

New Bluffton Worship & Office Space Takes Shape



Our new Bluffton campus location, at 39 Persimmon St., Suite 203, is starting to take shape and look like the worship and meeting space we imagined.

The Building Committee has been very busy ensuring this renovation process moves in a timely manner. In just a short time, the contractor completed demolition (with help from volunteers) and finalized design of the new space as well as secured proper permits. The children's classrooms have been framed out, which allows us to truly see the potential in this new space.

Once the electrical work is completed, inspected and approved, the contractor can begin to install insulation and drywall.

We can then move into the exciting phase of cleaning, painting and putting the finishing touches on our new space, with hopes of having worship services there sometime in February (dependent on inspections and approvals).

All of us involved in the Bluffton ministry are excited about having a place to call home – a space for adults and kids alike. The Persimmon Street location will also eliminate the need to set up and tear down each Sunday for worship, which is a blessing in itself.



Our Bluffton congregation continues to grow as we welcome new guests almost every week. The large crowd of over 500 at our Christmas Eve Under the Stars service reminded us that families of all shapes and sizes are in need of the peace and hope only Jesus Christ can bring. We at St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC can't wait to embody that welcoming, forgiving and loving church family to so many new Blufftonians.

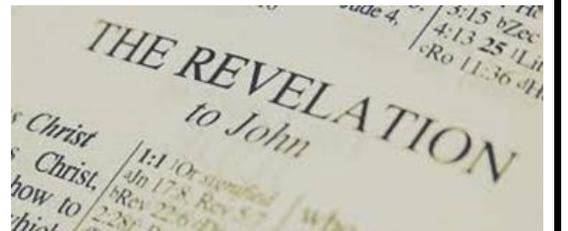
This new location still needs a lot of work and prayers from our entire church to get it ready.*

-Josh Tiller, chair of Bluffton Building Committee

*Volunteers will be needed to assist with a variety of tasks from painting, cleaning and organizing. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Mary Hall at 843-384-2594 (cell), 843-671-3929 (home) or mhall113@aol.com. Please leave your name and best contact information.

Understanding the Book of Revelation

Dates: January 12 to February 2
 Time: 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
 Location: C106/107 (Celebration Center)
 Cost: \$10/book
 Leader: Rev. Neil Yongue



The book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that can strike us as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. With the insightful leadership of our Senior Pastor, Neil Yongue, we will consider possible interpretations of and rich symbolism found in this powerful and puzzling book from the first century of the Christian Era. Our resource book for this four-session study is *Breaking the Code* by Bruce Metzger. Please call or email Connie at the church office to sign-up and reserve your copy of the study book. Participants are asked to **read the first two chapters** prior to the first session on January 12.

See page 5 for Fellowship Dinner options each night from 5:30-6:15pm.

Cares & Concerns

Deepest Sympathy to Rick Chase and family upon the death of his wife and our Christian sister Sandy on January 2.

Our ill or convalescing:

Fred Rappaport, Barbara Dill, Mary Rothert, Tex Uhlhorn, Glenn Brodie, Dean Beckelheimer, Diana Loftin

Your Stephen Ministry



On Sunday, January 31, St. Andrew By-The-Sea celebrates its Stephen Ministry program, and honors the 23 dedicated fellow church members who serve our congregation and community as Stephen

Ministers. As you arrive for services on this day and throughout the worship service, take special note of the greeters, the ushers, and the reader. They are all Stephen Ministers who have volunteered for these positions to help bring attention to this wonderful, caring ministry.

As most of you know, Stephen Ministers can be identified by their distinctive blue name tags with the Stephen Ministry logo that tells the story of a person in crisis who travels through the cross to wholeness. Those who wear this name tag do so to reflect their commitment to providing the best one to one Christian care they possibly can for their care receivers, through prayer, training, continuing education, and dedication. It is also an indication of their covenant with St. Andrew to uphold the standards and ideals of our Christian faith.

As we take time to recognize our Stephen Ministry program this month, please give thought to friends, family, acquaintances in the area. Do you know someone (perhaps yourself) who is experiencing a difficult time and could benefit from a Christian, caring friend? Do you know someone (perhaps yourself) who might be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? If so, please call one of the numbers below for a confidential conversation:

Scottie Lindsay - (843) 363-2213 or
David Peterson - (843) 682-3639

New Email: stephenministryhhiumc@gmail.com

Fisherman Next Deadline



The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Thursday, January 20th.**

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

January



EVERY SUNDAY

9:00 Worship at Pope Avenue
10:00 Coffee and Fellowship
10:00 Women's Ensemble - Music Room
10:05 Men's Ensemble Rehearsal -Sanctuary
10:15 Sunday Studies for all ages at Pope Ave
10:30 Bluffton Worship - USCB
11:15 Worship at Pope Avenue
6:00 Youth at Pope Ave.

