

THE FISHERMAN

February 2017

Sue Yearwood, Rev. Brad Gray to lead Consecration Sunday



Sue Yearwood is serving as our Consecration Sunday Chairperson. Sue, who has over 35 years' experience in strategic Human Resource functions in financial institutions in the mid-west, joined St. Andrew while our Bluffton Campus was worshiping at USCB. Though retired, she has provided her considerable expertise to many lowcountry causes since moving to the area and was named Hero of the Year in 2015 by Heroes of the Lowcountry. She is a regular usher and greeter at our Bluffton Campus, serves on the Mission Committee and co-chairs our Bridge Committee. Other



Consecration team members include Tania Owen, Jim Gresham, Serena Chandler, Jean Thompson, Brian & Donna Evans, and Steve Alm. Rev. Brad Gray will be our Guest Leader on February 19. Brad is the pastor at St. Andrew Parish in Charleston. His wife, the Rev. Megan Gray, serves at Cokesbury in Charleston. Brad will be speaking at the 10:00 worship on Hilton Head and at the 11:00 worship service in Bluffton. (*Note service time changes.*)

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

February 19

10:00a.m. on Hilton Head; 11:00a.m. in Bluffton

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's ministries. Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and our church leadership. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

In His service,
Charlie Hannah, Church Council Chairman

Cares & Concerns

Deepest Sympathy to:

Ronnie Gray upon the death of her mother Lettie Arrington on Dec. 26 on Hilton Head;
Carol Uhlhorn upon the death of her husband Tex Uhlhorn on January 15 in Bluffton;
The Family of Celeste Lister upon her death on January 20 on Hilton Head;
Jim Morrison upon the death of his sister Lucille, in Parkersburg, WV;
Diana Loftin upon the death of her mother, Gladys Rock on January 31 on Hilton Head.

Our ill or convalescing:

Dean Beckelhimer, Meg Sippy, Mike Joyce, Dan Hepler, Ed Wilcox, Ed McCall, Jean Gunn, Nels Nelson, Lucy Scandrett, Carolyn Strong, Karen Smith, Pam Mihelic, Bill Rhomberg, Harry Batastini, Berta McArthur, Joanne Neely, Marti Etter, Joyce West, Shelly Hudson

Youth Attend Revolution



SABTS had **22 youth** attend Revolution in Columbia, SC, the weekend of January 27th.

Communion Servers Needed

The Church is in need of Communion Servers at the Pope Avenue Services. If you have any interest in serving at these important events, please contact Jane Giddings at [843-341-7917](tel:843-341-7917), or e-mail giddingsm92@gmail.com.

Fisherman Next Deadline



The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Monday, February 20th**. Please submit your articles and photos to: standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com

Freedom Day February 4

The Bridge Builders group invites all to participate in the February 4 celebration of Freedom Day in the historic Mitchelville area on the north end of the Island. Activities begin at the Cherry Hill School, 209 Dillon Road, with a walking or biking tour available. A special performance of the stage play, "Remembering the Days of Mitchelville" will be held at St. James Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m. across the road from the Cherry Hill School.

Presentation on Macular Degeneration

Dr. Peter E. Liggett, a well-known specialist on macular degeneration, will present a discussion on the causes and treatment of macular degeneration. **The date for this presentation will be March 9th at 4:00 pm.** in the Celebration Center of St. Andrew By-The-Sea.

The presentation will last approximately 1 hour and will be followed by light refreshments. As we reach older age, the topic becomes of great importance and the Health Ministries provides this discussion as part of its ongoing presentation of health issues. Please sign up by contacting the Hilton Head church office desk at 843-785-4711, if possible.

Organ/Piano Duet Concert



The Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting an Organ/Piano Duet concert featuring Debby Graves (St. Andrew By-The-Sea), Linda Hamilton (Holy Family Catholic Church), Nina Rodman (St. Luke's), and JooSoo Son

(Providence Presbyterian Church). The four organists will be performing familiar compositions including: "O How He Loves You and Me," "Shall We Gather At the River," "The Heavens Are Telling," "Day By Day," "My Tribute," "Crown Him With Many Crowns," and others. You won't want to miss this concert presented at St. Andrew, 20 Pope Avenue. **The concert is on February 10th at 12 noon and is free of charge.**



Financial Update: “Hurricane Matthew, Be Gone!!”

