

THE FISHERMAN

August 2016



The summer months are flying by! It's been a time marked by church-wide activities for children and mission opportunities for our adults and youth. Our youth and children will benefit from the remodeling construction recently begun at Pope Ave. At our Bluffton campus, exciting new plans for worship and ministry are being pursued as we continue to develop our ministry throughout the low country of South Carolina.

Two very successful mission projects were part of our summer ministry.

One mission was the work of our Salkehatchie Summer Youth service team. Watch for a report from that group in the near future. The other mission quest was a team we sent to Ecuador through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. This group, led by John McReynolds, shared some amazing faith experiences as they continued construction of a school in the capital city of Quito in the neighborhood of Liano Granda. More than one member of that team said to me, "My life will never be the same after this."

The opportunity for those kinds of life-altering experiences are built into the walk of all Christians. We are grateful to God for all those who we sent out to share our love in the name of Christ and St. Andrew By-The-Sea. It may be across the sea, it may be across the road, it may be across the room. Watch carefully for those chances - you are a missionary.

The Ecuador mission team returned with a gorgeous colorful woven fabric, and a Chalice and Paten given to St. Andrew By-The-Sea as gifts of appreciation from the Christian community there. We will be incorporating their use in our worship services during the remainder of the summer. These are especially valuable gifts because they are a reminder that there is nowhere we take Christ where He is not already waiting upon us to arrive! Enjoy the rest of summer and I'll see you in church. *-Neil*

Amazing Times had at Surf Shack VBS



Many, MANY thanks to all of our volunteers who served during Vacation Bible School on the island; it truly would not have been a success without you! Approximately 70 children caught the wave of

God's amazing love and had a blast doing so. We still can't get the songs out of our heads! Also, a thanks to those who donated materials for our set. Items are ready to be picked up in the Hilton Head office.



Cares & Concerns

Our ill or convalescing: Tex Uhlhorn, Meg Sippy, Betty Minot, Susan Roberts, Dick Knowlton, Marti Etter, Carol Beckelhimer, Roger Abney, Bill Rothert, Betty Luntley.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Walter "Mitchell" Wade upon his death on July 2.

NOTE: So that we may see how we can be in prayer for you, please contact the church to let us know if you will be or have been hospitalized, or if you are experiencing an illness.

Thank you SABTS

Thank you so very much for the prayer quilt Lynn (Palm) brought last week. The beautiful logs in each square were pretty, but the knots tied with such care and love have been invaluable. I can touch and feel the best wishes and prayers from each of you. I am doing well in all aspects and attribute my recovery to your many prayers and good wishes. Thank you, and as wonderful as it has been for me, I hope you never need one.

May God bless you,
Gladys Hart

Ushers Needed at Pope Avenue



Can you spare a few extra minutes on Sunday once a quarter?
Would you like to give a little back to your church?
How about meeting your church family members?

Due to normal attrition **we are looking for more ushers** to help out on Sundays at both services at our Hilton Head location. You are only scheduled to usher when you indicate you are available.

Being an usher only requires about **½ hour of your time once a quarter** and you get to have more contact with your fellow worshipers. You will also feel good in giving some of your time. Volunteering is not just a commitment of time, but a giving from the heart. (Don't worry, you won't be scheduled for Communion).

If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact: Alan Sutton

[843-686-5009](tel:843-686-5009)

New Mom's Morning Out

We are looking into the feasibility of offering a **Mother's Morning Out ministry at our Hilton Head Campus beginning early in September. Some of our guidelines are:**

Location: St. Andrew nursery (and adjacent Sensory Room)

Day: Friday mornings, 9:00- 12:00

Age Requirements: 6 months to 4 yrs.

Group size: Minimum of 8 children,
Maximum of 12 children

Care providers: Each mom serves
once per month (2 moms/week)

Invitation to this ministry extends not only to St. Andrew moms, but to friends in the Hilton Head/Bluffton community. (Feel free to forward this information to others.)

If you are interested in being part of this new group, please let us know of your interest by replying to this email. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call either of us at [843-785-4711](tel:843-785-4711). We look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,
Lauren Ricciardelli
Hilton Head Children's Ministry Coordinator

Connie Borgianini
Director of Family & Christian Education

Staff Appreciation

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee seeks to note staff anniversaries at one year, 5-years 10 years and beyond. We thank Matt Edmunds and Lauren Ricciardelli who are celebrating their first full year at St. Andrew!

Fisherman Next Deadline

The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Tuesday, September 20th.**

Please submit your articles and photos to:
standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com.



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Upcoming Events/Opportunities



Under Construction – Children’s Church Temporarily Relocated

You may have noticed some changes being made to the children and youth spaces in the Education building. Because of on-going construction to make our new, downstairs children’s and the upstairs youth space fun and exciting.

Children’s Church during the 11:15 service will be held in the Celebration Center. Parents can pick up their children following the 11:15 service in the Celebration Center. Please also remind your children!

Little Miss Muffet, sat on her tuffet...

What’s a tuffet? By definition a footstool or low seat on which to sit (think ottoman). The terminology may be retired, but tuffets, or POUFS are still a fun and cozy place on which children can sit. We’d love to provide poufs in our new Children’s Area but we need YOUR help! If you’re interested in knitting or sewing some poufs, contact Lauren Ricciardelli and she can provide you with the knitting or sewing pattern. It’s simple and the children will love them!



“Meet Me at the Beach” - Beach Day September 18th

Families of **both campuses** are invited to our Family Beach Day on **Sunday, September 18th**! We’ll have scavenger hunts, sandcastle building contests and more fun for the whole family. Keep your eye on future e-blasts for a gathering time, and mark your calendars!



New Children’s Ministries at Hilton Head this Fall

Lighthouse Kids (formerly Children’s Church) will be offered Sunday mornings **during both our 9:00 and 11:15 worship services** following the Children’s Sermon **beginning Sunday, September 11**. Children will dive into the Bible with animated stories, crafts, games and more, in our great new kids space.

Note: Every 4th Sunday, children will stay in worship with their parents for an opportunity to experience our worship traditions.

DiscipleShip (formerly Sunday School hour) will take place between services from **10:15-11:00 a.m., also beginning September 11**. Children will learn about key aspects of our faith through great Bible stories. Children will see and hear Bible stories, learn Bible verses and other faith foundations through games, songs, and other activity stations.

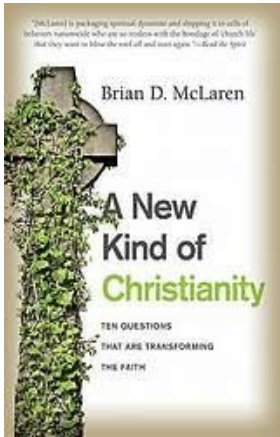


Our UMC **Deep Blue** curriculum will continue to be our resource for our children’s ministries on Sunday mornings.

FriendShip Choir will start **September 14** (during **Wonderful Wednesdays**) from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** Children age 3 to grade 5 will learn faith **songs and experience other kid-friendly activities**. We will also rehearse for the Christmas pageant as the season approaches.

Wonderful Wednesdays begin September 14th on Hilton Head

Navigating through life can be challenging. Let us help you. On Wednesday nights (September 14 to October 26) faith-building activities for **all ages** will be offered from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** Short-term studies for adults of all ages and stages, music, and activities for children and youth are included. (Nursery provided.)



A New Kind of Christianity explores relevant questions that are transforming the faith, led by Rev. Richard Allan.

Total Family Makeover provides practical steps to help parents nurture their children's and teen's faith at home.

*Email or call Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com
843-785-4711 to sign up for either study.*



By-The-Sea Youth (teens) will meet until 8:00 in our newly renovated Loft in the Education Building.

FriendShip Choir (children age 3 to grade 5) will set sail for faith and fun through music.

FellowShip Meals are planned from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center - just prior to all activities. Look for more details in the next *Fisherman*, email blasts, or church website.

Giving at a Glance (January-June 2016)

| | <u>Pledge Contr.</u> | <u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contr.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Actual thru 6/30/16 | \$514,302 | \$128,346 | \$642,648 |
| Budget thru 6/30/16 | \$565,200 | \$119,200 | \$684,400 |
| Variance | (\$50,898) =Below Budget | \$9,146 =Above Budget | (\$41,752) =Below Budget |

INCOME AND EXPENSES (January-June 2016)

| | <u>For The Year Actual</u> | <u>For The Year Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Income | \$671,371 | \$682,618 | (\$11,247) |
| Expenses | \$630,019 | \$674,903 | (\$44,884) |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | \$ 41,352 | \$7,715 | \$33,637 |

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 6/30/16 \$2,178,596
Total Received thru 6/30/16 \$ 961,898 (44.2%)

Fall Festival 2016 August Update



When is the Fall Festival? Saturday, November 12, 2016

When will the pods arrive for my donated items?

One pod will arrive mid-September, a second one a month later. Stay tuned for details. As you prepare to donate items, remember pods are not climate controlled. For valuable items consider storing at home until November. Unfortunately we cannot provide storage at church.

How can I help? It is so wonderful to hear "what can I do to help?" from so many people. Please do a personal survey of your time and talents and consider helping with these current needs:

- **Be a Silent Auction Courier: The more we have, the lighter the load.**
Call Jim or Carol Fisher to volunteer at 843-342-2670.
- **Create an unusual Silent Auction item like a gift basket, dining experience, vacation weekend, or boat ride, for example.**
- **Distribute signs: The couriers will distribute signs to businesses donating items for Silent Auction and we want to avoid duplication of services. If you have done this in the past, or are willing to serve, please contact the Velkoffs at 843-715-8275.**
- **Shadow a leader in preparation for a new role. Several key opportunities exist that must be covered for a festival next year.**

How can I donate money? You may write a check and note Fall Festival on the memo line. You can also sell items on EBay or Craig's list and donate the proceeds. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church community to help us with this project. Please feel free to call us.

Todi and Beth Velkoff
2016 Fall Festival Co-chairs
843-715-8275 or bvelkoff@me.com

“Wheels of Love” Committee

The Church Council appointed a Transportation Evaluation Committee to evaluate how to provide transportation services to church members who need transportation to and from their home to regularly scheduled church services. Sarah Coffin, evaluation committee chairperson, presented their results and the Council approved the Mission Committee to implement the recommendations.

Needs Identified: Four members who live in assisted living facilities indicated a desire for such transportation service. (2 at Bloom, 35 Beach City Road; 1 at The Cypress, Birdsong Way in Hilton Head Plantation; and 1 at Seabrook, 300 Woodhaven Drive) We hope to serve others as well.

Coordinator and Service Providers: Betty Saunders has agreed to be the coordinator/committee chairperson, but we also need four (4) service providers (drivers) to start this ministry. **This is a call for volunteer drivers to take this on per an already established procedure. Please contact Toney Mathews [\(843\) 715-9922](tel:8437159922) for further information or to volunteer.**

BY-THE-SEA YOUTH Fall Kick-Off!

Ketchup and Mustard aren't your only options.



Two Events...in Two locations!

When: Sunday, August 28 Bluffton 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday, August 31 Hilton Head 6:00pm - 8:00pm

What: Join us as we kick off of our ministry this fall with two great opportunities to have fun, meet new people, have a chance to win some fun prizes, music, free food, outdoor games, inflatables, and more.

Who: All rising 6th grade through 12th grade students.

We hope that these events will be a great opportunity for the youth in our communities to gather together, have a blast playing and hanging out together. Come hear about all the great things we have planned for the fall and beyond.

Bring friends for the fun!!!

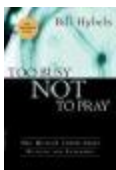
Bluffton Announcements



On **August 14th**, we will have a **student/teacher blessing** during worship in Bluffton. Laying the foundation for each child and adult for the upcoming school year. We hope you join us.

Bluffton Children's Program

Mark your calendars for the "**First Friday**" of each month! **Starting September 2nd**, we will have our "**First Friday Children's Night**" at our Bluffton Campus. Each first Friday, children are invited to come for a few hours, eat dinner, play games and do mission projects while parents simply take a break. Contact Monica at monicabhiumc@gmail.com for details.



Adult Small Group Bluffton - NEW 5-week Study starting September 4:
Too Busy Not To Pray by Bill Hybels. We meet Sundays at 6:30 at our Bluffton Worship and Ministry Center. Contact Donna Evans for more information: devans30@gmail.com.

St. Andrew Soup Kitchen



Your Friday Soup Kitchen will celebrate the 5th year of service in September. We have provided hot nutritious meals to about 50 adults and 11 children each week on average, and many of these are now like family.

The Soup Kitchen has become like old Mother Hubbard (the pantry is nearly empty), the nonperishable's are low. Some of the needs are: canned vegetables, fruits, soups, beans, tomato sauce, and canned meats (tuna and chicken). Pasta, peanut butter, jelly, condiments, and drink mixes are always welcome. (Please be sure there are long expiration dates!)

Some of the biggest expenses are the paper products such as sturdy paper plates, 12 oz. plastic glasses and plastic silverware.

Please come to visit or to volunteer at your Soup Kitchen any Friday from 9:30 to 1:30. Experience the fun and the joy that comes from providing a meal and sharing life stories with our guests. This ministry has become a way of caring for our neighbors and sharing God's love.



BackPack Buddies and Bluffton and Hilton Head

It's a shocking fact, but there are children in our community who go to school hungry every morning - especially on Monday when they have been home with little or no food over the weekend. Children who are hungry can't learn. Many of these children are minorities and others are already severely disadvantaged as victims of generational poverty - a culture of dependence. As a community showing Christ's love we need to address ways to help these children to rise above their current life situations.

SABTS has been a leader in helping to alleviate childhood hunger in Hilton Head, Bluffton and Hardeeville. Into our 7th year of Backpack Buddies in Hilton Head and our 6th year in Bluffton, the Backpack Buddies program now feeds over 550 children each week by sending home backpacks full of nutritious food each Friday—food that will help them to get through the weekend. Another 300 children receive boxes of food each month that help to support the needs of the whole family.

Our SABTS congregation has been amazing in their support of BPB with their volunteer hours packing and distributing food every week during the school year. As we look forward to school starting soon, it is that time of year that we ask for a different kind of support—donations to buy the food to feed these hungry children.

Including fresh fruit each week, it **costs about \$185 to feed a child for the entire school year.** Our community has always been very generous, but to continue to grow and sustain the program, we need everyone's help.

On **Sunday August 21st, there will be a special offering for Backpack Buddies.** Please help our young neighbors in need with your generous donation.

For more information please call:

Sue and Joe Kerr—843-341-3021 (Hilton Head)

Ken and Sue Kroupa—843-645-6303 (Bluffton/Hardeeville)





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Welcome New Members



Welcome new members of SABTS! They all joined at our Hilton Head Campus on July 24, 2016.

Jim and Ronnie Gray



Vicky McVey



Pat and Terry McGuire



Bob and Lidie Peery