

THE FISHERMAN

June/July 2017

“Christmas in June”

**ChristmasGrace**

It may be 90 degrees outside, but planning for Christmas Grace 2017 is underway. Last year, this amazing ministry served 57 families with 190 children from our Backpack Buddies program in Hardeeville.

Christmas Grace is not your typical holiday toy-giving event, but rather an opportunity that allows parents the dignity of selecting gifts for their children in our Christmas Toy Shoppe. Assisted by our volunteers, who create a warm, loving, welcoming environment, parents choose toys, teddy bears and books for each of their children and a new household item for their home. A very special and meaningful part of the day is when our parents receive a new Bible for their family and pray with one of our dedicated Stephen Ministers. Sunday, June 25th has been designated as Christmas Grace Sunday—or “Christmas in June”. There is no cost to the families—their gifts are paid for through the generosity of our Church Family. Please help to make this Christmas special for these underprivileged children and their families with your generous donation. For more information, please contact Sue and Ken Kroupa at 843-645-6303 or suekroupa@hargray.com.

Fall Festival 2017 Save the Date!

Saturday, November 4, 2017
10 am to 2 pm

The Fall Festival of 2016 raised \$35,000 to support missions for both campuses of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church. Planning is beginning for this year. This effort takes a multitude of talents and we need you! You can help us prepare for the festival by:



- Start to gather items to donate for the sale and the Silent Auction.
- Think about how you can donate your talents as a Silent Auction item.
- Sign up to volunteer for setting up, working the day of the festival, or helping clean up.
- Volunteer as a Courier to pick up items for the Silent Auction.

To serve, contact this year's chairs: Dave and Michelle Deis mdeis56@gmail.com or 614-562-5065

356 Bears Donated to Festival: Some Available Now!

St. Andrew By-The-Sea will be selling 356 Boyds Bears at the 2017 Fall Festival. These collectibles were donated by a generous couple, Bob and Suzie Huisman of Hilton Head Island, and the church is the lucky recipient. They make adorable gifts for children. There are also theme bears such as Christmas bears and golfer bears. We will be selling many of the bears at the Fall Festival, but we are also offering them for sale to church members before the festival. **Beginning in June** during the coffee hour in the Celebration Center (**10 am to 11 am**), church members may purchase one or more Boyds Bears for bargain prices. In Bluffton, the bears will be sold at the missions table before and after the service beginning in June. If you have any questions, contact Fall Festival Co-chair Michelle Deis at mdeis56@gmail.com or 614-562-5065.



Cares & Concerns

Deepest Sympathy:

- Betty Minot passed away on May 4 on Hilton Head.
- Dan Hepler deceased on May 6 in PA.
- Dale Conrad's brother, Stephen, passed May 14 in VA.
- Kathy Wilcox's sister, Donna, on May 15 in IN.

Our ill or convalescing:

Dean Beckelhimer, Joanne Neely Joan Priddy, Gloria Paul, Marjorie West, Mitzi Ganelin, Jeanie Blankenbaker, Marilyn Lorenz.

Thanks to SABTS

Thank you to the congregation of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church for the beautiful floral arrangement on the altar during the Celebration of Life service for my late husband, Bruce, on May 3rd. My family and I will cherish the memory of this special day forever. Sincerely, Sue Ross

I want to thank the members of St. Andrew By-The-Sea and the Prayer Quilt Ministry for the beautiful prayer quilt that was made caringly for me. I have held the quilt and touched each one of the prayer knots. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the wonderful service your ministry provides helping people like me to get through the difficult period of healing. I appreciate the quilt and will think of all of you as I use it.

Bob Ambrogi (Debra Keenan's father)

End of Summer Picnic– August 13, 2017

- Church-wide: both campuses invited
- Location to be determined
- In addition to the picnic, Blessing of Backpacks will get our children off to a great start for the new school year
- Look for more details in upcoming email blasts and church website



Fisherman Next Deadline

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

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



Best wishes to two staff members

Two of our staff members are leaving this summer. Nadine Stohr, who has been our Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary, has decided to follow her dreams of owning her own business. She will soon be opening a multi-vendor shop in Bluffton. We wish her well as she pursues this new endeavor. We want to thank Nadine for all she has done at SABTS in the last 10 years. June 2 is her final day. If you have any financial questions, please call Phyllis Brodie (843-785-4711) or Jack Voden (843-705-5780). As usual, changes in the volunteers for the Hilton Head Campus bulletin can be given to the front desk volunteers.

Bret Jennings, our Custodian, has always wanted to be a teacher. He has his Bachelors Degree, but needs additional classes to get his certification. He has learned that he can transition into teaching by becoming a substitute teacher. The Staff Pastor Parish Committee has arranged to hire Yenny (pronounced Jenny) Friedman to serve as our new Site Superintendent. She will be caring for all three buildings at Pope Avenue. Her job will be full time, five days a week. We will use other part-time help when needed for heavy work. The transition of this job will take place at the end of July. We wish Bret the best as he, too, follows his dreams.

Ushers Needed on HHI

Can you spare a few extra minutes on Sunday once a quarter? Would you like to give a little back to your church? How about meeting your church family members?

Due to normal attrition **we are looking for more ushers** to help out on Sundays at both services at our Pope Avenue location. You will only be scheduled to usher when you have said you are available.

Being an usher only requires about ½ **hour of your time once a quarter** and you get to have more contact with your fellow worshipers. You will also feel good in giving some of your time. **Volunteering is not just a commitment of time, but a giving from the heart.** (Don't worry; you won't be scheduled for Communion).

If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact:

Alan Sutton
843-686-5009
tennisalhhi@aol.com

Last Friday to Celebrate Summer!



