

“He is risen!” “He is risen indeed!!”

With those words all five of our Easter worship services began this past Sunday. As you can see from the joy on the faces of all those in attendance, the new life experience surrounded us in magnificent ways as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord. The rain, (which I worried about all week...me of little faith!) was a small obstacle to services in four different locations! The music, fellowship and Spirit powerfully reminded us that love is alive and challenges us to play our part in the story of a redeemed and resurrected world. My thanks goes out to everyone who worked so diligently to help create these wonderful environments for our Easter celebration.

I love you all,
Neil



Cares & Concerns

Our ill or convalescing: Fred Rappaport, Mary Rothert, Tex Uhlhorn, Harry Alford, Meg Sippy, Betty Minot, Susan Roberts, Dick Knowlton and Jay Graves.

Purple Angel Project

Did you know that over 10% of our South Carolina Seniors are currently affected with Dementia?

On **April 7 at 10:00am in the Celebration Center**, Memory Matters will present to our church "The Purple Angel Project," a proposal for a Dementia Friendly Community. Mark that date on your calendar to learn how we can make our church and community friendly and safe for this ever-growing problem of our Seniors.



Weekly Email Updates

If you are receiving the monthly print edition of *The Fisherman* in the mail, but are not getting our weekly email updates, you most likely are missing some news. While *The Fisherman* is a longer-form that allows for more detailed information, updates on cancellations, changes, new opportunities, event sign-up links, or just simply a way to read *The Fisherman* on your tablet or phone, is available when you sign up for the blast.



Email Megan at mkaelinhhiumc@gmail.com or simply go to our website to join our email list.

Search Facebook for Saint Andrew By-The-Sea UMC and "like us" to get up to date information, pictures and/or videos.

You can also find us on Instagram:
[@BlufftonWorship](https://www.instagram.com/BlufftonWorship)

Fisherman Next Deadline



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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY - SATURDAY

7:30am AA in C111

EVERY MONDAY

5:00 Couples Small Group - C111

EVERY TUESDAY

6:30 Family Small Group @ Persimmon St.

7:00 AA in B105

7:00 Boy Scouts (Check for location)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

12:15 Healing & Wholeness

2:30 Adult Handbells - Sanctuary

3:30 Bluffton Staff Meeting

6:00 Bluffton Worship Band Practice @ Persimmon St.

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 @ Persimmon St.

EVERY FRIDAY

12 Noon Soup Kitchen

See the Website for special schedules and other activities:

www.SaintAndrewByTheSea.com

*All Bluffton events will be at 39 Persimmon St., Suite 203 unless otherwise noted.



Welcome New Members



Please welcome St. Andrew's newest members, the Mau family. Aaron, Kari, Molly and Jack. They joined at our Bluffton campus on March 20th.

Faithful Harvesters

Our guest speaker will be Dale Conrad, Scholarship Committee Chair. He will speak on the program and how students are selected, etc. We will meet at **Truffles at Belfair Center at Noon, Tuesday, April 12th**.

Ecuador Mission Team

The Ecuador Mission team had a successful fundraiser during the St Patrick's Day parade thanks to the many donations of cookies and brownies. Thank you to those that lovingly supported our event.

Our second and last fundraiser will involve a "stock certificate" sale. We used this approach on our last two trips to Panama and it proved successful. We will be selling each share for \$10 and you can purchase as many shares as you like to help offset our trip expenses. We will be setup outside the sanctuary on **April 17 and April 24** so come prepared to make your purchase. Your stock purchase not only lets you become a part of our team but it also entitles you to a meal and program in the fall when the Ecuador Mission team will have a slide show and tell all about their trip.

Thanks again for all you support and continue to keep us in your prayers for our trip June 3-11.

Ubuntu Journeys



Two members of St. Andrew are leading Ubuntu Journeys in 2016! Christie Leininger is leading a team to Ecuador and Jeanie Blankenbaker is leading a team to Japan. The third team, to the UMC Texas/Mexico Border Ministry, is led by UMC missionary, Becky Harrell.

