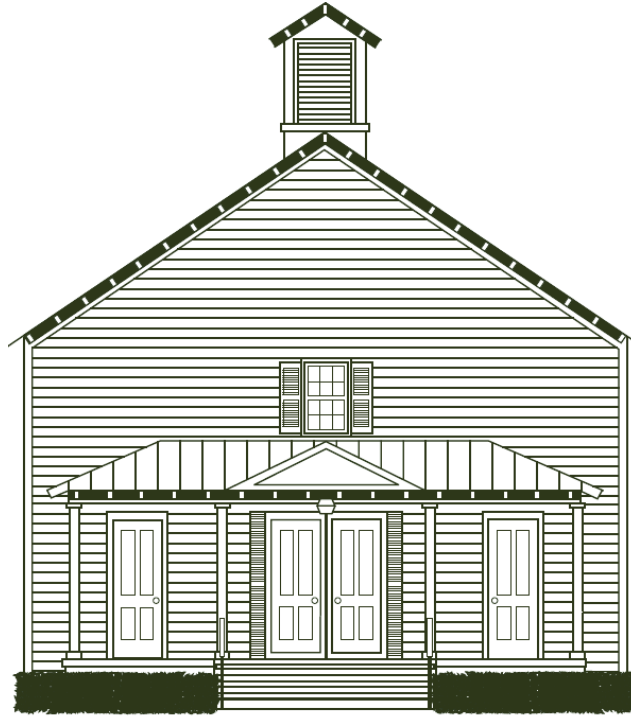


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CULTIVATING COMMUNITY
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MAY 3, 2026

OUR PURPOSE: TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

A Word of Welcome

We are glad you are here! Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, we pray this time of worship draws you closer to God.

Please note our worship locations: we gather in the Sanctuary on the first, third, and fifth Sundays, and in the Ministry Center on the second and fourth Sundays. No matter the space, the Spirit meets us there!

*Welcome to Isle of Hope
United Methodist Church!*

Isle of Hope Clergy 2026

Rev. Josh Roberts

Rev. Roberts was appointed as Senior Pastor of Isle of Hope in January 2026.

Rev. Meg Procopio

Rev. Procopio has served as an Associate Pastor at Isle of Hope since 1996.

Rev. Jared Wilson

Rev. Wilson has served as an Associate Pastor at Isle of Hope since June 2023.

Rev. Dr. Frank Parr

Dr. Parr served as an Associate Pastor at Isle of Hope from 1994-2010. He has served as Pastor Emeritus since 2016.

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE VOLUNTARY

*Rev. Jared Wilson, organ
Robin Beauchamp, trumpet
Zeb Treece, trumpet
Michael Daly, horn
Donald Crafton, III, trombone
Don Crafton, trombone
Chris Fullerton, percussion*

*Fanfare and Processional in D
Jeremy Bankson (b. 1975)*

THE WELCOME

Rev. Meg Procopio

+THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Holland Morgan

Beneath the oak trees, generations have gathered.
Beneath the oak trees, God has been faithful.

Here, children were baptized.
Here, saints were remembered.

Here, hearts were stirred and lives were called into ministry.
Here, hands were opened in service - near and far.

Here, vows were spoken.
Here, broken hearts were held and mended.

For one hundred seventy-five years, the story has been told--
of grace upon grace, and mercy without end.

The roots run deep in this holy ground.
And still, the Spirit calls us forward.

We are heirs of courage and compassion.
We are the stewards of hope for generations to come.

So come--let us worship the God of our past and our future.
**Beneath the oak trees and beyond them,
we will tell the story of God's love.**

+THE HYMN No. 117

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Tune: ST. ANNE*

+THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Procopio

We believe in God,
the Creator of all things
and the source of every good gift,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us
for those who planted the seeds of faith in this place
one hundred seventy-five years ago,
who built this church,
who sang and prayed and served,
and who trusted that God's work would continue
beyond their own time.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who calls the Church into being,
who gathers us as one body in love,
and who sends us into the world
to proclaim good news, seek justice,
and love our neighbors as ourselves.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who has guided this congregation through every season
in times of joy and sorrow,
in moments of change and renewal
and who even now calls us forward in hope.

