

# THE FISHERMAN

December 2017



St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church will have four evening Christmas Eve Candlelight services, including its sixth annual *Christmas Eve Under the Stars* in Bluffton. Please note changes to our regular Sunday Morning Worship times on Christmas Eve Sunday.

**10:00am** - ONE morning service at Pope Avenue.

**10:30am** - Service in Bluffton will be held at Bluffton Oyster Factory, 63 Wharf St. (same location as Christmas Eve Under the Stars)

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

**6:30pm** - *Christmas Eve Under the Stars*, a casual outdoor service under the stars at Oyster Factory Park in downtown Bluffton (63 Wharf St.). The service includes Christmas music and carols with the worship band, children's time, hot chocolate and cookies, a bon fire, and a Christmas message.

**7:00pm** - Traditional Service including Communion with harp at 20 Pope Avenue.

**9:30pm** - Traditional Service with Chancel Choir at 20 Pope Avenue.

## Upcoming Advent Events

**Dec. 2:** 10:00am Bluffton Parade

**Dec. 3:** Teddy Bear Sunday at both Campuses

**Dec. 3:** Advent Wreath-making 6:00pm Pope Avenue

**Dec. 9:** Christmas Grace at Coastal Carolina Hospital

**Dec. 13:** Office Volunteer Luncheon

**Dec. 17:** Children's Pageant at BOTH campuses at 10:30am

**Dec. 20:** All-church caroling at Shelter Cove "Dove Street Festival of Lights" 6:00pm

**Dec. 31** One 10:00am service

**Please check our website calendar for other activities at: [SaintAndrewByTheSea.com](http://SaintAndrewByTheSea.com) or [hhumc.com](http://hhumc.com)**



## Calling All Cookie Bakers!



Last year, at our *Christmas Eve Under the Stars* in Bluffton, we had approximately 400 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 [mkaelinhhumc@gmail.com](mailto:mkaelinhhumc@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 Deepest Sympathy:

- ◆ To the family of our Christian sister Gloria Ogilvie on November 4th.
- ◆ To the family of Earlene Graudin, our former Financial Secretary on November 16th.

**Our ill or convalescing:** Dean Beckelhimer, Barbara Yocum, Bill West, Larry Evans, Charlie Castelli, Patti Castelli, Pat Priddy, Betty Krikorian, Ken Seavers, Sandi Linaberger, Tim Brinker



## Fall Festival Pictures and Praise

On a beautiful, sunny November 4th day, the 39th annual St. Andrew By-The-Sea Fall Festival was held at the Pope Avenue location. Volunteers greeted over 1500 shoppers to the Silent Auction and sale that featured gift cards, decorative items, collectibles, jewelry, tools, baked goods, books, and garden items. The event raised over \$40,000 to benefit St. Andrew's mission efforts. Many thanks to the approximately 180 volunteers that made the event possible, to Spike Ivory, who provided music during the day, and to the soup kitchen volunteers who prepared and sold food.



### “Your Brain: Use it or Lose it! Practical Tips for all Ages”

**Description:** It's never too late or too early to improve your brain power. Learn how to train your brain AND protect it. Science shows you can build brain capacity and this engaging class will teach you how! Please join Memory Matters in the Celebration Center on Jan. 25th, 4:00–5:30pm, as we learn how to keep this vital organ healthy and reach its peak performance.

## Fisherman Next Deadline

The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Wednesday, December 20th**. Please submit your articles and photos to: [standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com](mailto:standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com)



## Welcome Our New Members



Dempsey and Lisa Medford joined at our Hilton Head Campus on November 5, 2017.

John and Delane Marynowski joined at our Hilton Head Campus on November 19, 2017.



This year's 19th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks was another successful mission! Over 1400 dinners were served, and \$9200 was raised for Deep Well and Bluffton Self-Help!



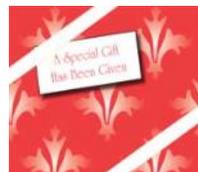
## Teddy Bear Sunday

Teddy Bear Sunday is a special St. Andrew By-The-Sea tradition which takes place during Advent. Bring a new Teddy Bear to church -- both services, both campuses--on Sunday,



December 3rd. Some bears will go to non-profits in the community who will surprise children in need or crisis with these cuddly gifts. Other bears will be part of our Christmas Grace Toy Shoppe on December 9th. All of the bears will make Christmas a little brighter for these special children.

