

THE FISHERMAN

December 2016



St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church will have four Christmas Eve Candlelight services, including the annual *Christmas Eve under the Stars* in Bluffton. The schedule for December 24 includes:

4:30 p.m. - Family Service with harp and ensemble at 20 Pope Avenue on Hilton Head Island

6:30 p.m. - *Christmas Eve under the Stars*, a casual outdoor service under the stars at Buckwalter Place, across from CareCore in Bluffton. The service includes Christmas music and carols, children's time, hot chocolate and cookies, a bon fire, and a Christmas message. (At Persimmon if inclement weather. Check for more information.)

7:00 p.m. - Traditional Service including Communion with harp at Pope Avenue

9:30 p.m. - Traditional Service with Chancel Choir and harp at 20 Pope Avenue

Sunday, Dec. 25 and January 1: One service at **10:00 a.m.** at Pope Avenue, and the regular **10:30 a.m.** worship service in Bluffton.

Upcoming Holiday Events

- Dec. 2** First Friday Fun Night 6:00 p.m. Bluffton Campus
- Dec. 3:** 10 a.m. Bluffton Parade
- Dec. 4:** Teddy Bear Sunday at both Campuses
- Dec. 7:** Office Volunteer Luncheon 12:30
- Dec. 10:** Christmas Grace Shop at Coastal Carolina Hospital
- Dec. 11:** Children's Pageant at the Bluffton Campus at 9:30 a.m. and on Hilton Head at 5:30 p.m. with Holiday Dessert for the entire church family
- Dec. 21:** All-church caroling at Shelter Cove "Dove Street Festival of Lights" 6:00p.m.

Check our website calendar for other activities at: SaintAndrewByTheSea.com or hhiumc.com

Calling All Cookie Bakers!

Last year at our Christmas Eve Under the Stars in Bluffton, we had approximately 300 worship with us. Most of the families are people we don't know, but who want an approachable place to worship Christ on Christmas Eve. As a part of our hospitality ministry, we serve snacks that allow people to talk and enjoy a sense of community. We need at least 40 dozen chocolate chip cookies with NO nuts. If you can bake, email mkaelinhhiumc@gmail.com or call the office. They can be frozen, so we will accept them anytime at Pope, but please call or email for times to deliver to Bluffton.



Cares & Concerns

Our ill or convalescing: Dean Beckelhimer, Martha Johnson, Sam Mulrain, Joan Priddy, Mary Kelly, Bruce Ogilvie, Everett Miles, Ron Castle, Joyce West, Shirley Goehring, Jean Gunn, Meg Sippy, Susan Roberts, Tex Uhlhorn, Mike Joyce, Nels Nelson, Dick Achberger. Pat Kennedy, Ed Wilcox

Deepest Sympathy to the family of Dorothy Taylor upon her death on November 5 on Hilton Head.

Prayer Quilt for Rev. Pearson

A prayer quilt from both campuses was recently sent to our District Superintendent Rev. Thomas Pearson as he recovered from surgery.



Want to request a Prayer Quilt?

Be sure you have the person's permission to receive a quilt, then contact Andi Argast at 843-836-5051.

Fall Festival 2016



Fall Festival...Thank You

We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your contribution of time, talents, donations, flexibility, patience, encouragement and prayers during this Fall Festival revision the last month.

This year's Fall Festival was definitely God at work in our Hilton Head/Bluffton community. People working together where they were most needed allowed the flexibility to get the building prepared and just as importantly, readied for services on Sunday, November 13. People showed up with servants hearts willing to work where needed all week long. People took on roles just to help out.....office staff, visitors, local residents. Couriers collected donations until the last minute and our tables were loaded with items for sale. When November 12 arrived we felt confident that the festival would address the needs of the community this year but never expected to take in over \$30,000 that day. God's servants made it happen.

Praise God! Blessings to you all,
Todi and Beth Velkoff

Dear St. Andrew,
Thank you for another great time at your Fall Festival. I have a special request. I planned to buy a beautiful jingle bell wreath at the Festival that someone donated. I set it down for a minute when someone came up to speak with me because I had other items in my hands. When I turned around someone else had the beautiful wreath I wanted so dearly to cheer up my holiday! I am hoping someone either made it or bought it here locally, so I can purchase one from the church. It was priced at \$10 and had all colors of bells: green, red and blue, plus a gold bow at the top. I am hoping someone at the church can help me. Thank you again for a wonderful time. Many blessings for the holidays,
Karen Coleman 843-295-3996, 843-815-5613

Fisherman Next Deadline



The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Thursday, December 27th**. Please submit your articles and photos to: standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com.



A fellowship ministry to meet new friends, re-connect with others, and build relationships at both campuses of St. Andrew By-The-Sea

What are the details?

Eight people form a group – some groups will be all couples and some a mix of singles and couples. Once you register, the Dinner for Eight Committee will assign you to a group. Groups are formed to begin in January 2017.

Group members take turns hosting a meal - Each couple (or combination of singles/couple) will take a turn being the host for your group. **Each group meets four times** during the year according to the availability of all group members.

