

THE FISHERMAN

August 2017

Multi-Church End-of-the-Summer Picnic

Join us **Sunday, August 20th at 4pm at First Zion Missionary Baptist Church** in Bluffton as we celebrate together as churches. This combined community effort will be jam-packed with meaningful and fun opportunities for the whole family.

Food, Fellowship and Games

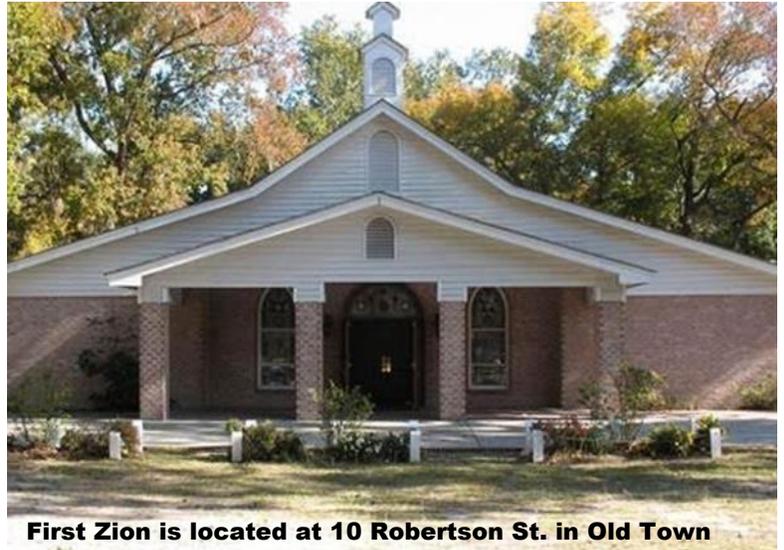
Volleyball, Horse Shoes, Corn Hole Games. We will have Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Pulled Pork; please bring a side dish to share!

Blessing of Students and School Workers

There will be a special anointing of all our children and workers as they go back to school, giving them a strong community foundation.

Stock The Community Food Pantry

First Zion has an open food pantry for the surrounding community. Please bring an item to help with their supply. This will be an ongoing effort we will continue to participate in this year. Come see how one can turn into many.



First Zion is located at 10 Robertson St. in Old Town



The sabbatical month you granted me in July has been a breath of refreshment and renewal. Thank you!! Time on vacation with Imogene and time spent with extended family has been so significant to me—I'm grateful for the kindness of your gift and now look forward to the great things God has in store for us moving forward! As we head toward the latter part of summer, we already see the signs of a new season. While we have plenty of hot, sticky weather ahead for

us here in the low country; back-to-school sales, college football publications, and several days of unseasonably dry, temperate weather point to the continual turning of the calendar. Change is a fact of life, a reality that might be inconvenient at times but a necessary aspect of experiencing life as God has created it. Our professional staff here at St. Andrew By-The-Sea is undergoing change. Long time Financial Secretary Nadine Stohr has left to pursue a new business opportunity. We wish her well as she pursues her dream! Our new Financial Secretary is Casey Clark. She and her family have been in the area for a little over a year now. We're very excited to have her on-board and look forward to the gifts she brings to our congregation. Our church sexton Bret Jennings also left to pursue a new professional venture. We have been blessed by his time here and wish him all the best in the future. We also bid Matt Edmunds a fond farewell. Matt has resigned as our Youth Pastor and we will miss him. We are grateful for all that Matt and Morgan have done for and with our youth in ministry and have high hopes for their future. The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee has been very involved in the staff adjustments I share with you and will continue to work to provide the very best people available to serve and equip our congregation for God's ministry to the low country.

One of the things I thought of while on break was this: while God never changes, He sure seems to like it a lot so it must be good for us!

~ I love you all, Neil

Bridge Play Returns

We are making a comeback on Thursday, **September 14th at 1:00 pm** in the Celebration Center. Do come and bring a friend, because bridge is fun, it is good for your memory (my doctor told me so), it might bring outsiders into the church, and it is a good way to meet good people. So come on the 2nd Thursday in September whether or not you have master's points. Call Kathy 843-686-3556 with any questions.