We believe that the mission entrusted to those who came before us
is now entrusted to us:
to worship God with glad hearts,
to welcome all people with grace,
to serve our community with compassion,
and to pass the faith to those who will come after us.

With gratitude for the past,
with faith in the present,
and with hope for the future,
we commit ourselves again to the work of Christ in this place.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

+THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

Glory be to the Father
Tune: MEINEKE

+THE GREETING

Isle of Hope Staff 2026

Beth Parr

Director of Children's Ministries

Wez Childers

Director of Weekday Ministries

Alden Fowkes

Director of Student Ministries

Sara Fullerton

Director of Missions

Kathy Smith

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Worship*

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Lisa Sharpley

Technical Director

Tricia Windom

Wedding Coordinator

Eliza Brooks

Hope Arbor Program Director

Traci Dent

*Hope Arbor Activities
Director*

Beth Christiansen

*Hope Arbor Assistant
Activities Director*

GOD SPEAKS GOD'S WORD TO US

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Frank Parr

THE HYMN

No. 156

I Love to Tell the Story

Tune: HANKEY

Nancy Montford

Nancy Montford has been a member of Isle of Hope since 1953. Her family's roots in the congregation span several generations, and she has been an active and faithful part of the church's life for many years. Nancy shares in this service as a representative of the many members whose lives have been shaped by the ministry of Isle of Hope.

The Morning Trumpet

'The Morning Trumpet' comes from 'Southern Harmony' (1835), a tunebook associated with the early American tradition of shape-note singing. Music from this collection would have been widely sung in church during the era when Isle of Hope was founded. Sung today by our Men's Chorus and Children's Choir, this anthem honors the musical heritage of the early American church and the generations who have lifted their voices in worship here.

Jake and Jennye Wallace

Jake and Jennye Wallace joined Isle of Hope United Methodist Church in 2024. As newer members of the congregation, they share in this service by reflecting on what led them to make Isle of Hope their church home and the ways they have already found connection and community within the life of the church.

THE STORY OF OUR PAST

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Lynn Drake

Psalm 78:I-7

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A WITNESS TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Nancy Montford

THE ANTHEM

*Hope Kids Jam Squad and Isle of Hope Men's Chorus
Lacy Wilson, piano*

The Morning Trumpet

arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux (b. 1956)

THE STORY OF OUR PRESENT

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Dr. Fred Edie

Ephesians 2:19-22

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A WITNESS TO GOD'S WORK AMONG US

Jake and Jennye Wallace

THE ANTHEM

*Isle of Hope Choir
Kathy Smith, organ*

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

OUR STORY STILL UNFOLDING

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Dick Reese

Hebrews 12:1-2

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A PASTORAL REFLECTION

Rev. Josh Roberts

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

THE OFFERTORY

Anchor Band

Build My Life
Patrick Barrett (b. 1984)

+THE DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Roberts

THE CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Faithful God,
for generations you have blessed this church and its people.
We give thanks for all who have worshiped, prayed,
and served here before us.
Forgive us when we fall short of the love you ask of us.
Renew us by your grace,
that we may carry this witness forward with joy,
courage, and faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: the God who has been faithful to this church
through every generation is faithful still. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and made new.
Glory to God! Amen.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The congregation is invited to turn to page 17 in The United Methodist Hymnal
for Musical Setting 'A.'*

Ways to Give

We see giving as an essential part of worship—an act of love that shapes our hearts as much as it supports the work God is doing. Here are ways you can support His work through IOHUMC:

- Mobile: Text "GIVE" to 855-712-6960
- Online: Scan the QR code below
- In-Person: On Sunday mornings, place your gift in the plate that is passed or in one of the designated boxes

You can also give through the mail, online with recurring transactions, with Required IRA Distributions, and by giving stock. Visit iohunc.com or contact Marla Grady at mgrady@iohunc.com for more information.



Holy Communion

In The United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to all. You do not need to be a member of this church — or of any church — to receive Holy Communion. All who seek to draw closer to Christ are invited to come and share in this sacrament of grace.