EVERY MONDAY—SATURDAY

7:30am AA in C111

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5:00 Couples Small Group - C111

EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 AA in B105

7:00 Boy Scouts (Check for location)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

12:15 Healing & Wholeness

2:30 Adult Handbells - Sanctuary

6:30 Small Group - Bluffton Min Ctr

7:00 Chancel Choir

EVERY THURSDAY

8:00 Men's Devotional Group - C111

12:00 Lunch with Rev. Dan & Matt @ Zeppelins

6:00 Middle & HS Youth at Bluffton Min. Ctr

EVERY FRIDAY

12 Noon Soup Kitchen

See the Website for special holiday schedules and other activities:

www.SaintAndrewByTheSea.com

New Members

We would like to welcome to St. Andrew our newest members (*from left to right*) Jennifer Olsen and Thomas & Cindy Simmons. They attend at Pope Avenue.



Revolution

We are taking the middle and high school youth to Columbia January 29-31 to be a part of an incredible weekend of worship, missions, fellowship, and more. We will join with over 2000 other youth from across the state for a high-energy conference. Revolution is designed to invite more and more people to know and live for Christ through passionate worship and spiritual renewal. Contact Matt for more information and registration. Deadline for guaranteed spot is January 17th.

Christmas Grace Comes To Hardeeville



Christmas Grace was introduced to families in Hardeeville on December 12, with many volunteers from both campuses of St Andrew By-the-Sea staffing our Christmas Shop. Fifty-nine families with 173 children participated. All of the families have children who participate in our Backpack Buddies Program at Hardeeville Elementary School.

Parents were incredulous as they viewed the selection of toys, books, and teddy bears they could choose for each of their children; and they were blown away when they learned they could pick one of many different small appliances for themselves. After prayer with a Stephen Minister and receiving a Bible, they were assisted to their vehicle with their bags of gifts. It was a very emotional event, and throughout the process there were many smiles, tears and hugs.

Because of the generosity of the people of St Andrew, these families were able to look forward to a Christmas far better than what they had anticipated. They had been warmly greeted, treated with respect, and allowed to choose the gifts they wanted for their children - including the wrapping paper. It was an emotional experience for our St. Andrew volunteers as well. Everyone involved, parents and volunteers alike, could feel God's love and blessings on that very special day.

Special thanks to Deidra Harrell, who has since moved full-time to Atlanta, for initiating our Christmas Grace Program and leading the effort for the past three years.



NOTES FROM TIM

Tim Reynolds, Director of Music



Happy Epiphany! We have come to that time of the liturgical year when we celebrate Epiphany, on January 6, and the Season after Epiphany which carries us through to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The liturgical colors for the Season after Epiphany are white for the first Sunday (Baptism of the Lord) and last Sunday (Transfiguration) and green for the rest of the season.

“The term epiphany means ‘to show’ or ‘to make known’ or even ‘to reveal.’ As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as ‘King’ and so were the first to ‘show’ or ‘reveal’ Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon’s blessing that this child Jesus would be a *light for revelation to the Gentiles* (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by ‘showing’ Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian community and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God’s children.” -Dennis Bratcher, The Voice Christian Research Institute.

As we come together to worship on the Sundays between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday here at St. Andrew, we will also celebrate the Lord’s Supper, the Baptism of the Lord, Human Relations Day, Ecumenical Sunday, Stephen Ministry Sunday and Transfiguration Sunday. All of these observances influenced by the Light of the Epiphany as we reach out to the world, both near and far, and “show” or “reveal” Jesus to others through our actions and lives.

See you in church!
Tim

“Christmas Is Jesus” Memories

Thanks to all those families of children who participated in our Christmas Pageant this year. Thanks also to our women’s group, Fellowship Friends, for providing the delightful Holiday Dessert following the pageant at our Pope Avenue location. It was a heart-warming, joy-filled experience!



Christmas Eve Under The Stars

A crowd of about 550 attended our 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. Very enthusiastic volunteers, many of whom are new to our church, arrived at 11a.m. to prepare the site. A special thanks to Brett Warthen, who came early and stayed late to handle setup and breakdown of sound equipment. Dean Beckelheimer and Roger Abney also worked countless hours behind the scene leading up to and after the event. 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.