In early December, I gave an update of the church finances at that time, noting the challenges we had endured as a result of Hurricane Matthew. The figures were indicating that at the then current trend, we may well end the year with a deficit of \$50,000 and we expected to see at least \$10,000 in hurricane expense not covered by insurance. An appeal was made for those who may have been disrupted in their giving to revisit their situation and give consideration to extend support to the church where they could. And for all to consider making gifts to return a part of the blessings we experienced in mostly being spared from the storm. The result was slightly short of a miracle. At the January Church Council meeting Jack Voden began the Treasurer’s Report by saying, “I bring to you glad tidings of great joy!”

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce that the preliminary figures indicate the Operating Fund will end the year with a **SURPLUS of about \$30,000** as well as funds to cover our hurricane recovery. This result is a testament to the will and generosity of this congregation. Each of you enables all of us to be in service to the Lord in our individual ways.

This month, we “reboot” our Consecration Sunday stewardship campaign for 2017. As has been noted, we deferred Consecration Sunday to allow all to focus on the recovery effort from Matthew, both in our individual lives and as a community.

My hope is that the spirit of support we showed our church in the month of December will also be reflected as we complete our Consecration campaign. We have great missions and great visions for the upcoming year, which will require great commitments. Often times we don’t bring faith along when it comes to finance. I, myself, have great faith in our abilities.

I would like to leave you with a story that occurred in our December miracle. On one of the checks we received, which was a gift above and beyond this individual’s regular giving, the person wrote on the memo line: MATTHEW, BE GONE! (or something to that effect). It is that spirit and commitment which make this a great church. And remember, all that a church is – is a group of believers.

James E. Gresham, Finance Committee Chairman - 2017

Giving At A Glance (January –December 2016)

	Pledge Contributions	Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions	Total
Actual thru 12/31/16	\$ 960,905	\$287,045	\$1,247,950
Budget thru 12/31/16	1,012,363	272,500	1,284,863
Variance	(\$51,458)	\$ 14,545	(\$36,913)
	=Below Budget	=Above Budget	=Below Budget

	Income and Expenses (January—December 2016)		Variance
	For the Year Actual	For the Year Budget	
Income	\$1, 350,357	\$1,329,000	\$21,357
Expenses	1,319,449	1,329,000	(\$9,551)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$30,908	\$0	\$30,908

Capital Campaign Update: Total Pledged thru 12/31/2016 \$2,181,696
Total Received thru 12/31/2016 \$1,366,277 (62.8%)

Blood Drive

Our winter Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, February 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. As we know, supplies of blood are short because of the disruption from the hurricane. Sign up at giddingsm92@gmail.com to help restore our local needs. We thank all who have given in the past and encourage all who can to donate blood for this upcoming drive. -The Health Ministries

New Members

Please welcome our newest members! January 15 - Tom and Kathy Fromme and Tom Martin joined on HH. January 22 - Amy and Nathan Kunkle, Mary and Brian Little and their sons Lakin and Aubrey joined in Bluffton, while Betty and Lorena Best joined on the island. And finally, January 29 - Dawn Hickerson and Barbara Yocum joined at the Hilton Head Campus.



Faith House Kickoff

What a blessing the Habitat Faith House kick-off was. The weather was perfect and the camaraderie of people from the three sponsoring churches was amazing. We had a great time and got a lot of work done. Monsignor Michael Hanlon from Holy Family, Deacon Pat Sheehan from St. Francis, and our own pastor, Reverend Daniel Burbage were on hand to offer prayers and bless the house. The Antonella Fioritti family will become the new owners of the house when it is completed in about four months.
-The Missions Committee



Purls of Wisdom



Every Wednesday morning at 11:00, we can be found knitting away in the Pope Avenue library. We work on our own projects as well as charity knitting for the Christmas Grace program and for schools in eastern Tennessee and in West Virginia whose children need warm hats and mittens. **This past year, 190 charity items were given to these programs, each stitch knitted with Christ's love.** We welcome all skill levels, even beginners who want to learn. Have yarn stored away you'll never use? Drop it off and we will make something soft and warm for someone. More info: Pamela Denlinger [843-422-4972](tel:843-422-4972)

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Date: February 28

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Celebration Center

Cost: \$8.00/ adult or teen, \$3.00/child (under 5 years – free)

All proceeds and donations go to St. Andrew Scholarship Fund!