Ubuntu Journeys are short-term mission opportunities for United Methodist Women to meet and serve alongside sisters-in-mission around the world.

Each Journey is unique and specially planned to meet the desires and needs of the team hostesses.

Journey dates are: Texas/Mexico Border Ministry, May 4-12, 2016; Ecuador, 17-26, 2016; and Japan, September 29-October 9, 2016.

For additional information on all Journeys, you may email Ubuntu@unitedmethodistwomen.org.



Contributions

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget thru 02/29/2016	\$218,200	\$44,700	\$262,900
Actual thru 02/29/2016	\$211,329	\$35,478	\$246,807
Variance	\$6,871	\$9,222	\$16,093
	Below Budget	Below Budget	Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-February 2016)

	<u>For The Year</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>For The Year</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$259,905	\$262,329	(\$2,424)
Expenses	\$200,672	\$224,466	(\$23,794)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$59,233	\$37,863	\$21,370

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 02/29/2016	\$2,181,696
Total Received thru 02/29/2016	\$ 832,098 (38.1%)

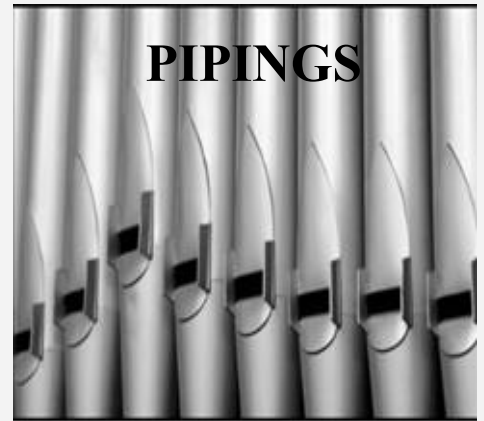
On Sunday, April 3rd Debby will be playing two pieces by Bill Gaither. Gaither is one of the most prominent figures in the long history of Southern gospel music. The Indiana born singer/songwriter often wrote songs with his wife Gloria who usually wrote the lyrics. The title of the prelude is "I've Just Seen Jesus." The words are as follow:

*We knew He was dead, it is finished, He said
We had watched His life ebb away
Then we all stood around till the guards took Him down
Joseph begged for His body that day.*

*It was late afternoon when we got to the tomb
Wrapped His body and sealed up the grave
So I know how you feel, His death was so real
But please listen and hear what I say.*

*I've just see Jesus, I tell you He's alive
I've just seen Jesus, our precious Lord alive
And I knew He really saw me too
As if till now I'd never lived
All that I'd done before won't matter anymore
I've just seen Jesus, and I'll never be the same again*

*It was His voice she first heard, those kind gentle words
Asking what was her reason for tears
And I sobbed in despair, my Lord is not there
He said, "Child, it is I, I am here."
I've just seen Jesus.....*



FALL FESTIVAL 2016 SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016

The Fall Festival of 2015 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. To serve, please contact this year's chairs:

Todi and Beth Velkoff
843-715-8275
or bvelkoff@me.com

Spring Cleaning & Repair Day at Pope Avenue

Saturday, May 14
9:00 - 2:00 lunch provided

Look for more details soon.

Volunteers needed – men, women, teens & kids – to help us spruce up our Pope Avenue campus. We'll have jobs for everyone!



Upcoming Events

Purls of Wisdom = Gifts of love

Calling all knitters! We'd love your help knitting mittens, hats, and scarves to send to those in need this fall. Locally, we'd like to surprise mothers of our Christmas Grace families with a handmade item. We will also send mittens and hats to elementary schools in areas of need identified in Tennessee and Illinois.

Feel free to make these items at home (where ever that is over the next few months) and send them our way in the fall. Or, join us in the church library 11:00 to noon on Wednesdays in April as we knit together. If you'd like to learn to knit, come along - all supplies will be provided. No need to sign-up, just bring those caring hands and hearts.