## Alternative Gifts



When you don't know what to give, please 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.

## Bluffton and Youth Events



Annual Bluffton Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our youth have been busy making up goody bags to be distributed to families on the parade route! Inside the bags, families will receive an invitation to our Christmas Eve service, SABTS pen, magnet with our church information and candy. Our float is featuring the Spike Ivory Band and all our youth walking along side in their Gingerbread t-shirts!



**First Friday's** in Bluffton have been a great success. This is a fantastic opportunity to invite a family with children through grade 5 to "try out" our church. We have steadily been reaching new children and parents through this ministry! It is always the First Friday of each month in Bluffton from 6pm-8pm.

### It's a Super Hero Christmas!

Join us Dec. 17th, during the Bluffton 10:30am worship service, for the Children's Christmas Play. It will feature Spiderman, Captain America, Wonder Woman and more. As they brag about how they all have saved the world, they meet a new Super Hero in the form of a baby.



Join us Sunday mornings in Bluffton at 9:30am on the patio for *Coffee and Conversations*. This is a time when Pastor Daniel and Monica gather with others to do a morning devotion, prayer and more in-depth conversation on the topic that Sunday. Childcare is available, but all are welcome on the patio!

**Confirmation Class** – what a fantastic start to our year-long | confirmation class. Our confirmands have already felt the grace of God available to them and are learning to live as people of faith. We will meet this month, December 3rd at 1:00pm at the Hilton Head Dunkin Donuts, to break bread together and learn more about our Methodist faith.



**Revolution 2018!** Make sure to sign up your youth for an amazing weekend, January 26-28 in Columbia, SC. This is sure to be a life-changing event for your young person to encounter Christ among hundreds of other youth from the state. All youth grades 6th –12th are welcome!



**Be Welcome, O Emmanuel**

**December 3 begins the season of Advent.** The website of the United Methodist Church tells us:

*The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.*

**Here at the Pope Avenue campus we mark each Sunday in Advent in a special way.**

**December 3rd** is the first Sunday of Advent and we celebrate with *Teddy Bear Sunday* in our morning worship services. Folks are encouraged to bring new stuffed bears and animals to worship, then take them to the altar rail during the singing of the final hymn. These furry friends will be distributed to needy children and families through local aid agencies and as part of our Christmas Grace marketplace. *(December 3rd we also will be having Advent Night - See following page for details.)*

**December 10th** we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent by paying particular attention to our new Chrismon tree in the sanctuary and the special ornaments that adorn it. Chrismon (a contraction for 'Christ monograms') ornaments are made from Christian symbols and were first developed by Frances Spencer and the women of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA. Many churches display a Chrismon tree during the Advent and Christmas season decorated with handmade ornaments. Our sanctuary has been filled with light and the spirit of the season reflected in the Chrismon tree for many years.

**December 17th** the third Sunday of Advent, is a very special Sunday here on Pope Avenue with our children performing their very own Christmas pageant, *Follow the Star*, in the Celebration Center between morning worship services. We also add poinsettias to the sanctuary decor this week. The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought of as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.

**December 24th** will be a very busy day here at our Pope Avenue campus. We begin with a single festive morning worship service of *Lessons and Carols* at 10:00am. This service also includes candle-lighting. At 4:30pm, we have our traditional Family Candlelight Service with music provided by our Women’s Ensemble. At 7:00pm we celebrate the events of Christmas Eve with a traditional candlelight service which includes communion. Then at 9:30pm, the Chancel Choir leads our final traditional candlelight service. We are fortunate to have St. Andrew’s own harpist, Lucy Scandrett, joining us for all our Christmas Eve services.

We hope you’ll be able to join us for one or more of these special worship opportunities.

**See you in church!**

**Tim**



**Year-End Giving**

Please keep St. Andrew in mind as you make your year-end gifts. Any gift given in the offering plates through Sunday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31 will be accounted for as a 2017 gift. 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 as we begin the new year’s budget. Another way to give is on-line through InFellowship which will securely accept your credit card, debit card or you can generate an e-check. As always, please mark your check or envelope with the words PLEDGE if the gift is to be attributed toward your estimate of giving. Questions about stock gifts should be directed to Casey in the church office at 843-785-4711.



