved. (843)-806-8786

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HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED WITH FUMC MISSIONS?

Let us know your interests and we'll get you connected!

Contact Jen at jenrobertson@iopmethodist.com

- **Shepherds Ministry-** Outreach, care and correspondence for the sick and shut-ins of our community.
- **Star Gospel Mission-** Prepare and serve monthly meals with FUMC youth to men, women and children in the SGM Program.
- **Respite Care Charleston-** Volunteer with this half-day memory care program that provides support and respite to caregivers.
- **Medical Missions-** Yearly mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico to support sustainable Christian ministries by building churches, hospitals, schools and vocational training centers.
- **Garden Angels-** Keeping our church grounds and prayer garden maintained and beautiful.
- **Tea Room Committee-** Annual spring event led by the women of FUMC.
- **Connections-** Men from all walks of life growing in faith, building relationships, and serving others.
- **ECCO-** Donate needed food items to East Cooper Community Outreach.
- **HALOS-** Donate items, provide resources, and support kinship care.
- **Epworth-** Yearly mission trip to Columbia to build and repair facilities of the SC Methodist Children's Home.
- **American Red Cross Blood-** Yearly blood drive.
- **American Cancer Society Hope Lodge-** Prepare and deliver meals to families of cancer patients
- **Meals on Wheels-** Delivering healthy meals to homebound seniors.

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Save The Date!

SEPT 13 TH	Rally Day Service & Luncheon 10:30am-1:00pm in the Sanctuary / Church Yard
SEPT 13 TH	Welcome to Youth Group 4:00pm at Top Golf
SEPT 13 TH	"Some Glad Morning" an old fashioned Hymn Sing 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
SEPT 14 TH	Monthly Mission Night 4:00pm at Star Gospel Mission
SEPT 22 ND	Youth Beach Bible Study 5:00pm (meets at the Church beforehand)
SEPT 23 RD	Connections - Coffee & Conversation 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall
OCT 3 RD	Connections - Holy Smoke BBQ 11:00am-3:00pm drive-thru behind the Church
OCT 4 TH	Blessing of the Animals 3:30-4:00pm on the Church Yard
OCT 5 TH	Monthly Mission Night 4:00pm at Star Gospel Mission
OCT 18 TH	3rd Grade Bible Presentation 10:30am Service in the Sanctuary
OCT 20 TH	Youth Beach Bible Study 5:00pm (meets at the Church beforehand)
OCT 25 TH	Fall Fest 5:30-7:00pm on the Church Yard
	Mahjong Mondays (starts back Sept. 14) 3:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



REMINDER:

There will be ONE Worship Service on
Sundays at 10:30am