New Study begins at Pope

Please join the Spirit of Fellowship Class on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in C106 (Celebration Center, Pope Avenue) for a new 7-week study, **All The Places To Go**. In this DVD-supplemented study, popular author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.

- Mark your calendars for **Children's Day, May 1st!** This year children will lead both worship services, with the assistance of the youth at the Hilton Head campus. If your child or youth has a special interest in being a reader, usher, greeter, or singer/musician, contact Lauren Ricciardelli via email at childrenhhiuic@gmail.com or via church office phone. Rehearsals will be on Sundays during Sunday School and Children's Church beginning April 10th.
- Catch the wave of God's amazing love at this year's **VBS Surf Shack!** The fun begins July 22nd-26th and we need *you!* If you'd like to help us with decorations, recreation, shepherding children ("Lifeguards"), with tech...you get the picture... we'd love to have you! Email or call Lauren Ricciardelli at childrenhhiuic@gmail.com or via church office. Youth helpers welcomed!



Where are the **Wesleys?**

Kids – The Flat Wesleys have visited many locations here at St. Andrew – both Campuses!

Check out this photo. Do you know where John and Charles Wesley are? (Hint: It's not anywhere on Pope Avenue.)

Wise Wesley Words –

"When you do what you can, you do enough."

Look for another "Where are the Wesleys?" in next month's Fisherman.



Your Stephen Ministry

Who to talk with? Who will listen, who will care? (Evelyn, the Referrals Coordinator)

Pastor John met Evelyn at his office door and invited her to have a seat. As a Stephen Leader and the Referrals Coordinator for the church's Stephen Ministry program, she was there for their bi-weekly meeting to brief him on which Stephen Minister is assigned to which care receiver and to discuss potential care receivers with John. In keeping with Stephen Ministry strict confidentiality requirements, Evelyn and Pastor John are the only ones who share this information.

After exchanging greetings, Evelyn chose a seat across from John and brought him up to date on current Stephen Ministry assignments: new or closed assignments, and referrals received from other Stephen Ministers and members of the congregation. The role of the Referrals Coordinator is to interview all care receiver candidates, match each with a Stephen Minister, and monitor the caring relationship to ensure a successful match. In all cases, before talking with Evelyn, the referring individual has obtained the person's permission. When she completed her update, John told Evelyn that he had two new referrals for her to contact: Trisha, a woman who was grieving the loss of her father, and Mike, a contractor with serious business-related problems. Although John didn't provide many details of either situation, Evelyn knew she would learn considerably more when she meets privately with each of them to talk about Stephen Ministry. From those initial conversations, she would get a much better sense of the personalities involved and the nature of the need. Armed with this insight Evelyn would be better prepared to prayerfully consider which Stephen Minister would be the best match for each referral.

Evelyn had prepared for her role as Referrals Coordinator about three years earlier by attending the Stephen Ministry Leaders Training Course in Orlando, one of several sites nationwide to offer the training. This intense, spiritually motivating, inspiring 6-day course is attended by Stephen Ministers from around the country who have agreed to become part of their own congregation's Stephen Ministry leadership team; it is also attended by pastors who want to learn more about Stephen Ministry, or are, perhaps, in the early stages of forming a Stephen Ministry program in their church. On completing the course, Evelyn was prepared to assume any of the leadership roles in her congregation's program such as the referrals coordinator, small group coordinator, or continuing education planning among others. Additionally, she was fully grounded in the critical importance of adhering closely to the time-proven process of conducting a Stephen Ministry program. Conversations with other course participants from congregations with struggling Stephen Ministry programs had highlighted the importance of strictly following the well-defined guidelines detailed in the Stephen Series, the overall system of guidelines, training, and structure that enables and prepares select members of a congregation to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people. Now, after years of leadership team experience, Evelyn was convinced that the success of her church's Stephen Ministry program is due, in large part, not only to the dedication of its caring people and the strong support of the pastoral staff, but also to strict adherence to the Stephen Series.