United Methodists understand Holy Communion as a means of grace — an outward and visible sign through which God works inwardly in our lives. In this sacred meal we remember Christ's love for the world, give thanks for his saving grace, and are strengthened to live as his disciples. As we gather at the table, we are reminded that we are one in Christ, called to love and serve one another.

The communion elements today are gluten-free so that all who wish may receive.

The Communion Offering

As wildfires continue to impact communities across South Georgia, the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church is mobilizing to provide emergency relief to those affected. Our communion offering will support the conference disaster relief fund and provide help to those who need it most.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Today's Communion Offering goes to support those affected by the South Georgia Wildfires.

Those serving Holy Communion in today's service are
Rev. Dick Reese, Rev. Lynn Drake, Rev. Dr. Fred Edie,
Rev. Holland Morgan, Rev. Josh Roberts, Rev. Meg Procopio,
Rev. Dr. Frank Parr, Nancy Vogelsang, and Turner and Benjamin Duke.

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Rev. Roberts

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

+THE HYMN

Isle of Hope, Beneath the Oak Trees

Tune: HYFRYDOL



Isle of Hope_ be-neath the oak_ trees, here is where our
Here the young_ in faith are nur- tured, Songs of praise on
Through the times_ of trial and con- flict, When the path was
Now we claim_ our call- ing for- ward, One in pur- pose,



faith has grown, called by grace and shaped by Christ's love Known as
ea- ger tongues; Stor- ies told_ and prayers re- peat- ed, Faith made
hard to see, Still you chose_ the way of mer- cy, Still you
hand in hand: Cul- ti- vat- ing true com- mu- ni- ty, Serv- ing



Christ's and Christ's a- lone. From the past_ your wit- ness calls us,
new for old_ and young. Gen- e- ra- tion joins gen- e- ra- tion,
called for u- ni- ty. Bound by Christ, not torn a- sun- der,
Christ through- out_ the land. God of past_ and God of fu- ture,



still to serve with heart and hand; Root- ed here_ yet
learn- ing love the Sa- vior taught; Lives_ trans formed through
Called to serve and not_ to fear, In_ the work_ of
Bless this church in years to be; Till_ our life_ and



sent_ in mis- sion, Bear- ing hope_ through- out the land.
pat- ient guid- ance, By the grace_ God's Spir- it brought.
peace and just- ice, Hope made strong and love made clear.
work_ and wor- ship, Sing your love_ e- ter- nal- ly.

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+THE BENEDICTION
Rev. Roberts

+THE VOLUNTARY
Rev. Wilson, organ

Toccata on *Amazing Grace*
J. Christopher Pardini (b. 1973)

Our Special Guests Assisting in Worship This Morning

Rev. Holland Morgan

The Rev. Holland Morgan, a retired Elder in The United Methodist Church, grew up at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church and discerned his call to ministry within this congregation. Before entering pastoral ministry, he served as organist of Isle of Hope from 1966-1969, sharing his gifts in music as well as in faith. He later went on to serve faithfully in pastoral appointments across the United Methodist connection.

Rev. Lynn Drake

The Rev. Lynn Drake served as Director of Music at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church from 1973-1981, and again from 1983-1995. During her years at Isle of Hope, she helped shape the congregation's musical life and worship in immeasurable ways. She later answered a call to ordained ministry as an Elder in The United Methodist Church.

Rev. Dr. Fred Edie

The Rev. Dr. Fred Edie is an Elder in The United Methodist Church who began attending Isle of Hope United Methodist Church as a teenager and joined the congregation in 1976. He discerned his call to ministry from this community and, following divinity school, served as Director of Youth Ministries and Christian Education at Isle of Hope from 1989-1994. He currently serves as Associate Professor of the Practice of Christian Education at Duke Divinity School.

Rev. Dick Reese

The Rev. Dick Reese is a retired Elder in The United Methodist Church who served as Senior Pastor of Isle of Hope from 2003-2010. During his years of leadership, he guided the congregation in worship, discipleship, and ministry within the community. His faithful pastoral service remains an important part of the church's continuing story.

