

Bluffton VBS a Success!

What a wonderful week at “Shake It Up Cafe!” where kids learned about special ingredients to carry out Gods love into the world. It was an awesome experience to see 40 kids and tweens share a meal each night and then engage in fun stations around the Bluffton Campus. A huge thank you to all our fabulous volunteers!! Can't wait to see where God leads us next.



The Challenge:

...to move everything in the Hilton Head classrooms on the upper level to the lower level, and everything in the classrooms on the lower level to the upper level **in one hour.**

THE DATE: Sunday, July 10

THE TIME: 12:15 p.m.

THE GOOD NEWS: It's only two stories!

As part of our summer Children and Youth renovation transformation, we need strong backs and willing arms to move our kid-size furniture and supplies to the new children's space on the ground floor of the Education Building, and re-locate the youth stuff to what will be the cool, second floor.

On July 10 everyone is invited to **dress comfortably and casually.** When worship concludes, the fun begins. With enough help, we'll be done in an hour. We hope you will be part of the moving experience!



Cares & Concerns

Our ill or convalescing: Tex Uhlhorn, Meg Sippy, Betty Minot, Susan Roberts, Dick Knowlton, Marti Etter, Ken Kroupa, Betty Luntey, Mike & Mary Howell, Gladys Hart.

Deepest sympathy to:

- Lisa Plowden upon the death of her sister on June 7 on Hilton Head
- The Hathaway family upon the death of our Christian sister Eleanor Hathaway on June 13.
- Joyce Rappaport upon the death of our Christian brother Fred Rappaport on June 14.
- The Wade family upon the death of Mitchell Wade on July 2.

Fun was had by all at our Two Front Doors Picnic at Jarvis Creek Park



The Voyage Begins

St. Andrew By-The-Sea is embarking on a new journey this fall. Mark your calendars for **Sept 11th and 14th** for the start of our voyages at our Hilton Head Campus. Join us for **Lighthouse Kids** during the 9:00 or 11:15 a.m. services, and become part of the crew with **DiscipleShip** classes at **10:15. Wednesdays** will also offer new studies, fun and fellowship **for the whole family**, from infant to "experienced seafarers." Keep a weather eye on the horizon for more details to come!



Welcome New Members



David and Victoria Marangio joined in Bluffton on June 5 and their daughter, Stella, was baptized.



Bill, and his son Will Wilson, joined in Bluffton on June 19.

Summer Calendar

While our worship service schedule remains the same over the summer, be sure to check out the on-line calendar to see what groups are meeting in the coming months. We add special activities at this time of year, while others are on vacation.

Our worship times are:

20 Pope Avenue Hilton Head: 9 & 11:15 a.m.

Coffee & Adult study at 10:15

Children's Church at 11:15

39 Persimmon St. #203 in Bluffton: 10:30 a.m.

Fisherman Next Deadline



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



The Painting Continues!

July 13 and 14 (Wednesday and Thursday)

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Education Building – upper and lower levels

Snack supper provided

Our summer renovations are making progress, but we still have a long way to go to meet our end of summer kick-off! Come one or both nights on July 13 and 14 – stay as long as you can. Walls, trim and doors are ready for a little TLC and a fresh look. Adults and teens of all levels of painting ability invited. We've got a paintbrush with your name on it!

Hilton Head VBS Information

As VBS for the Hilton Head campus draws closer, we need some items for our set to be amazing! If you have any of the following items that you would like to share or let us borrow, please let Lauren Ricciardelli know or feel free to bring by the church office! We will be decorating the Celebration Center during the day (approx. 9 a.m.—2 p.m.) on July 12, 13, and 14; teachers are welcome to come set up their classrooms at any time during that week. If you'd like to join the decorating party or have items to lend/donate, contact Lauren Ricciardelli at laurenrhiumc@gmail.com.

- Surf or Boogie Boards
- Artificial OR Small live palm trees
- Cardboard boxes (large)
- Inflatable beach balls (some may be glued together)



Ordination: A Journey from Believer to Minister

Each June, the South Carolina Annual Conference gathers to conduct all manner of business. Among the most important tasks is the ordination of men and women into the Order of the Elders. The ordinands, as they are called, have traveled a long road from the moment God reached inside them to secure their hearts for service to him. The service of ordination closes the door of preparation and study and opens a new door of service to God for the remainder of their careers. All of the candidates have passed through four phases on their journey to the momentous night at Annual Conference.

Exploration: For upwards of a year, someone who feels called to ministry goes through a period of discernment with the support of his or her pastor and the District Superintendent. **Certification:** Should the individual continue to believe in the call they have been given and are supported by their pastor, District Superintendent and their congregation, they embark on the journey to become a certified candidate. The requirements are too many to mention, but they include credit worthiness, criminal background check, psychological testing and evaluation, and medical report. Once certified, they may enter an approved seminary to begin their three years of study that will lead to a Masters of Divinity degree.

Provisional membership: Once certified, candidates complete a minimum of 24 hours in seminary, and they may apply for Provisional membership with the Board of Ordained Ministry (Board). After passing the extensive Board review which, in itself, is a major milestone, they are commissioned as a Provisional Elder at the next Annual Conference. **Ordination:** After serving for two years, the Provisional candidates may apply to the Board for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection. Again, they undergo arduous examination by the Board. Upon successfully navigating the four committees that make up the Board, they are deemed eligible for ordination at the next Annual Conference. In the forward to the policy guidelines of the Board, it reads, "God's call to ordained ministry is a sacred one. Through her Discipline, the United Methodist Church has established high standards for those who are to be ordained. It is a sacred trust to enter into and share the covenant of ministry in the church."