What is expected of each host?

The host(s) contact the other members of your group to set the date and time for your dinner. The hosts provide the meal in their home. Singles can team with another single or couple.

Groups are encouraged to **keep the meals casual and focus on the fellowship**. Don't worry if you don't have a large dining area or are not a gourmet chef, it's the coming together that matters!

Some groups may decide that the hosts provide the entire meal; other groups may decide that the hosts provide the main dish and beverages while other group members contribute sides and dessert. Some groups even meet in restaurants or at the beach; some like potluck – it's totally up to your group.

What if I'm only in the area part of the year?

Whether you are with us year-round or if you are one of our wonderful "snowbirds," this relationship-building, get-connected ministry is for you. Registration for both congregations takes place through December 18. Groups are formed in early January; dinners can begin as soon as they can be scheduled. Each group stays together through the end of the year.

How do I (or we) sign up?

To register to be part of a Dinner for Eight group, simply complete the registration form on the reverse side. Or, you can pick up a form at the church office or go to the church website, www.hhiumc.com, complete the form and send it to the church office. **Registration deadline is December 18, 2016.**

Then what happens?

Look for your Dinner for Eight letter in early to mid-January telling you who else is in your group along with their phone numbers and email addresses. The host at the top of the list is responsible for contacting others in the group to set up the first dinner. Remember, look for new names - the point is to meet and/or get to better know other folks in our church family!

Note: If you completed a registration form but have not received a Dinner for Eight letter by the January 14, please contact the church office.



2017 Registration Form

Name(s) _____

E-mail _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Community, if applicable (i.e. Palmetto Hall, The Crescent, etc.) _____

I/We are in the Hilton Head/Bluffton area: _____ year round, or (check those that apply)

January

April

July

October

February

May

August

November

March

June

September

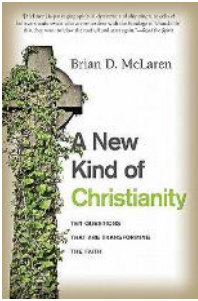
December

Please note: Groups will not be formed based on age, stage, neighborhood, or worship service usually attended. **The goal of this ministry is to meet and to get to know others in our congregations.** We will be intentional about mixing Bluffton and Hilton Head folks in the groups – remember we are one church with two locations!

Sign-up Deadline: December 18, 2016.

Groups will be notified by January 14, 2017

Upcoming Events/Studies



Dates: January 18 to February 22, 2017
Time: To be announced (evening)
Location: Celebration Center – Hilton Head
Leader: Rev. Richard Allan

Many believe that we are in the midst of a paradigm shift in the church. Not since the Reformation five centuries ago have so many Christians come together to ask whether the church is in sync with their deepest beliefs and commitments.

Using ***A New Kind of Christianity*** as the basis of our discussions, Rev. Richard Allan will continue to help us consider relevant questions facing today's church – questions such as: what exactly the good news is that the gospel proclaims, how we understand the church and all its varieties, how we should think of the future and people from other faiths, and the most intimidating question of all: what do we do next?

Note: *Although the first half of the book was discussed this fall, all are invited to join this study in January – whether you were able to be with us for the fall sessions or not.* Rev. Allen will provide a brief review/synopsis of the first half of the book on January 18 as we begin to consider the remaining chapters and questions. Call or email Connie at the church office to let us know that you plan to be part of this study. Several copies of the book are currently available for those who want to catch up on the reading prior to January 18.



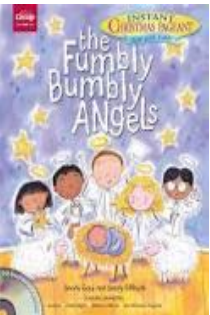
Parenting Class on Sunday Mornings

Dates: Beginning on January 8, 2017
Time: 10:20 - 11:00 a.m.
Location: C109 (Celebration Center – Hilton Head)
Leader: Connie Borgianini

Proverbs 22:6 tells us to *train up our children in the way they should go*, but exactly how are we supposed to do that when sometimes it's a battle just to get our kids dressed (or dressed appropriately) and ready for school on time?

Whether you are the parent of a tot or a teen, nurturing your children's faith starts with YOU! Jesus lived by example and taught his disciples using hands-on training. When we focus on some of the keys to living as Jesus did - such as prayer, Bible study, community, serving, rest, generosity, our children can learn the same way. Give your family a makeover with this practical approach to helping everyone in your family to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Just call or email Connie at the church office to sign up. Books will be distributed in class.



Hark, the Fumbly Bumbly Angels Sing! Join us for our annual Christmas pageant on December 11th @ 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Head Campus. Our children have been working very hard and are excited to present the show to a large audience. Members from both campuses are invited to attend. A Holiday Dessert for all, with a Sugar Plum Table and crafts for children, will also be offered following the performance.

NOTE: *Your help is needed before and during the pageant performance. If you're able to help backstage with costumes, props, etc., during the performance, contact Lauren Ricciardelli as soon as possible! LaurenRhiumc@gmail.com.*

Attention Hilton Head Campus Parents: a reminder that Christmas Day service is at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 25. Children will stay in service that morning; there will not be Discipleship or Lighthouse Kids. This applies to January 1st as well. Enjoy your family time together and safe travels!



