

India Hook United Methodist Church

The Mission of India Hook United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is connecting people with God and one another.

February 2021

From the Pastor's Pen

How long, O Lord?

This is the cry of the Psalmist in Psalm 13. It is our cry as we approach the one year anniversary of worship being shut down across the Annual Conference amidst the growing Covid 19 pandemic. Nobody knew then that masks would still be a wardrobe accessory or that we would know friends and family that have died from the virus.

"How long, O Lord?" is our cry as the country rolls out a vaccine amidst new variants of the disease and the hope that a majority of people will take one of the vaccines by the end of August so that life might begin to resemble some semblance of "normalcy."

In the midst of our continued waiting we can take confidence in the knowledge that God is still with us, shepherding us through this crisis as God has shepherded His people through other crises. After all, the Psalmist after pleading with God, "How Long?" ends with a word of hope.

"But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart will rejoice in your salvation!"

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In God's Ministry Together,
Michael

Coming Up

Please join us as you feel comfortable for those events of interest to you; masking and social distancing protocols are in place for all in-person activities.

Worship in the sanctuary

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Virtual Worship—Facebook Live

Sundays at 11 a.m.

Bible Study, sanctuary

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Bible Study—Zoom

Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

United Methodist Women—FLC

7 p.m. second Monday each month

United Methodist Men—FLC

7:30 a.m. second Sunday each month

*Valentine Making in the FLC

Saturday, February 13, 1-3 p.m.

*Ash Wednesday Service, sanctuary

Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.

Small Group Lenten Study, sanctuary

Thursdays, Feb. 18—March 25, 11 a.m.

Missions Opportunities

United Methodist Men

India Hook UMC's Missions Team has selected our congregation's projects for this year. Everyone's help is needed to make these as successful as possible.

January/February—Warming Bags. Please bring gloves, thick socks, warm blankets, scarves, face masks, toboggans, and hand warmers by February 28 for distribution.

April/May—Rock Hill Community Fridge. Perishable and non-perishable food items are available free to anyone who needs them. We will collect and deliver weekly.

June/July—Salkehatchie snacks. Please bring nut-free snacks and Gatorade to share with Salkehatchie volunteers.

August/September—Back-to-School items for India Hook Elementary School.

October—The Walk to End Alzheimer's.

November—Operation Christmas Child—50 boxes!

All men of the church are invited to participate with United Methodist Men. The group meets monthly in the Family Life Center on the second Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Meetings begin with devotion and prayer time followed by a light breakfast, with discussion of projects and activities.

Recent work has included financial support for our local elementary schools, helping with the United Methodist Women's Yard Sale, the BBQ Dinner, and laundromat assistance. The UMM help people in need, our church, and our community. If you have a suggestion for a project or want more information, please see Don Fowler, who is the president of India Hook's United Methodist Men. Please join them!

Music Opportunities

Please see Music Director Kim White if you'd like to share your talents through singing (pre-recorded) or playing bells.

United Methodist Women: Faith • Hope • Love in Action

"United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

We consist of 19 members from our church and many others who assist through the year. Our total financial donations in 2020 amounted to \$10,900 to diverse organizations including Bethel Men's Shelter, Winthrop Wesley Foundation, Epworth Children's Home, and India Hook's General Budget. These contributions are possible thanks to your support of our fundraisers and the dedicated service of our members. Thank you!

Officers for 2021 are: President-Sandy Sindell, Vice President/Resources-Beverly Gregory; Secretary-Dottie Davis; Treasurer-Jennie Harrison.

We meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. for a business meeting and a devotion. All women of the congregation are warmly invited to participate!

Black History Month

India Hook Youngsters

February is Black History Month in the US. Please take time this month to learn and appreciate something new in this rich tradition. The York County Library has several programs available—find information at yclibrary.org
Join area United Methodists for the Rock Hill District Black Church Celebration with a Virtual Service on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. See **The Clover Parish** on Facebook live.
Many more resources are available at: africanamericanhistorymonth.gov

All **youth** in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a weekly **Zoom** meeting on Sundays at 1 p.m. Our activities vary weekly with games, Bible Study, prayer, and sharing. Mad Libs are a favorite! See Kendall to receive the link invitation.
Story Time for kids of all ages goes on Facebook Live Saturdays at 11 a.m. Assorted authors and themes are presented. The page can be accessed any time after the live presentation.
The Facebook page is: **India Hook UMC**

Finance Update

Serving together

Thank you for your continued financial support of our congregation and the UMC worldwide. With your generous contributions, our church was able to pay 100% of our apportionments which were \$35,079. Our total revenue for 2020 was \$232,044, including a Payroll Protection Loan of \$24,500. Our expenses were \$247,728; therefore, we have a small shortfall. This was an unusual year, as you are aware, both with COVID and some extraordinary expenses. The placement of a new minister required additional work at the parsonage. The 2021 Budget will be available in the narthex at the end of this month. Please plan to pick up a copy. If you ever have questions regarding apportionments or our finances, please contact Finance Chair Sandy Sindell. We enter 2021 with a strong faith that this will be a much better year! Again, thank you for all your support financially, your service

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please let current church leadership know how we can more effectively serve the needs of our congregation and the Rock Hill community. You can speak with Pastor Michael, Congregational Lay Leader Donnie Parrish, or any committee chair with your input, suggestions or concerns. Thank you for your faithful service to our Lord through India Hook UMC.
Staff Parish Chair: Chris Sims
Trustees Chair: Glen Jackson
Finance Chair: Sandy Sindell
Worship Chair: Stacy Cottingham
Council Chair: Nate Sherman
Missions Chair: Stephanie Yannotti

Exploring the connection

A wealth of resources are available about United Methodism in South Carolina and around the world. You are encouraged to discover more about our global church.

Websites:

umcsc.org

umc.org

umcsc.org/resourcecenter/

unitedmethodistwomen.org

gcumm.org

<https://umcsocialprinciples2021.org/>

Books:

The Book of Discipline, Book of Worship,
The Book of Resolutions.

Small Group Studies

Everyone is invited to participate with a small group for learning and fellowship.

Pastor Michael leads Bible Study weekly at 10:30 on Tuesday mornings in the sanctuary, with a 2 p.m. Zoom gathering. The current book is *The Grand Sweep* by J. Ellsworth Kalas which moves through the entire Bible in a year. Speak with Pastor Michael for more information or for the Zoom link.

Join a small group Lenten Study meeting on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. We will use *The Grace of Les Miserables* by Matt Rawle. Everyone is welcome! Please speak with Program Director Kendall Farnum for additional information.

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