Our Scholarship and Family Ministries Committees invite you for an evening of fun for all ages including Mardi Gras beads & masks, pancake races, crafts, and stacks of yummy pancakes and sausage to eat! In addition, the Alligator Dixieland Jazz Band will provide lots festive music to help make the evening extra special.



Please join us for this night of fun and fellowship – all for a great cause!

Your support and generosity allows us to assist numerous college and seminary students - four in our own church family: Mark Evans and Hannah Medford are both pursuing careers in ministry; Paige Medford and Drew O'Brien are studying other career paths.

Look for the sign-up table following worship on February 26. You can also make reservations by calling or emailing the church office **by noon on Monday, February 27.**



John: The Gospel of Light and Life

Dates: March 1 to April 5 (Wednesdays)

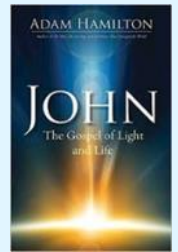
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Wesley Room (Celebration Center – Pope Avenue)

Leaders: Dick Phillips and Steve Alm

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” In this 6-week, DVD-series, **John: The Gospel of Light and Life** (by Adam Hamilton), you’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

A limited number of books have been ordered for this study. Call or email Connie at the church office to sign up and reserve a copy of the book (\$12.00). You can also obtain your own copy of the book (hard copy or electronically) through your favorite bookseller (Barnes & Noble, Amazon, or Cokesbury). Participants are asked to read the introduction and chapter 1 prior to the first study session.



We have several different options for Small Groups at our Bluffton Campus. It's a great way to connect with others in a meaningful way. If you would like more information on joining one, please talk with Monica Barricks at 864-838-5227.

First Friday Children's Ministry

February 3rd from 6pm-8pm at the Bluffton Campus. (\$5 per child/includes dinner)

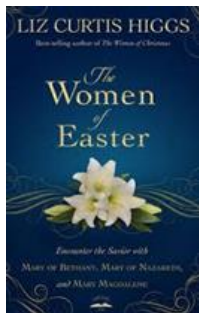
Argh Matey!! The children are going on a Pirate Treasure Hunt.

Our mission activity is making valentines for Backpack Buddies.

Please sign up through Monica via phone or email: monicabhiumc@gmail.com



More Opportunities for Kids & Families



Women's Lenten Study

Dates: March 2 to April 6 (Thursdays)
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Wesley Room (Celebration Center – Pope Avenue)
Leaders: Pam Denlinger and Kathy Stricker

We'll meet three women named Mary, each of whom has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Mary of Bethany prepares the way for the Lord's burial when she anoints His feet and fills the air with her perfume. His mother, Mary of Nazareth, remains by His side from His first breath to His last, her loyalty unwavering. Mary Magdalene, delivered of seven demons, bravely supports her Teacher through His darkest hours, then proclaims the glorious news of His resurrection. Reading then discussing ***The Women of Easter*** by Liz Curtis Higgs, your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience.

A limited number of books have been ordered for this study. Call or email Connie at the church office to sign up and reserve a copy of the book (\$10.00). You can also obtain your own copy of the book (hard copy or electronically) through your favorite bookseller (Barnes & Noble, Amazon, or Cokesbury). Participants are asked to read the introduction and chapter 1 prior to the first study session.



Save the Date: "Hero Central" VBS June 5-9th

We need some heroes! This year's **Hilton Head Campus Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 5-9th** from 9am-12:30pm. If you're interested in helping with another epic Bible adventure, contact Hilton Head Children's Coordinator Lauren Ricciardelli at laurenrhiumc@gmail.com. We need classroom shepherds, station leaders (crafts, science, etc.), check-in helpers and more! Youth age volunteers also welcomed.