FriendShip Choir will be on hiatus following the Christmas pageant on December 11th. We will reconvene on Wednesday, January 11th. Watch for more details to come! We look forward to continuing our faith songs and games in the new year!



NOTES FROM TIM

Tim Reynolds, Director of Music



Christmas I mean Advent is coming

November 27 marks the beginning of the Advent season; the season of anticipation and reflection as we prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. Like preparing for a big trip or a big social event much careful planning and energy is put into the preparations for the event itself. Advent should be like that for us in our spiritual preparations for Christmas Day. Try not to get so caught up in all of the busy-ness of December with the commercial and social agendas that you miss the opportunity to reflect on the special nature of the Advent season; the season of preparing. The lovely Advent poem *Simply Celebrate You* by contemporary poet Mary Ann Jindra helps remind us to calm down and reflect on what the season of Advent should be about:

*Lord, before this fleeting season is upon us,
let me remember to walk slowly.*

*Lord, bless my heart with Love and with quiet.
Give my heart a leaning to hear carols.*

*Grace our family with contentment,
and the peace that comes only from You.*

*Lord, help us to do less this busy season;
go less; stay closer to home; kneel more.*

*May our hearts be Your heart.
May we simply, peacefully, celebrate You.*

Early December!

First Fridays in Bluffton!

Monica continues to host **First Friday** in Bluffton. Drop-off your children the **First Friday** of each month from 6-8:30. They will play, have dinner, fellowship and fun while you might enjoy some holiday shopping or wrapping! Join her December 2 and get in the Christmas spirit!



Bluffton Christmas Parade: Children and youth are invited to walk with the SABTS Christmas float in the Bluffton Christmas Parade, Saturday December 3rd. Meet us at The Sugary at 9am; we'll walk to the start of the parade route from there. Pickup will be at the Persimmon Street building. Don't forget to drop off your leftover Halloween candy to Matt, Monica or Lauren prior to Saturday to pass out during the parade!

Teddy Bear Sunday December 4th. All members are invited to bring in a new teddy bear this Sunday, Dec 4th. The teddy bears will bring lots of joy to underprivileged children in our community. Our St. Andrew children will also be making Christmas cards and ornaments during lessons this Sunday to be distributed with the bears and Children's Bibles. This is a wonderful way for our children to get into the spirit of giving!



Giving At A Glance (January-October 2016)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 10/31/2016	\$767,509	\$212,966	\$980,475
Budget thru 10/31/2016	\$864,000	\$202,700	\$1,066,700
Variance	(\$96,491) = Below Budget	\$10,266 = Above Budget	(\$86,225) = Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-October 2016)

	<u>For The Year Actual</u>	<u>For The Year Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$1,031,636	\$1,063,638	(\$32,002)
Expenses	\$1,130,397	\$1,124,165	\$6,232
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$98,761)	(\$60,527)	(\$38,234)

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 10/31/2016	\$ 2,178,596
Total Received thru 10/31/2016	\$ 1,196,420 (55.0%)

Year-End Giving

Our Hilton Head office will be closed for staff from December 24 through Dec. 28. Some staff will be present December 29 and 30th til 4:00 p.m., reopening for regular hours on Monday, January 2. Please keep this in mind as you make your year-end gifts. Any gift given in the **offering plates through Sunday, December 25 or postmarked by December 31 will be accounted for as a 2016 gift. Another way to give before year-end is on-line** through InFellowship which will securely accept your credit card, debit card or you can generate an e-check. *(The IRS does not allow gifts in the offering on January 1 to be posted for 2016.)* In this challenging year following Hurricane Matthew, we appreciate all those who can complete their pledge as it will affect our cash and ability to fund 2017. We are currently projecting a deficit beyond that seen above.

Please note on your check if any year-end gifts are to be considered as a **pre-pay** against your 2017 pledge or giving. These pre-paid gifts are always a great advantage to the church's cash flow early in the year and may provide you some tax advantage. Check with your tax specialist.

As always, please mark your check or envelope with the words PLEDGE if the gift is to be attributed toward your estimate of giving for the operating budget...or One Church/Two Doors for the Capital Campaign. Questions about stock or other gifts should be directed to Nadine in the

Alternative Gifts

When you don't know what to give, consider giving a donation to one of St. Andrew's funds. Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving. Whether it's Christmas, an anniversary, a memorial or other special situation, simply write your check payable to St. Andrew, note one of the funds in the Alternative Gift Brochure, and we can provide a lovely gift card that we can mail for you, or give to you to send. Information is available at both campus locations.





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Welcome New Members



Welcome to Jim, Monica, Oliver and Harrison Barricks. Monica is Bluffton's Children and Family Coordinator. They joined on November 13 at our Bluffton Campus.



Welcome to Diane and Greg Lukas, Jack and Lucy Scandrett and Kay and Tom Sharp. These couples joined at our Hilton Head Campus on November 20.