Nancy Vogelsang

Nancy Vogelsang served as Assistant Director of Music at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church from 1996-2024. During her many years of ministry, she played a vital role in shaping the congregation's musical life. Her faithful leadership and dedication enriched the life of the church for nearly three decades.

*Acolytes in Today's Service
Turner and Benjamin Duke*

*Crucifer in Today's Service
James Roberts*

Pastoral Care Response
If you are in need of a pastor due to hospitalization, death in the family, or other emergency, feel free to reach out to any of our pastors:

*Rev. Josh Roberts
(770) 891-2578*

*Rev. Meg Procopio
(912) 663-5512*

*Rev. Jared Wilson
(931) 624-1418*

Please Note

To help extend our worshiping community, our services are livestreamed and recorded; those present may appear in the video.

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Notes from Past Clergy Families

Dear friends at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church,

As you gather to celebrate the 175th anniversary of our beloved church, I am filled with gratitude for the years my family and I spent among you from 1971 to 1977. Though my wife, Mary Dale, and our 10-year old daughter, Van, and I had never seen the church or the parsonage until the day we arrived – pulling into the driveway of the brand new Jameswood Avenue parsonage with the movers – we were warmly welcomed into a community that quickly became our home. Those six years remain among the most cherished of our lives, marked by faith, friendship, and a spirit of service that continues to inspire me. I could take the entire worship hour, but let me share a memory and a commendation of this time in the church's life and growth. I mention two.

Our first year (1971) was the second year of Day on the Island. It poured rain all day long, but the Day was a big success. The event raised a great deal of money which was dedicated to mission and outreach projects. Over the years, Day on the Island has grown exponentially and it remains dedicated to serving local and world missions and reflects brilliantly the Isle of Hope spirit of service.

Recently, long after we moved on and others followed, you as a congregation have endured an upheaval in our denomination. You have remained in The United Methodist Church with patience, conviction, and sacrifice. I am convinced that your decision to remain in the historic mainstream of the Wesleyan tradition will be on the right side of history long after we are all gone.

As I celebrated my 90th birthday on April 30, I regret that we are unable to join you in person for this milestone event. However, my heart and prayers are with you as you honor the generations who have worshiped, served, and grown together at Isle of Hope. May you continue to build upon the foundation of love and faith that has carried this congregation for 175 years, and may God bless you with many more years of joyful ministry.

On our last Sunday at Isle of Hope in June 1977, a talented Isle of Hope member gave me a framed cross stitch of the benediction that I used to close the worship services each Sunday. It has traveled with us through the years and is displayed prominently in our home. I want to leave it with you today on this memorable 175th birthday of Isle of Hope United Methodist Church.

And now, go in peace and remember that it is by the goodness of God you were born into this world, by the grace of God you have been sustained until now, and by the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord you are being redeemed.

With deepest affection and gratitude,

Don, Mary Dale, and Van

The Rev. Dr. Don Kea served as the Senior Pastor of Isle of Hope United Methodist Church from 1971-1977.

Congratulations, Isle of Hope UMC family, as you celebrate 175 years of ministry on Isle of Hope.

You have been a beacon of hope, love, and care for 175 years, and you continue into the immediate present and future in the same spirit and clear mission. The Jesus kind of love always wins and the Trice family send blessings and love as you live into the future. What a blessing it was for us to serve with the Isle of Hope UMC family. Our prayers and love continue for your ministry in that special place.

For the Trice family, our love and blessings,

Mavis

Mavis Trice is the wife of the Rev. Dr. Jim Trice (1939-2021), who served as the Senior Pastor of Isle of Hope from 1995-2003.