Thanks to SABTS

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt. We feel so blessed to have been included in your outreach to help a perfect stranger through a most difficult time. There really are no words to express our appreciation and our gratitude not only for the quilt but for all of your prayers said on our behalf. May God continue to bless each of you.

In Christian love, Butch & Becky Kennedy

Dear Quilt Committee,
Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt that you made for me and gave to my sister, Beje Anderson. Within one hour after receiving the quilt, I put it to good use, I started having chills and fever. Now I use the quilt every day. Thanks so much for such a special way to share.

Sincerely,
Glenda Bjorllund

To my St. Andrew Family - Your messages to me via emails, phone calls and cards are helping me recover from my knee surgery. I send all of you my grateful thanks. ~Mitzi Ganelin

Fisherman Next Deadline

The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Sunday, August 20th.**

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



Cares & Concerns

Deepest Sympathy To:

- Elaine Mitchell on death of her son, Bruce Mitchell in NJ on June 11.
- Daisy Sulyk upon the death of our Christian brother Alyn Sulyk on June 21.
- Brian Evans on the death of his mother on June 7.
- Chris McKeag on the death of her mother on July 1.
- Tina Johnson on the death of her mother on July 6.
- Mike Sigler on the death of his mother on July 4 on Hilton Head.
- Mary Batastini on the death of our Christian brother Harry Batastini on July 5.
- Bill West on the death of our Christian sister Joyce West on July 11.
- Jane Hyche on the death of our Christian brother Rogers Hyche on July 24.
- Kelley Burbage on the death of her uncle on July 29.

Our ill or convalescing: Joann Neely, Dean Beckelhimer, Joan Priddy, Pam Mihelic, Roger Burns, Mike Sigler, Marjorie West, Mary Batastini, Evie Dolbey, Bill Sims, Diana Loftin

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leader provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church on **Wednesday, September 13.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to; blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to aortic rupture; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 as a member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete, so bring a good book. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Events and Recognition

In July, St. Andrew By-The-Sea once again hosted Camp Leo for legally blind children from around the state who came for experiences their families could not otherwise provide. They slept and ate in our Celebration Center, then had activities like putting their feet in the sand at the beach during the day.

At a special dinner, St. Andrew was honored by the Camp Leo Campers who presented a 3-page greeting card signed by all campers, thanking the church for the wonderful hospitality as their home away from home.

Camp Leo ~ 2017



As a part of the event, St. Andrew was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Award from the Hilton Head Noon Lions Club recognizing our contributions to children. Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Club International, and is remembered by honoring outstanding service to the community. The award was accepted on behalf of St. Andrew by Mission Committee members Jeanie Blankenbaker and Rev. Dr. Julius Scott.

The Children's Center is sincerely grateful for the long time support of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church. These funds will directly serve as tuition assistance for working families right here in our community. This will allow one child to attend The Children's Center for a full year.

God Bless!

Jody L. Levitt, Executive Director



Missions and Outreach Committee Chair Toney Mathews presents check to Jody Levitt, Executive Director of The Children's Center and a member of SABTS.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

Casey Anne Clark has joined the staff as our new Financial Secretary & Administrative Assistant. Casey is a native of Asheville, North Carolina, but has called Hilton Head Island home for the past two years. She was a small business owner and has experience in business operations, finance, payroll, and human resources. She has four children ranging in age from 11 to 20, and spends her spare time at the gym, chasing her Chihuahua, or writing / camping / hiking with her husband Andrew. Casey has published a Christian fiction young adult novel, and is working on her second book with a theme focused on animal cruelty. She is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers and the Island Writer's Network. She will handle contributions, assist with payables and financial reports, and she will produce the bulletins and materials for Hilton Head worship. Her hours at Pope Avenue are Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 5pm. As it is critical for her to input contributions as quickly as possible following worship services, members are asked to contact Casey other than on Monday afternoons. She can be reached at [843-785-4711](tel:843-785-4711), ext. 228 or via email at: caseychhiumc@gmail.com.

Missions at Work Here on Hilton Head Island

Did you know that in addition to funding programs around the world, the Missions and Outreach Committee of St. Andrew-By-The-Sea also supports several local organizations, such as The Children's Center? For many years, our church has helped those in need locally using money raised at Fall Festival and from other sources. The Children's Center provides child care and early childhood education for children from 6-weeks to 6-years-old from lower income families whose parents must be working for their children to attend. Fees are established according to a sliding scale based on family income, making this essential service in need of outside subsidy. Your ongoing support of Missions and Outreach endeavors make this and many other valuable programs possible.