Bill Putnam, Lay member, Board of Ordained Ministry 2004-2016

Bluffton Begins New Sermon Series

Join Pastor Daniel in Bluffton starting July 10th for a 6-week sermon series titled, "At The Movies." We will show the movies on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. each week, then discuss on Sunday. When the movie is more adult-oriented, kids will see their own kid-friendly movie in their area with a similar theme, so bring the whole family!

Below are the movies already selected:

July 10 – Stand By Me

July 17 – Zootopia

July 24 – War Room

The next three Sundays YOU get to vote!

The movies with the most votes will be selected.

Go to our website www.hhiumc.com to cast your vote now! Your choices are: Good Will Hunting, The Truman Show, Into The Wild, The Help, My Girl, Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

All movies can be researched for content at www.pluggedin.com.



Fall Festival 2016, Saturday, November 12



July Update

Thank you so much for your response to several needs listed in last month's article. As of now we have the dollhouse and child's table being prepared for the festival by generous, creative individuals.

This month's "jump start" opportunities

Jewelry: One question has been what type of jewelry? We can use it all: costume, gold, silver, fine jewelry of all kinds. Evaluating jewelry is time-consuming and can involve several steps so it is so helpful to get those items early.

Plants: Calling all gardeners to share their gift by starting plants now for the sale in November. Please plan on donating healthy, established plants in containers (disposable pots are fine).

Silent Auction Couriers: This very flexible opportunity is for anyone willing to visit a few (or many) businesses as a follow-up to letters asking for donations to this year's Silent Auction. The new approach worked well last year, but with many new businesses on Hilton Head and in Bluffton we will need more couriers. This is a vital component of our silent auction and the need is great.

Say YES to a leadership role:

New roles in guest services, parking, and clean-up organization are needed this year.

The main responsibility will be the day of the sale, November 12.

Several areas will need new leadership next year and people willing to be learn these jobs are needed to provide a smooth transition. The success of this endeavor is dependent on your willingness to make a commitment to serve.

Questions? Willing to help? Call and leave a message so we can discuss your participation this year.

Let's share the joy of service,
Todi and Beth Velkoff, Fall Festival 2016 co-chairs
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“Christmas Grace” - Christmas in July!

The temps may be in the 90's, but planning for Christmas Grace is underway. Last year this amazing ministry, which allows parents to choose Christmas gifts for their children (and a gift for their home), served 69 families with 173 children from our Backpack Buddies program in Hardeeville.



There are many opportunities to help with Christmas Grace—the first is on July 31 when we will ask our congregations to make a special donation to fund this year's mission. All funding comes from individual donations made by SABTS members and friends. Please help to make this Christmas special for these underprivileged children and their families.

For more information, please contact Sue and Ken Kroupa [843-645-6303](tel:843-645-6303).

“Making Space for God to Work”



Our St. Andrew delegates have returned from the South Carolina Annual Conference 2016 held in Florence, SC. While not an election year, there was still plenty of business, worship, and celebration for the over 2,000 United Methodists gathered from across the conference. Highlights of the conference were:

- Daily morning Bible study led by Rev. Dr. Luther Smith, Professor Emeritus, Candler School of Theology.
- Six resolutions presented and considered were:
 1. Advocate a change in the SC Department of Education regarding how Native American history is taught in the social studies books. Concurrence. Delegates approved.
 2. Responsibilities for Eradication of Racism Resolution. Concurrence. Delegates approved as amended.
 3. Resolution to Oppose Discrimination Against Transgender People. Concurrence. Delegates approved.
 4. Resolution for the Nature of High Quality Public Education. Delegates approved to refer.
 5. Resolution for Uninsured Poor Adults in SC. Delegates approved to refer.
 6. Resolution for Assessment and a Plan of Action for the African American Historical Methodist Flagship Churches of the SC Annual Conference. Delegates approved as amended.
- A motion was made from the floor, asking the SC Annual Conference to engage in conversation about sexual identity. It was noted as a point of clarity that these conversations have begun in some districts. Delegates approved.
- Ordained 5 deacons and 14 elders. Commissioned 13 provisional elders.
- Approved the nomination of Dr. Tim McClendon as South Carolina's episcopal nominee.
- Conducted disaster trainings for Early Responders, UMVIM team-leader training and Helping Children Cope with Trauma training.
- Celebrated conference giving to Imagine no Malaria.
- Approved a \$16.79M budget for 2017.
- Approved nominations for conference and district committee boards. Included were St. Andrew members: Neil Yongue, Board of Ordained Ministry; Daniel Burbage, Trustee of Epworth Children's Home; Jeanie Blankenbaker, Conference Committee on Investigations; Bill Putnam, Walterboro District Committee on Ordained Ministry.
- Fixing of the Appointments. Always the last action of the conference, our pastors, Neil and Daniel, were re-appointed to St. Andrew UMC for the 2016-2017 conference year.

St. Andrew UMC delegates were

Clergy: Neil Yongue and Daniel Burbage

Lay Delegates: Jeanie Blankenbaker, Jon Hamlet and Bill Putnam

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Finances at a Glance - (January to May 2016)

Giving to Operating

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 05/31/2016	\$448,356	\$114,268	\$562,624
Budget thru 05/31/2016	\$481,100	\$102,400	\$583,500
Variance	(\$32,744) =Below Budget	\$11,868 =Above Budget	(\$20,876) =Below Budget

Operating Income and Expenses

	<u>For The Year Actual</u>	<u>For The Year Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$588,339	\$582,073	\$6,266
Expenses	\$541,673	\$573,308	(\$31,635)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$46,666	\$8,765	\$37,901

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 05/31/2016 \$2,178,596
 Total Received thru 05/31/2016 \$ 926,016 (42.5%)