

Sunny Side United Methodist Church

August 2, 2026

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning! We hope you feel the love and peace of Christ in this place! If you are a first-time guest, please complete a card from the pew rack in front of you and put it in the offering plate.

Gathering Music

Tom Robinson

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we seek your presence now.

Our minds cannot understand you, yet our hearts cry out for a living relationship with you. Our eyes cannot see you, yet without you there would be nothing to see. Our faith cannot fully grasp you, yet in you we live and move and have our very being. Our way ahead into this week is hidden from us, but we trust that you have prepared a way for us.

Renew your will for us and guide our day-to-day lives.

Loving God, open our eyes to recognize your presence in the simple glories of everyday things. Bless our relationships with other people by your living word of love in Jesus. Help us so to see where we have made mistakes in the past, so that we might be able to start each day anew and afresh.

Faithful God, we seek your presence now. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

In the Name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Hymn: "What a Friend"

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*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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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 arose 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.

*Gloria Patri

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Prayers for a New School Year

Hymn: "God of all Learning" (see insert)

Update on Congregational Care Team

Paulette Perry

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Luke 11: 33-36 and Colossians 3: 12-17

Message: On Your Marks, Get Set, GO!

Rev. JoAn Kinrade

From John Wesley's treatise, *The Character of a Methodist* (1742)

1. A Methodist Loves God
2. A Methodist Rejoices in God
3. A Methodist Gives Thanks
4. A Methodist Prays Constantly
5. A Methodist Loves Others

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: "Take Time to be Holy"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Pastoral Care: Rev. JoAn Kinrade, joan.kinrade@georgiaumc.net

Prayer Requests: Students, Teachers, and Staff Members as a new school year begins, Sylvia Avery (surgery Aug. 12), Mimi Young's sister Holly, 6yo Boston undergoing daily treatment at St. Jude Hospital, Dillon Thompson, Bob Hayes, Vern and Marcia Hanson, Paulette Perry, Mindy Love, Janice Meadows, Bennie Watson, Sharon Roderick, Bob and Susan Francis, Judith and Richard Crowther, Carl and Rosalyn Hayes, Carol Sparks

New Bible Study with Pastor JoAn begins Wednesday at 5pm!

***Please read the introduction and Chapter 1 to prepare for our first session.**

Our study book: *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus*, by Rob Fuquay

For your Calendars:

Wed, Aug 5 Food Pantry, volunteers report at **8:15am**

Bible Study, **5pm**

Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

Sat, Aug 8 Women's Group Meeting, **9:30am**

Mon, Aug 17 Midwest Food Truck Delivery, **12noon**

Wed, Aug 19 Food Pantry, volunteers report at **8:15 am**

Sun, Aug 23 HOMECOMING, with Covered Dish luncheon following

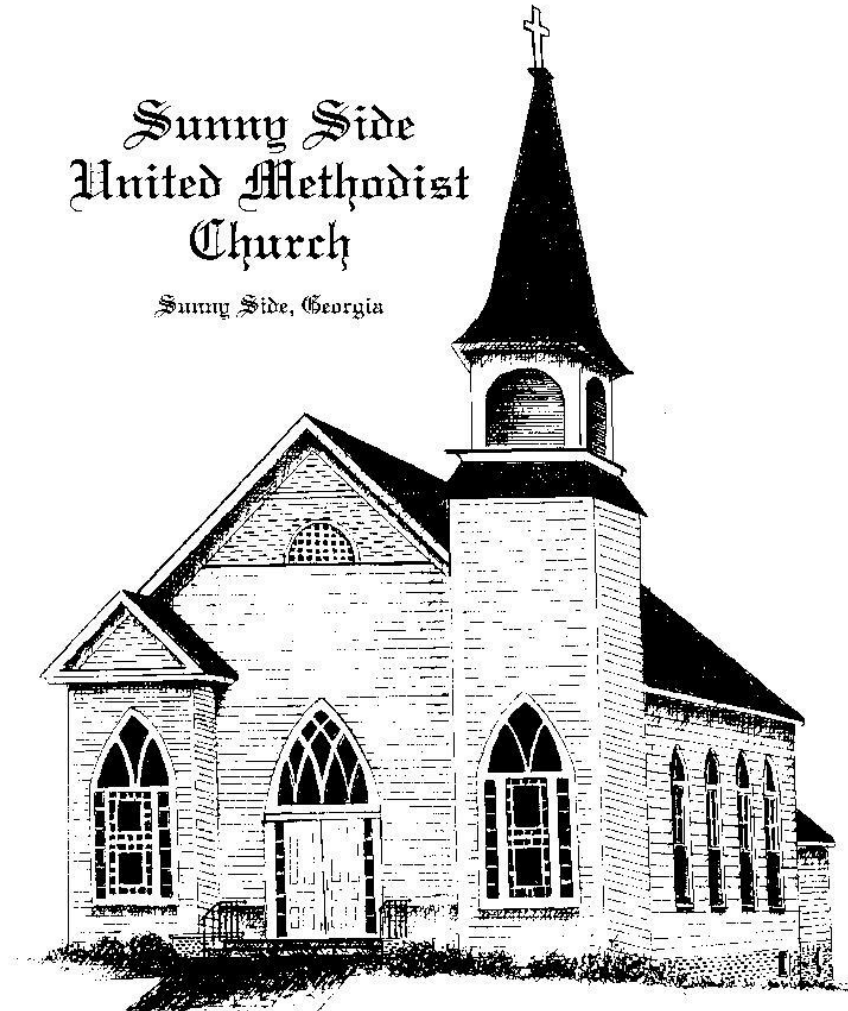
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Wed, Aug 26 Bible Study, **5pm**

Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

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<u>GIVING REPORT (Jul 26, 2026)</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$ 488.00	\$ 77,042.40
Budget	\$ 3,557.42	\$106,722.69
Difference	\$ -3,069.42	\$ -29,680.29

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