



LUNCHEON & HYMN SING

TO BENEFIT THE WORK OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

February 11, 2018
Celebration Center – Pope Avenue Campus
12:30pm (following 11:15am worship)

We continue to celebrate St. Andrew’s 50th Anniversary in the fine Methodist tradition of sharing a meal and singing some great old hymns. (Debby Graves will lead the singing; Family Ministries will host our meal.) **Everyone is asked to bring a casserole or side to share.** Meat, beverages, and dessert will be provided. No reservations required – just come and enjoy time together!

While there is no charge for this event, all are asked to give generously to our Scholarship Committee – either during worship or at the luncheon. (See article for more details on the work of our Scholarship Committee.) Note below that our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner takes place at our Persimmon Street location this year! Donations for the Scholarship Committee will be accepted on Shrove Tuesday as well.

Here I am, Lord



During Lent, the pastors will talk about “**Living It**” through service and ministry at St. Andrew By-The-Sea. Watch for the “Opportunities” listing and your Commitment Card to complete and dedicate any Sunday during Lent, beginning in worship on February 18.

We ask that everyone indicate a pledge of the ways you would like to serve, **whether you have a new interest or plan to continue in a ministry.**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Take a night off from cooking dinner for your family, and join us in Bluffton for Pancakes!! On **Tuesday, February 13**, the youth will be serving at **6:00pm**. Come out and help support the Scholarship Committee – their efforts one day might go to help our very own youth. No RSVP needed!



Cares & Concerns

Our Deepest Sympathy:

- ◆ To Rev Daniel Burbage and family upon the death of his grandmother, Kate Curry Campbell on Tuesday, January 30 in Sheldon, South Carolina.
- ◆ Our Deepest Sympathy to Donna Thomas upon the death of her brother, Dale Wright, on Monday, January 29 in New Concord, Ohio.

Our ill or convalescing: Dean Beckelhimer, Nick Nicol, Ben Smith, Carol Pfeifle, Sandi Linaberger, Tim Brinker

Fellowship Friends

The Fellowship Friends will meet Tuesday, February 13 in the Wesley Room of the Celebration Center. Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us. All women are invited. Jay Graves, [843-342-6322](tel:843-342-6322)

Blood Drive

Our winter blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, February 25. The red Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of our Hilton Head Campus on that day from 8:30am until 1:30pm. We had an excellent turnout in October and we encourage all who can to participate, as this is a very important ministry of Saint Andrew UMC. It fulfills a very important need of our community, especially in light of the numerous disasters our Nation has had. You can sign up for a time slot to donate Sunday, February 18 after church service, or by email at igiveblood.com or at giddingsm92@gmail.com anytime.

Your Health Ministries

The Collectibles Group had its organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 16, with an initial gathering of eight women and two men. Coordinators are Linda Dawson and Sunni Bond. People's collections were discussed, as well as, what each hopes to learn from the group and there was even a brief lesson on how to check items on ebay for evaluation. The next meeting will be on February 19, 1-3pm, in the Wesley Room, Celebration Center. The topic of discussion will be "Antique Jewelry." This includes costume as well as "real" jewelry. Several members of the group will be bringing in items from their personal collection, including men's pocket watches and stickpins. Please e-mail Sunni Bond frogbond38@gmail.com or call her at [843-342-2663](tel:843-342-2663) if you plan to attend. Advance notice is preferred so the coordinators can be sure to have sufficient handouts where needed.



Men and Women Needed to Serve!

I've recently assumed the responsibilities of Usher Coordinator at the Hilton Head Campus, taking over from Alan Sutton who stepped down after four years in the post.



Ushering is an important part of the Church's ministry and affords an opportunity to serve the congregation. Ushers are typically scheduled to serve no more than once a month based on their availability and the duties are relatively simple: handing out bulletins, guiding worshipers to seats, distributing Visitor Packets, passing offering plates and policing pews after the service. We have an excellent and experienced group of Head Ushers to lead each service but need to expand our Usher Roster.

Whether you're new to SABTS or a long-time member, a full-time resident or a Snow Bird, young or "on the mature side," please consider stepping up and adding your name to the Usher Roll. Call me at (843) 689-2583 or email jwcutrer@roadrunner.com to indicate your willingness to serve and indicate which service.
Jerry Cutrer

The Annual Lenten Prayer Ministry

During the Lenten Season, for the past 21 years, as Easter approaches, STEPHEN MINISTRY at St. Andrew By-The-Sea has responded to confidential prayer requests for those experiencing difficulties in their lives. Once again this year, such requests may be made by members, friends or visitors. Stephen Ministers will use a prayer meditation which will give us the opportunity to grow in our own spiritual lives, as well as bring the needs of those we pray for closer to God.

Forms for prayer requests are available at both campuses. If you wish, a card with a personal message from a Stephen Minister will be sent to those for whom we pray. In that case, please include the person's address. As noted earlier, all information you provide will be held in confidence.