Attention Parents! Children's Day on the Hilton Head Campus is quickly approaching. **Mark your calendars for March 12th**. Children will lead both services as Greeters, Ushers, Readers and Singers. Bible Presentations for 4th Graders will also be held that morning at the 11:15am service. If your child is interested in having a role in the service, contact Lauren Ricciardelli.

laurenrhiumc@gmail.com

Parents Night Out on January 13th was well attended by children of both campuses. Look for another "Night Out" coming up this spring.

DVDs Needed for Nursery

Do you have some children's DVDs that you no longer use? We are looking for DVD donations – bible stories and classic children's stories to help us keep our little ones entertained in our church nursery. Just drop your DVD off at the Volunteer Desk in the Education Building.

The Annual Stephen Ministry Prayer Project

For the past 20 years, as Easter approaches during the Lenten Season, Stephen Ministers at St. Andrew By-The-Sea have responded to confidential prayer requests for those experiencing difficulties in their lives. Again this year such requests may be made by members, friends or visitors. Stephen Ministers will use a prayer meditation which will give us the opportunity to grow in our own spiritual lives, as well as bring the needs of those we pray for closer to God.



Forms for prayer requests will be available beginning SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th. If you wish, a card with a personal message from a Stephen Minister will be sent to those for whom we pray. In that case, please include the person's address. As noted earlier, all information you provide will be held in confidence.

Please place completed forms in the offering plates or drop them in the marked wooden box in the Narthex at the Hilton Head Campus. You may also send requests to the church office at 20 Pope Ave., HHI, SC 29928 or by email to stephenministryhhiumc@gmail.com

All requests must be received by Tuesday, February 28.

Faithful Harvesters

This is a reintroduction to our small group called Faithful Harvesters. It is an "open" group for all members of St. Andrew By-The-Sea (Bluffton and Hilton Head) and for friends of our membership. Faithful Harvesters was launched on October 14, 2015, with a brown bag lunch and Pastor Daniel Burbage speaking about his African American University Experience. Since that beginning we have had a day trip to Beaufort National Cemetery for Veteran's Day; volunteered for Christmas Grace set-up and day of distribution of gifts; and attended live performances in Bluffton, Hilton Head and Savannah. We have also gone as a group to a variety of restaurants in our area. We had guest speakers from our "Island" campus to speak about the Scholarship Fund and Christmas Grace. This is a small group/fellowship organization with an enthusiastic passion for serving our group members, our Church and our community. The fellowship and friendships that are developed with attendance is a blessing. We are not a Bible Study, but we are spiritual, prayerful and have a strong faith with trust and love for our Lord Jesus Christ. There are activities planned for February, March, April and May. On **February 21**, we will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Food Lion in Okatie to go to Savannah to tour First African Baptist Church, eat lunch, and tour the Visitors Center and plan our group walking tour. Contact Pat Headley at 843-705-9769 if interested.

On **February 28**, we will meet at the Bluffton Campus to go to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Scholarship fundraiser dinner. We will include a tour of our Hilton Head Campus Church for those who wish it. Contact Juanita Graul if interested.

March: Field Trip to St. Elena Museum, Beaufort and Restaurant

April: Lunch at Mi Tierrita, Okatie with a Speaker

May: Field Trip to Port Royal Foundation Maritime Center and Restaurant

We have other plans TBA.

Hurricane Debris Clean-Up

Thanks to eight of our members who joined FEMA folks from Missouri to make a difference in the lives of the people living on Deep Fording Road on January 31.





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Our Staff Thanks You



After one month into the new year, and all the Christmas decorations are stashed and 2017 is in full swing, the staff of SABTS is still remembering and celebrating the past year. Our greatest celebration is thinking of each one of you who together have joined with us on the staff to continue to fulfill our ministry together. We do look toward the year ahead in anticipation of continuing Christ's mission. Of all that was done, nothing meant more to us, nor gave us greater satisfaction than the blessings we received from you, the members of the congregation.

We love you, and each one of us thank you!



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