South Carolina Annual Conference



The South Carolina Annual Conference took place in Greenville in June. Among the happenings at the conference, on Monday night our former youth director, Daniel Griswold, was ordained as a Full Elder. St. Andrew should be very proud to have supported Daniel in this journey. Laying hands on Daniel in addition to Bishop Holston, were our pastors Neil Yongue and Daniel Burbage, as well as our District Superintendent Thomas Pearson Jr. To complete his education, Daniel received assistance from the St. Andrew Scholarship Fund.

Habitat for Humanity Faith House Dedicated

The dedication of the Habitat for Humanity house called Faith House took place July 20 at the Habitat community location on Alex Patterson Dr. off Marshland Rd. St. Andrew had the lead in making this project a reality with assistance from Holy Family and St. Francis Catholic Churches. Rev. Burbage gave the invocation.



Ushers Needed on Hilton Head

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 Pope Avenue location. You will only be scheduled to usher when you have said 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

tennisalhhi@aol.com

Help BackPack Buddies of Hilton Head & Bluffton

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 8th year of BackPack Buddies in Hilton Head and our 7th 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. In Bluffton, another 400 children receive boxes of food each month that help to support the needs of the whole family, and on Hilton Head, we are now supplying food bags to the Middle School and High School for use by school staff in helping kids with hunger needs.

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 when 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 27th**, there will be a special offering for BackPack Buddies. **Please help our young neighbors in need with your generous donation.**

For more information or to volunteer, please call:

Hilton Head: Scott Lindsay at 843-363-2213 or Joe Kerr at 843-341-3021

Bluffton: Ken and Sue Kroupa at 843-645-6303

Specific volunteer needs for the 2017-2018 school year:

BackPack Buddies of Bluffton needs new volunteer coordinators at the two elementary schools we support. These positions involve coordinating volunteers to pack and distribute food to students on Fridays for four months of the school year. It only takes a few hours, is fun and is extremely rewarding. Please call Sue and Ken.

On Hilton Head, we need additional drivers to help deliver food to the schools each month. The work involves lifting bins that weigh around 40 pounds, and driver volunteers are typically assigned duties about once every three months. If you can help with this, please contact Scott or Joe.

Youth Volunteers needed for Hilton Head and Bluffton

As you may be aware, we are going through a transition in our Youth Ministry. "Transition" in this case meaning we are starting fresh and are taking a new direction, or

journey! We know the importance of our youth and how they are transitioning into adulthood, so it is important to us that we continue to minister and support them during these formative years. Currently, our Pastors and Youth Council are working diligently to ensure continuance of our Youth Ministry, although it may look slightly different. As we are still in the process of completing our ministry model and reaching out to leaders who will guide our young people, we will keep you informed.

If you would like to give your time to our Youth in some way please let us know! We are looking for adults as well as young adults willing to lead small groups, chaperone for events, etc.

This is a wonderful opportunity for any "New Youth" to jump in as we begin this new adventure!



Hilton Head and Children Events



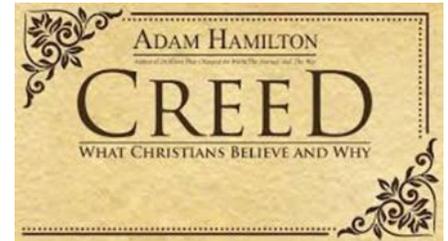
September 10, 2017

10:15 - 11:00

Pope Avenue Campus

All Sunday School (DiscipleShip) classes come back from "summer vacation" on September 10. Look for email blasts and upcoming Fisherman for class options. Children's classes start as well – we've got something for everyone in your family!

We say **The Apostles' Creed** almost every Sunday as we worship together, but what exactly are we affirming? This 6-week study, lead by our pastors, will be offered on **Wednesday evenings beginning September 20**. Mark your calendars now – more details to come.



Sundae Sunday September 10

Parents and children are invited to join us Sunday, Sept. 10th as we kick off the start of DiscipleShip (Sunday School) with SUNDAES. Served in the Gathering Room of the Education Building at 10:15am, make your own sundae and enjoy some fellowship to get the year off to a sweet start! Bring a friend if you wish!