HOPE NOTES



Missions in Motion: Celebrating What God is Doing

Here's an update on how we've been living out God's love over the past month:

- **3,020 pounds** of onions gleaned on April 18 by **35** volunteers—donated to Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia and distributed through 230+ partner agencies to serve neighbors in need
- **15** donors who gave the gift of life at our April 29 blood drive
- New monthly support for Inner City Night Shelter—the Missions Committee has committed to providing a pallet of water each month, totaling approximately **\$2,400** annually
- **\$5,577.42** raised for Sleep in Heavenly Peace through congregational giving and our Lent Coin Challenge
- **\$3,000** in wish list items purchased for Wesley Community Center's STEAM preschool—collected over the past few months and completed this month through the generosity of our congregation
- Amazon Wish List items purchased and delivered to Mary's Place during a recent tour of their facility
- **250+ books** donated to Loop It Up Savannah for their Looping Literacy Together Campaign

Thank you for being a church that shows up, gives generously, and serves faithfully. *This is what love in action looks like.*



VBS Volunteers Needed

We still need volunteers for our Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS this summer. VBS is June 15-18 from 9am-12pm each day. Please consider volunteering to help make this week extra special for our kids!



Guatemala Trip Interest Meeting Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 pm | Green House

We are sending a team to Guatemala from **November 1-5**.

Our time will be spent serving, learning, and supporting our mission partners, Transitions and the Christ Child's Nest, in whatever ways are most helpful. This meeting is simply a space to hear the vision, ask questions, and explore what it might look like to be part of this experience.

Email Sara Fullerton at sfullerton@iohumc.com if you plan on attending.



Items Needed for Wesley Food Pantry

The Wesley Community Center Food Pantry is a lifeline for many of our neighbors. Right now, they are currently in need of the following:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Rice

Donations can be dropped off in the collection cabinet located in the main hallway near the Sanctuary. *We kindly request no donations of canned vegetables at this time.*

Called Charge Conference Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 am | Ministry Center

A Called Charge Conference has been scheduled for Isle of Hope UMC on Sunday, May 17, following Sunday School at 11:30 am in the Ministry Center. It will be presided over by the Rev. Josh Roberts, to vote on updates to clergy compensation for our three appointed Associate Pastors.

HOPE NOTES

CHILDREN & STUDENT SUMMER CAMPS



VBS: Snowball Mountain Challenge

June 15-18 | 9am-12pm
Ages: 3 to 5th Grade

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at Vacation Bible School: Snowball Mountain Challenge! Kids will embark on a high-energy journey filled with fun games, creative activities, and meaningful lessons as they explore how to grow in faith and face challenges with courage. Each day is packed with music, teamwork, and exciting "mountain-top" moments that help kids discover God's love in a memorable and engaging way. It's the perfect summer experience for kids to make friends, build confidence, and have a blast!



Camp Grenada: Spaced Out!

July 20-24 | 9am-2pm
Ages: Completed Kindergarten through Grade 5

Camp Grenada is a unique, community-based music camp that blends meaningful music learning with the excitement and imagination of a summer camp experience.

Our goal isn't to turn children into professional musicians, but to spark curiosity, build confidence, and help each child develop a lifelong love of music.



Sew Much Fun Summer Camp

Week One: July 13-16
Week Two: July 27-30
Ages: 1st Grade & Up

Sew Much Fun Summer Camp is the perfect place to spark creativity and learn hands-on skills! Campers will discover the basics of using a sewing machine, practice hand sewing techniques, and create meaningful, community-inspired mission projects. Each week wraps up with a special project to take home and show off.



Summer Musical: Daniel's Dangerous Dilemma

August 9 during 9:15am Worship

All children ages 3 - Grade 5 are invited to participate in our summer musical! Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour beginning Sunday, June 7 at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there!



Lake Junaluska Retreat

June 7-11
Ages: Middle & High School Students

This trip includes whitewater rafting, a day at Sliding Rock, worship, games, and lots of fun! We'll focus on what Psalms and the New Testament have to say about worshipping God, all while enjoying the beautiful mountains of NC! This trip will be the highlight of the summer that you won't want to miss.



Appalachian Service Project (ASP)

July 18-25
Ages: Middle & High School Students

Spend a week building friendships and helping make homes in Appalachia warmer, safer, and drier! Our work week is Monday - Friday, and we will include a fun pit stop along our way (rafting, zip lining, or something similar depending on our travel route). ASP might mean a lot of hard work, but it also means a lot of fun and memories that will last a lifetime!

Learn more and register for any of these camps by scanning the QR code:

