

Christmas Continues in our Hearts...

The calendar may have turned to 2017, but the Christmas spirit still abides with us. Despite the ugliness that Hurricane Matthew brought, the beauty and peace of the season and the light of the Christ Child seemed to shine even more brightly this year. Check this edition of the Fisherman for other reports and photos from December. But also in this edition note:

- Parent Class begins January 8**
- Dinner for Eight sign ups**
- Dine About on Wednesdays**
- Bridge Builders**
- MLK Schedule**
- Wednesday night study...and more**

"Magical" would be the best description when Santa arrived on December 23 at the By The Sea Soup Kitchen and presented gifts to about 65 children.




ChristmasGrace

Christmas Grace is always a very special day in the life of St. Andrew By-The-Sea. This year was no exception. On Saturday, December 10th, the Medical Annex at Coastal Carolina Hospital was turned into a Christmas Toy Shoppe wonderland. Parents whose children are in the Backpack Buddies program in Hardeeville were nearly over-whelmed by the beautiful selection of toys, books, teddy bears, small household appliances and special gifts for the moms hand-knit by the women of our church. While there were hugs and tears of joy over the presents, the greatest gift of all was time spent with one of our devoted Stephen's Ministers who listened to them, prayed with them and gave them a Bible for their children. If you have never had the opportunity to be there, you can't begin to imagine what an amazing, inspiring and humbling experience it is. With the hard work and true dedication of many volunteers from both campuses, a wonderful Christmas experience was created for 57 families representing 109 children. We are very grateful to our community partners: Plantation Storage who loaned us a truck for the weekend, Chic-Fil-A who provided lunch for the volunteers and Coastal Carolina Hospital for again, very generously, giving us the site. A special thanks goes to our Stephen Ministers: Maxine Rogers, Scottie Lindsay, BeJe Anderson and Shirley Kelly; to Pamela Denlinger, Donna and Brian Evans, Bonnie and Fred Reeve; our toy shoppers: Andi and Norm Argast, Laurie Jones and Kelley Burbage, and to all of the volunteers who so graciously and lovingly showed the love of Christ to our families and made Christmas Grace 2016 such a wonderful success.

Love and blessings, Sue and Ken Kroupa



Cares & Concerns

Deepest Sympathy to Gloria Ogilvie and the Ogilvie family upon the death of our Christian brother Bruce Ogilvie on December 7. Services will be held at St. Andrew on January 21 at 4:00 p.m. We also learned over the holidays of the passing of our Christian sister Bette Herbig in Indiana on June 24, 2016.

Our ill or convalescing: Joan Priddy, Jean Gunn, Joanne Neely, Janet McEacharn, Nels Nelson, Dean Beckelhimer, Mary Kelly, Meg Sippy, Susan Roberts, Tex Uhlhorn, Mike Joyce, Dan Helper, Cynthia Mayer, Ed Wilcox, Ed McCall, Bobby Riggs, Pauline Talcott, Joyce West

Blood Drive

Watch for more information soon about our next Blood Drive at Pope Avenue scheduled for Sunday, February 12!

Bridge Resumes

Thursday Bridge resumes in the Celebration Center January 12 at 1p.m. New players welcome. Any questions call Kathy Stricker at [843-686-3556](tel:843-686-3556).

Christmas Parade



St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC had a wonderful time being a part of the Bluffton Christmas Parade

again this year! Thanks to those who helped decorate the float, donated candy or walked/rode in the parade!

Fisherman Next Deadline



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

Bluffton Small Group

The Bluffton Sunday evening small group will begin a **new study on January 15**. We will be using "Parables from the Backside" from J. Ellsworth Kalas. This study will cover 12 of the parables. Books (paper or e-book) will need to be obtained. Each session is individual, so if someone misses a Sunday, they may come and not be behind. Meetings are at 39 Persimmon Street #204 at 6:30 p.m.

Presentation on Macular Degeneration

Dr. 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 United Methodist Church. 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 if possible.

Thanks, Health Ministries

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 United Methodist Church), 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 By-The-Sea United Methodist Church at 20 Pope Avenue. **The concert is on February 10th at 12 noon and is free of charge.**



Mission & Outreach Committee Highlights - 2016

The Mission and Outreach Committee had a wonderful year in 2016. The support of the congregation and volunteers of St. Andrew By-The-Sea has been tremendous. Missions of the church span a broad range from Stephen Ministry to Soup Kitchen, from Back Pack Buddies to Christmas Grace and many more. Here is a condensed summary of what has been accomplished with the time, talents, and treasure of the congregation at both campuses.