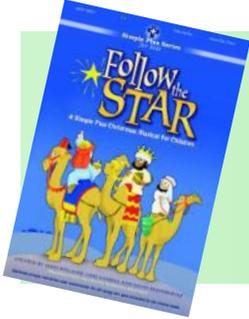


# Hilton Head and Church-wide Events

## Family Advent Wreath Making \$10/family Sunday, December 3rd, 6:00pm at the Celebration Center

Get into the spirit of preparing your heart for the arrival of the Christ Child. We will provide the supplies, and guide you through making your Advent Wreath. In addition, we'll provide you with weekly advent devotions.

Families (couples and singles) are asked to email [conniebhhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:conniebhhiumc@gmail.com) to make reservations. Cookies and cocoa will be provided.



## Hilton Head Campus Christmas Pageant

Join the children of the Hilton Head Campus during coffee hour on Dec. 17th as they present their performance of "Follow the Star". The story follows the journey of the Magi as they seek to find the most precious gift of all. Cast party for children following the pageant during the 11:15am service.

**Special thanks to all involved in making this happen!**

## Psalms for Our Lives

January 17th to February 14th, 2018 - Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm  
Room C106 in the Celebration Center (Pope Avenue Campus)



Finding yourself feeling anxious these days, either just uneasy or outright fearful? There are Psalms for such times. Or maybe you're feeling happy, even joyful, for God's abundant grace. There are Psalms that speak to joy in life, too. There are Psalms that celebrate faith, and others that lament God's apparent absence. There are Psalms for when a new leader begins, and others for the moment when friends betray our trust. Psalms speak to every moment of life.



Join us for a fresh look at this ancient hymnbook of our faith, deeply rooted in Judaism. We'll use as our text Walter Brueggemann's little book, *Spirituality of the Psalms*. We'll hear some musical settings of the Psalms, and maybe even sing one or two. We'll meet for five sessions on successive Wednesday evenings beginning January 17. Retired United Methodist pastor Richard Allen will lead the discussion.

Sign up online ([conniebhhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:conniebhhiumc@gmail.com)) or call the church office. A limited number of books are available to purchase \$9.00. After each meeting, you're invited to share a meal at a local eatery. Restaurant details will be available in the January *Fisherman*.



Our story begins . . . .



***"In January of 1968 three ministers surveyed the island population regarding the interest in building a Methodist church. The response was overwhelming: "Establish a church!"***

From humble beginnings, we've come a long way since 1968, and we've got lots of great plans for 2018 to celebrate St. Andrew By-The-Sea's 50th Anniversary, culminating with our **Celebration Weekend** on **June 30th - July 1st**. Mark calendars now for our picnic on that Saturday at Honey Horn and special worship experiences on Sunday.

On **January 21st** at 3:00pm, we'll start things off with an all-church **Oyster Roast** at Bluffton Oyster Factory Park. We've got several other events planned leading up to the big weekend this summer, so watch for more details and opportunities in upcoming *Fisherman* articles to celebrate our 50 years of blessings at St. Andrew!





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**Giving at a Glance (January-October 2017)**

	<b>Pledge Contributions</b>	<b>Non-Pledge/Loose Plate Contributions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Actual thru 10/31/17	\$786,978	\$247,883	\$1,034,86
Budget thru 10/31/17	\$858,000	\$240,000	\$1,098,000
Variance	(\$71,022)	\$7,883	(\$63,139)
	<b>=Below Budget</b>	<b>=Above Budget</b>	<b>=Below Budget</b>

**Income and Expenses (January-October 2017)**

	<b>For The Year Actual</b>	<b>For The Year Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Income	\$1,298,351	\$1,202,396	\$95,955
Expenses	\$1,189,373	\$1,237,717	(\$48,344)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$108,978	(\$35,321)	\$144,299

**Capital Campaign Update**

Total Pledged thru 10/31/2017      \$2,145,596  
Total Received thru 10/31/2017      \$1,638,349 (76.4%)

*Reminder: Our One Church Two Doors Capital Campaign concludes March 2018.*