When she left Pastor John's office, Evelyn looked at her schedule and made plans to call, and hopefully schedule meetings with both Trisha and Mike within the next couple of days...

People in this story are entirely fictitious, but the storyline is representative of many Stephen Ministry experiences. For more information regarding "Your Stephen Ministry," please contact: Scottie Lindsay - (843) 363-2213 or David Peterson - (843) 682-3639, or email stephenministryhhiiumc@gmail.com.

Soup Kitchen Serves Pizza!

It was a big deal at the Soup Kitchen on a recent Friday...a really big deal as an 18-wheeler serving Little Caesar's pizza to our Soup Kitchen guests pulled up. The Little Caesars® Love Kitchen® travels across the continental United States and Canada, meeting the needs of the hungry, homeless and victims of disasters.

The Little Caesars Love Kitchen has fed more than three million people in 48 states and three Canadian provinces.

Established by Little Caesars in 1985, the Love Kitchen exemplifies the company's strong tradition of giving back to the communities in which it does business. Food for and labor for each serving is donated by local Little Caesars franchisees and company market operators.

The Little Caesars Love Kitchen has provided relief to hundreds of thousands of victims and rescue workers of several disasters as far back as Hurricane Hugo that hit our area in 1989, at the 2001 World Trade Center fall, and at recent tornado and flooding crisis locations.



"Souper" Chuck Pitts

St. Andrew United Methodist Scholarship

St. Andrew By-The-Sea Scholarship deadline is April 30th and it is open to all St. Andrew members who are continuing their college careers, regardless of major or college location, who have completed their freshman year of college. Requirements below...

1. Students who plan to enter the ministry, Christian Education or Church music and who have completed their freshman year of college. If attending a seminary, applicants must be intending to enter the ministry in the United Methodist Church; 2. Graduates of Epworth Children's Home who have completed their freshman year in college; 3. St. Andrew members who are continuing their college career, regardless of major or location of college and have completed their freshman year. (Note: Priority is given to applicants in categories 1 and 2 above.) New applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals other than relatives. (This requirement does not apply to applications for renewal.)

Life Line Screenings at St. Andrew



Life Line Screening is scheduled for April 28 in our Pope Avenue Celebration Center. Screening will begin at 9:30am with ultrasound testing of the heart and arteries. There is a charge for tests by Life Line Screening, and although St. Andrew UMC is only providing space, our church members will be given priority. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial

fibrillation or irregular heartbeat; and a bone density screening for osteoporosis.

To register for screening, please call 888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Brochures are in the church office. Under certain circumstances, the screening may be Medicare Part B eligible. Contact Life Line Community Health Care at 800-690-6414 to determine eligibility. Make note of the date: **April 28 beginning at 9:30am and sign up early.**

-Health Ministries

Please remember that on the first Sunday of every month, we collect canned goods for Deep Well. Look for the white shopping basket in the narthex. (Or bring your donations by the church office anytime during office hours.) Thank you for sharing for those in need in our community.





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A New Ministry at St. Andrew By-The-Sea!

Many times parents or guardians of children with special needs do not attend worship because of the extra care needed to supervise or teach their child(ren) during that time. After some research, we believe this to be true for families here in our own community. We at St. Andrew want to include these families in worship, so we are proud to announce a new ministry for Families with Special Needs.



Over the past year we have renovated a first-floor classroom (Pope campus next to our nursery) to better accommodate children with special needs. Beginning later this spring, we hope to provide the opportunity for our SABTS members to leave their child with loving volunteers in the "Sensory Room" during the 11:15 worship service. If you have a child with special needs, we hope that you will contact us with any questions or suggestions, as well as share with us some information about your child and his/her needs.

Of course we have the space and the teaching tools, but this new ministry is not possible without the love and support of our church members. Please contact us if you are willing to give an hour of your time once a month to be in ministry with these families.

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Laurie Jones lbjones8528@gmail.com or 843-368-2678

Love one child, Strengthen a whole family"

You love... We'll train!