Financial to Bluffton Campus Mission and Outreach Support Activities

Easter Offering for Missions

Ecuador Mission Trip – 10 person team to Quito to help build a Sunday School building

Epworth Children's Center – monetary support

Bishop Holston's Initiatives – monetary support

Imagine No Malaria

Housing for Homeless in Greenville

Fall Festival - great success a month after Hurricane Matthew; proceeds support missions and outreach of the church

Assignment coordination, food, and lodging at Pope Ave campus for 3 UMCOR hurricane recovery teams; 3,100 cleaning buckets distributed by both campuses

Grants to 15 non-profit organizations totaling \$43,833

Missionary commitment renewal in Panama and Lithuania, plus Ecuador added

Thanksgiving Community Dinner – 400 volunteers, 1,500 meals, \$10,000 in donations benefiting Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help

Teddy Bear Sunday – 310 Teddy Bears distributed to local organizations, Christmas Grace, and the Soup Kitchen

Christmas Grace - ~60 families with ~180 children, who are some of the neediest in Jasper County, were given a dignified Christmas shopping experience

Christmas Offering – ½ to Thanksgiving Dinner, and ¼ each to Deep Well & Bluffton Self Help

Faith House – Habitat for Humanity sponsorship finalized and house foundation placed

Strategy for Mission Committee Grant Award Decision Making completed and used

Wheels of Love transportation ministry launched for those who no longer drive

We look forward to where God will lead us in 2017.

Toney Mathews

Chairman, Missions and Outreach

Another Successful Teddy Bear Sunday



Bears were collected at both St. Andrew campuses on December 4.

As noted above, 310 bears were collected.



Picture Perfect Pageants

Many, many thanks to all the parents and volunteers who made the Christmas pageants a wonderful success! Thanks also to the congregation members who were able to attend! We hope you enjoyed the presentations as much as the children enjoyed performing them.



Christmas Eve Under The Stars



A crowd of about 650 attended our 5th Annual Christmas Eve Under The Stars service in Bluffton, a new record for that unique outdoor experience.

The day started much earlier than the 6:30p.m. service. Many enthusiastic volunteers arrived at 11a.m. to prepare the site. Before and after the service, guests were treated to cookies and hot chocolate prepared by our hospitality volunteers.

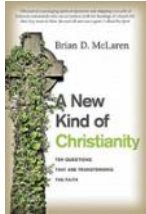
Thanks to all who served as parking attendants, greeters, hospitality staff and whatever else was needed. Without the tireless efforts of these volunteers, the service would not have happened.



Upcoming Events/Opportunities



A fellowship ministry to meet new friends, reconnect with others, and build relationships at both campuses of St. Andrew By-The-Sea
Registration deadline extended to January 15! See details and registration form on the church website: www.hhiumc.com.



Dates: January 18 to February 22, 2017

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Celebration Center – Hilton Head

Leader: Rev. Richard Allen

Using **A New Kind of Christianity** by Brian McLaren as the basis of our discussions, Rev. Richard Allen 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 – whether you were able to be with us for the fall sessions or not.** Rev. Allen will provide a brief review/synopsis of 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. Please obtain a copy of the study book via nook or Kindle, or order from Amazon.com or local Barnes & Noble (843-342-6690). **Participants are asked to read Chapter 16 prior to our session on January 18.**

Bridge Builders After the Mother Emanuel tragedy, many of our members have been asking: What can and should the church do to help prevent this from happening again? One of our church members, Scottie Lindsay, wrote an article in the June 28 issue of the Island Packet challenging us as a Church to put our faith into action. For the past few months, a group has been meeting informally to discuss the role of the Church, as a whole, and St. Andrew By-The-Sea, in particular, in understanding and overcoming racism. This group, now named the **Bridge Builders**, meets regularly and would welcome members and non-members to our informal discussions. The next meeting will be at 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m., January 9 in the Wesley Room (C111 of the Celebration Center). Please come if you can,



Dine About with us on Wednesdays

Following our study sessions on Wednesdays (January 18 to February 6), we will check out some of our local eateries. Reservations will be made for 7:00 at all restaurants. Please call the church office (or conniebh-hiumc@gmail.com) by Tuesday of each week to have your name added to the reservation list.

January 18 - Smokehouse (34 Palmetto Bay Road) <http://www.smokehousehhi.com/ourmenu/>

January 25 - Fat Babies (1034 William Hilton Pkwy) <http://www.fatbabypizza.com/our-menu/>

February 1 - Marley's Island Seafood Grille (35 Office Park Road) <http://www.marleyshhi.com/menu>

February 8, 15, 22 – see February Fisherman and upcoming email blasts

(You don't need to attend the study to Dine About with us - come along for a great time of fellowship and supporting local businesses.)

More Opportunities for Kids & Families



FriendShip Choir "Re-Embarks"

Come join the FriendShip Choir at the Hilton Head Campus when they re-convene on Wednesday, January 11th. **NEW time at 5:30-6:30 p.m.** We'll continue to learn more fun faith songs (some to be performed for Children's Day), and play games.

Hilton Head Children's Ministry "Thank You"

As a "thank you" to all our children's ministry volunteers, we are having a brunch in your honor on **January 15th @12:30 p.m.** Invitations were sent via evite; please be sure to RSVP by January 8th.