Kids had a great time at our Bluffton Campus at the end-of-school fun night. First Friday Fun Nights will be taking a short vacation break. Watch for them to restart in September.



VBS in Bluffton

Come join us for **VBS in Bluffton** Monday through Thursday, **June 19-22** while we explore the "Wild Wild West of Bluffton." Each night the children will enjoy dinner together and then break-out into groups. Register today for this fun week! Email Monica at Monicabhiumc@gmail.com or visit our website: www.hhiumc.com/vbs

Youth Summer Calendar of Events

June

- 5-9 VBS (Island Campus) 9am-Noon
- 9 Drive In Movie 5:30pm \$5 (meet at Bluffton)
- 12-16 Love Local Service Week
- 16 Pool Party 6-8:30pm
- 19-22 VBS (Bluffton Campus) 5:30-8pm

JULY

- 8-15 Salkehatchie Service Camp
- 19 H.S / M.S. Pool Parties
- 27 Beach Hang Out 6pm

AUGUST

- 5 Worship Night (Bluffton Campus)
- 20 BTS Fall Kick-off 5pm-8pm



Check us out on Facebook or through email to get complete details on all events this summer
mattehhiumc@gmail.com 502-718-7954

SABTS 2017 Confirmands



This year we had eight confirmands representing both of our church campuses. During our meetings together, we learned about God's grace in our lives, how to best learn about God, where our prayers and creeds come from, and some teachings from John Wesley. We also looked at the history of the Church, the denominational differences between churches, other world religions, and what it means to be Methodists. This group participated in service projects this year raising money for bikes for the South Carolina UMC Conference, writing encouraging letters to prisoners, and helping a member clean-up her yard.

Our Confirmation students this year were:

Claire Archer
Carson Chandler
Noah Gorrell
Caroline Kaelin
Molly Mau
Avery Wagner
Kendal Wagner
Landon Wood



Welcome New Members



Karen Arms has joined SABTS and attends at our Bluffton Campus.

On May 21, at our Bluffton Family Service, Aubry and Lakin Little were baptized.



Congratulations Graduates

Trevor Lindstrom - Graduate of Hilton Head Island High School, attending Clemson's Bridge Program.

Bryce Warthen - Graduate of Hilton Head Christian Academy, attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Drew O'Brien - Graduate of USCB with a degree in Hospitality Management

Corey Renaker - Graduate of Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia. Although he was accepted at Florida Southern and The Citadel, he plans to attend University of South Carolina in Beaufort to study Biology.

Alexandra Kenneweg - Graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Georgia Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication with a B.A. Degree in Public Relations and a Minor in Art History. She will be working for Southeastern Summer Theatre Institute on Hilton Head Island for June and July, then moving to Savannah and pursuing a job in August.



Acts of Two Churches Concludes with Dinner



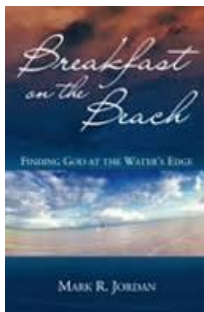
The Bridge Builders group sponsored a joint Bible study with First Zion Missionary Baptist Church off Wharf Street in Bluffton titled: "Acts of Two Churches." Rev. Daniel Burbage, our Bluffton Campus Pastor, and Rev. Bennie L. Jenkins Jr. of First Zion, led the studies based on the book of Acts. May 24 concluded the session which was followed by a meal at our Bluffton Campus. Thank you to those who took part in this wonderful opportunity.

Pope Avenue Sunday School Update

Classes for all ages will break for the summer through Labor Day weekend. Lighthouse Kids will continue throughout the summer following the Children's Moment of the 11:15 service. The **Joy Class** meets year-round at 10:15 in C111 of the Celebration Center. Wes Warren will lead the class this summer as the group continues their compelling study of St. Paul's influence on and contributions to the development of early Christianity. All are welcomed to join this class for the summer, or drop in for just a Sunday!



Summer Study



Breakfast on the Beach: Finding God at the Water's Edge

Dates: Thursday mornings - July 6 to July 27
Time: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Location: Coligny Beach – ocean end of boardwalk
Leader: Connie Borgianini



Grab your cup of coffee and meet us at the beach for this four-week reflective devotional time. Put your toes in the sand and consider the spirit-filled messages God may be providing for us through this special part of our world.

A few copies of the book (\$10) are available from the church office. *Breakfast on the Beach* by Mark R. Jordan is also available on your Kindle e-reader (not available on nook). Email Connie (conniebhhiumc@gmail.com) if you'd like to join this group and/or if you'd like a copy of the book. Participants are asked to read the introduction and Chapters (days) 1 & 2 prior to our first gathering on July 6. Bring your beach chair - and look forward to taking in the refreshing breath of our Creator as we start our day together on the edge of the sea.

July 9 Summer Choir Begins at the Hilton Head Campus

Make a joyful noise with minimal commitment! Join us in the music room 30-minutes prior to the service listed to rehearse:

July Schedule: July 9 - 9:00am; July 16 - 9:00 and/or 11:15am; July 23 - 9:00am; July 30 - 11:15am

August Schedule: August 6 - 9:00am; August 13 - 11:15am; August 20 - 11:15am; August 27 - 9:00am

September: September 3 - 11:15am



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Giving At A Glance (January-April 2017)

<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$328,146	\$141,302	\$469,448
\$385,000	\$104,000	\$489,000
(\$56,854)	\$37,302	(\$19,552)
= Below Budget	=Above Budget	= Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-April 2017)

<u>For The Year</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>For The Year</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$522,011	\$498,373	\$23,638
\$485,862	\$497,791	(\$11,929)
\$36,149	\$582	\$35,567

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 4/30/2017 \$ 2,160,596
Total Received thru 4/30/2017 \$ 1,481,382 (68.6%)

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