Those in attendance were treated to upbeat music as well as traditional seasonal songs. As one can imagine, the Rev. Jim Morrison had a poignant message during the special kids' time. And the Rev. Daniel Burbage's message to the crowd was simple ... reminding them God is with us on Christmas and every day.

Before and after the service, guests were treated to cookies and hot chocolate prepared by our hospitality volunteers.



Since launching this special service in Bluffton four years ago, we've been blessed enough to make a special announcement each year of how God is working on this mission through our church.

- 1st year: Expanding SABTS into Bluffton
- 2nd year: Starting weekly worship services at USCB
- 3rd year: Purchased land for our future Bluffton worship site
- 4th year: Combining our Bluffton worship site & ministry center into one location on Persimmon St.

-Jeff Jones, Bluffton Steward

Opportunities and Events

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our St. Andrew family? We need volunteers in our Pope Avenue nursery on Sunday mornings to help our paid staff person in caring for our precious little ones.

Each volunteer is asked to help once (for one hour) every two months either during the 9:00 worship service or during the 11:15 worship service. Schedules are determined every 2-3 months, so if you get assigned a Sunday that conflicts with your personal calendar, you can just switch with another volunteer.

If you would like to help us by being part of our nursery volunteer team (even if you can serve for only part of the year), or would like more information, email Connie Borgianini (conniebhhiumc@gmail.com) – or stop by our nursery on Sunday morning.



Fellowship Dinners

Tuesdays – January 12 to February 2

5:30-6:15 in the Celebration Center

\$8.00 per person

Reservations required by Monday noon of each week

All dinners will be prepared by our own Jay Graves. Each meal includes an entrée, side, beverage and dessert. Feel free to come to the dinners only, or stay for the study immediately following the meal. (See cover page of this edition of *The Fisherman*.)

To reserve and pay for these meals, simply click on the link found on our website homepage at www.saintAndrewByTheSea.com. Or pay in person the night of the meal.

January 12 - Beef Stew

January 19 - Lasagna

January 26 - Pork roast

February 2 - Chicken Casserole

Save the Date!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 9 at 6:00 in the Celebration Center

Fun for all ages – music, Mardi Gras beads & masks, trivia, pancake races, and lots of yummy pancakes!

Hosted by Family Ministries and Scholarship Committee



Did you donate stock in 2015?

Several stock donations were received in the church office but we don't know who made the donations!! If you gave stock in 2015, please contact Financial Secretary Nadine Stohr in the office at 843-785-4711 so that we may confirm we have received your donation and credit you for the gift. Please also remember that YOUR broker should provide you with the proper values for your tax purposes, not the church. The church will show a gift on your statement, but it will be a different amount as it is net of broker fees and any change in value by the time it settles out. Always be sure to send the church a notification in writing when you give stock with the name of the stock and the amount of shares since stock transactions can not carry the donor's name or personal information in the transfer process. Stock gifts continue to be a great blessing to both the church and you as a donor. See your tax advisor for details.



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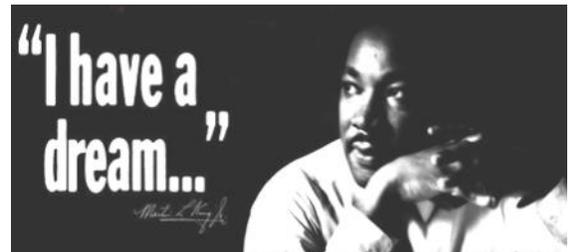
MLK Community Worship:

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Queen Chapel AME Church, 114 Beach City Rd., Hilton Head

An Ecumenical Worship Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Melanie DeMore, talented vocal activist and performer.

January 18 Martin Luther King Day Activities:

A march begins in front of the high school at 9 a.m. and is followed by a ceremony inside the Seahawk Cultural Center at Hilton Head High School, 70 Wilborn Rd. After the ceremony, there is a free community luncheon. St. Andrew encourages members to participate and march as a group. For more information, call (843) 689-4800.



Organ Concert February 12



Debby Graves, organist at St. Andrew By the Sea United Methodist Church, will be giving an organ concert sponsored by the Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organist's. The concert will be at St. Andrew, 20 Pope Avenue at 12 noon on Friday, February 12th. She will be performing on the newly revoiced 3-Manuel Rodger's hybrid organ with 12 ranks of pipes.

Debby will be performing pieces by J. S. Bach, Gabriel Faure, Maria-Theresia V. Paradis and two contemporary composers; David Lasky and Michael Burkhardt. Debby will also be playing an Italian harpsichord in the Neapolitan style.

Gloria LaCoe and Christie Leininger will also be performing on handbells accompanied by the organ.