All-Campus Parent Night Out Event

Parents, do you need a BREAK? (YES!) When's the last time you went to the movies or out to dinner by yourselves? Allow us to refresh your memory of what that's like! **January 13th from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Hilton Head Campus**, we'll host games, crafts and show "The Secret Life of Pets" for your children so YOU are free to enjoy some time sans kids. Kindly RSVP so we can be sure to accommodate your children. Contact Connie Borgianini (conniebhhiumc@gmail.com), Lauren Ricciardelli (laurenrhhiumc@gmail.com), Monica Barricks (monicabhhiumc@gmail.com) or Matt Edmunds (mattehhiumc@gmail.com). **Children of both campuses welcome.**



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



Upcoming Middle & High School Youth Dates

January

8, 22

BTS One Youth Sunday - Bluffton Campus 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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Parents Night Out - Hilton Head Campus 6:00pm - 8:30pm

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BTS One Youth Sunday - Hilton Head Campus 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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Fun Friday, Movie Night 8:00pm - 11:00pm Bluffton Campus

27-29

Revolution Weekend

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NO Regular Youth

For more information, contact Youth Director Matt Edmunds:

mattehhiumc@gmail.com

Scholarship Highlights



Name: Hillary Taylor

Home town: Columbia, SC

Home church: Shandon United Methodist Church

Career plans: Become an ordained elder in the UMC (with the hopes of becoming a Missional-community pastor involved in direct service and direct action)

College/university attending: Candler School of Theology at Emory University

Major and year of study: 2nd Year Masters of Divinity Student

Other information: Hillary graduated from Furman University in 2012 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Poverty Studies. A former missionary with Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Hillary has worked as a Field Education and Ministry Coordinator for a seminary in South Africa, and as a financial coach in Miami, Florida. In seminary, she has enjoyed working with women at Lee Arrendale Women's Prison and with the young adult ministries at North Decatur United Methodist Church. When she is not studying, she loves to read, hike, hunt, and is trying to learn how to love the sport of running.

Name: Mark Evans

I am attending Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, with plans to graduate with a Masters of Divinity in the Spring of 2019, and I am currently pursuing ordination as a Deacon in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. My parents, Donna and Brian Evans, are founding members of the Bluffton campus of St. Andrew By-The-Sea. I have always enjoyed the vibrant worship and warm welcome that the community in Bluffton offers. The United Methodist Church has been an integral part of my faith journey including my baptism in Houston, TX, my confirmation in Lewisburg, WV, my growth in campus ministry in Clemson, SC, and my declaration of a call to ministry in Durham, NC. The roots of my call are deep within the UMC and wide across different experiences. I hope to use my education and future role within the UMC to provide a home for all who seek hope, give a voice to those who are silenced, and bring into the light those who are forced into the shadows. I am grateful for the people of St. Andrew By-The-Sea who, through their support, are helping this dream become a reality.



Hi, I'm Hannah Medford. My hometown is Hilton Head and home church is St. Andrew. I am starting my senior year at Charleston Southern this spring. I'm studying Student Ministries and would like to do children's ministry or youth ministry when I graduate.

Hurricane Matthew Repairs Still in Progress

We hope to be able to report with the next edition of the Fisherman that we have completed our Hurricane Matthew repairs to the Admin building. As a part of what has been happening, new vinyl flooring has been installed in the music room and a ramp with new vinyl floors has been installed in the lower hall from the reception area to the workroom. Lot clearing is still a work in progress from the over 30 trees that fell.





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2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Weekend

All Events Free & Open to the Public

Wednesday, January 11 2:00 PM

League of Women Voters Forum Campbell Chapel AME Church,
25 Boundary Street, Bluffton. *Creating the Beloved Community:
A Conversation about Race Relations.*

Friday, January 13 7:30 PM

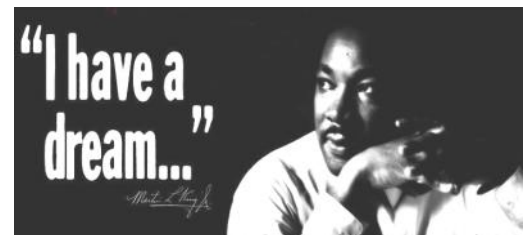
Ecumenical Community Worship Service Congregation Beth Yam, 4105 Meeting Street, Hilton Head
Residents & visitors, clergy & young people invited.

Saturday, January 14 8:00 AM-12:00 noon

MLK Community Service Day 8:00-9:00 AM- Breakfast for volunteers & service project
selection. All Saints Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 3001 Meeting Street
9:00-12:00 noon- Community work projects with team leaders.

Monday, January 16 10:00 AM-1:30 PM

10:00 AM- MLK Memorial March starting and ending in the HHI High School parking lot
11:00 AM- MLK Memorial Program in the HHI High School Seahawk Cultural Center.
Musical presentations and presentation of MLK
Essay Contest Awards & 2017 MLK Community Service Award
12:30 PM- Community Luncheon in HHI High School cafeteria.



Donations by check should be written to "The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry" with "MLK Fund" on the memo line. The 2017 MLK Celebration Weekend is a recipient of a Town of Hilton Head ATAX Grant Non-perishable Food Collection at all events. Information: 843-681-3881