Children ages 3- Grade 5 will be using the Deep Blue curriculum once again with a NEW component, called *Learn & Serve*. Children will learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus through Bible stories, songs and opportunities to serve as disciples in the classroom, the local community, and the world! Kids will explore Guatemala, Kenya, Alaska, and Armenia throughout the year as they dive deep into God's Word together.

Lighthouse Kids also has a new curriculum for the start of the year called "Deep Blue Kids Church". Each month, the lessons focus on new character traits such as wisdom and loving kindness and every lesson contains a worship practice component. Join us at both 10:15 & 11:15 for fun and fellowship each week!

KidQuest Retreat

Children from both campuses in 3rd-6th grade are participating in the KidzQuest retreat hosted by Epworth By The Sea UMC September 22nd -24th. Currently, we have 11 children signed up with room for a few more. Sponsored by South Georgia's Connectional Ministries, KidzQuest offers a chance for children to take a break from school, spend time with friends, worship with church groups of all sizes and hear about the HOPE we have in Christ's unending love. Cost is \$135. Contact Monica or Lauren to sign up. (monicabhiumc@gmail.com; laurenrhiumc@gmail.com)

Be on the look out for KidzQuest Fundraisers!! We are excited to have the children take ownership over this trip by raising funds for their trip. Help support our children going on retreat to Epworth By The Sea in September!

September 1st - Car Wash at the Bluffton Campus during our First Friday Night at 6PM

September 10th & September 17th - Bake sale during Coffee Hour/Fellowship time September 10 (Bluffton Campus), September 17 (Island Campus). Come purchase some goodies!

Silent Auction Couriers and Items Needed



Much of the money made at the St. Andrew By-The-Sea Fall Festival comes from our Silent Auction donations. Businesses and individuals donate gift cards, vacation rentals, and other items. As part of the process, Silent Auction couriers are needed to visit local businesses and collect donations. Please consider volunteering to be a Silent Auction courier. In addition to couriers, consider one of the following ways you can volunteer or donate to the Silent Auction:

- Donate a purchased gift card from a local retail store, restaurant, or activity.
- Donate your talent to offer a Silent Auction item such as a boat ride, a meal, a wine and cheese party, or a decorated cake.
- Donate a week-long or weekend stay at your vacation home or condo.
- Donate items such as jewelry, a gift basket, special household items, or collectibles.
- Volunteer to work in the Silent Auction area by helping set up, tallying sales, or cleaning up.

To be a Silent Auction courier or to find out how to donate or volunteer in this area, please contact our Silent Auction Co-chairs Craig and Brenda Christiansen at christiansenhhi@yahoo.com or 843-342-3767.

You may also drop off Silent Auction items you wish to donate by stopping at the front desk in the church Administration Building. Also, if you know of a business that you think might donate, please contact Craig and Brenda.

For any other information on the Fall Festival, such as volunteering or donating items, contact Fall Festival Co-chair Michelle Deis at mdeis56@gmail.com or 614-562-506. We appreciate your help!

Meet us at the Beach



Third Thursdays

Beginning August 17 @ 8:30 a.m.

Coligny Beach

Take a few minutes to renew your soul.

Bring along your favorite beach chair and meet us at the beach on the Third Thursdays of the month for a brief meditation and some casual fellowship. Take a spiritual deep breath as you start your day . . . and if time allows, walk along the edge of the sea. Experience the awe of creation and see what God is reveals to you. Contact Connie Borgianini with questions.



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Giving At A Glance (January-June 2017)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 6/30/2017	\$467,769	\$172,704	\$640,473
Budget thru 6/30/2017	\$555,000	\$142,000	\$697,000
Variance	(\$87,231) = Below Budget	\$30,704 =Above Budget	(\$56,527) = Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-June 2017)

	<u>For The Year Actual</u>	<u>For The Year Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$680,820	\$702,172	(\$21,352)
Expenses	\$714,847	\$742,025	(\$27,178)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$34,027)	(\$39,853)	\$5,826

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 6/30/2017 \$ 2,145,596
Total Received thru 6/30/2017 \$ 1,171,361 (70.4%)