Please place completed forms in the offering plates or drop them in the marked wooden box in the Narthex at the Hilton Head Campus. You may also send requests to the church office at 20 Pope Ave., HHI, SC 29928 or by email to stephenministry@hhi.umd.edu. All requests must be received by SUNDAY, February 11.

Fisherman Next Deadline

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



Our First 50th Celebration



It was a beautiful, sunny day on the May River! Hosted by our own SABTS Bluffton Campus, we served about 229 people. Many volunteers who donated their time making preparations ahead, setting-up & gathering supplies over the weekend & working that Sunday afternoon, helped to make our celebration a success. Included



were the "Bluffton Boys" who steamed many pots of oysters, along with Jack Biel in charge of the traditional method of roasting oysters over a fire with burlap sacks. Twenty-five bushels of local oysters were enjoyed that day! Homemade pots of chili & hotdogs were also on the menu. Our

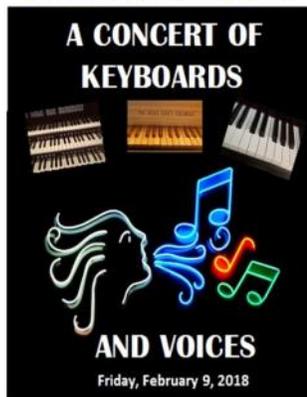


founding Pastor, Milton McGuirt spoke briefly on how our church began and Pastor Jim blessed our meal & fellowship. The

"Spike Ivory" Band played classic hits along the river bluff, while our kids (and dads) enjoyed a game of touch football in the adjacent field. Overall, a wonderful afternoon to spend with our St. Andrew By-The-Sea family!

A Concert of Keyboards

*The Low Country Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists presents*



St. Andrew By-The-Sea United
Methodist Church
FREE at 12 noon
20 Pope Ave., Hilton Head

The Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents KEYBOARDS AND VOICES on February 9 at 12 noon. Debby will be accompanying various soloists from the organ, harpsichord, and piano. Ed Barrett (tenor from the men's ensemble) will be singing I'LL WALK WITH GOD and HE. Gary Catarious and Jim Reeves are singing some spiritual duets. Laura Floyd (from First Presbyterian Church) is singing AVE MARIA and MY HEART EVER FAITHFUL; both by J. S. Bach. She will also sing a duet with Jack Gatlin (a fifth grader who attends Creative Arts Elementary School) who sang the part of Amahl in AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS. Heidi Collar (from Holy Family Catholic Church) is singing THE LORD'S PRAYER and PANIS ANGELICUS. Chalmers Gorman, Laura Floyd and Chad Martin are singing THE HOLY CITY. A small part of AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS will also be performed. This concert is free and open to the public.

Youth Trip to Revolution

What a fantastic opportunity to renew our spirits! We could not have asked for a better weekend. Not only were the sessions and music awesome, but we also had great fellowship with fellow churches in the Walterboro District. We also had a valuable lesson from the Living Water Mission. Trips like these really bring our youth closer together!

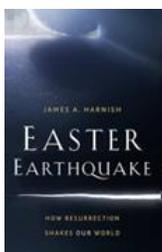


Upcoming Events

Scholarship Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 11 at BOTH campuses. Donation envelopes will be in the St. Andrew pews and at the Bluffton Campus on February 4th and inside the bulletins of both churches on February 11. Congregants are requested to place their scholarship contributions in the collection plates on February 4, 11, or 18. Scholarships are awarded to qualifying applicants in the following categories:

- Plan to enter the ministry, Christian education, or church music. Those in a seminary must intend to enter the ministry of the United Methodist church.
- Are graduates of Epworth Children's Home.
- Are members of our St. Andrew/Bluffton congregation regardless of major or college location.
- All applicants must have successfully completed the first year of college or seminary in order to be eligible to apply.

In 2017, the Scholarship Committee awarded four \$1000 scholarships. In 2018, the committee plans to increase both the number and monetary value of scholarships as finances permit.



Lenten Study – Easter Earthquake

Dates: February 12 to April 2 (Mondays)
Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Wesley Room (Celebration Center – Pope Avenue)
Leaders: Kerry Tilden

Like a news reporter announcing breaking news, Matthew reports that on the first Easter morning, a great earthquake shook the earth. An angel descended from heaven, rolled back the stone from the entrance to Jesus' tomb, and sat on the stone. This is the second earthquake recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. The first one took place on Friday, when the noonday sky turned black and Jesus died. Matthew says, "The earth shook, and the rocks were split."

In *Easter Earthquake*, our Lenten journey will explore how Christ's resurrection shakes some of our most basic assumptions about ourselves and God. We will reverse the usual focus of Lenten studies by starting at the empty tomb and seeing the entire journey in light of the resurrection. This different perspective on the passion can bring fresh energy into our lives as followers of Christ.

A limited number of books are available for participants to purchase (\$10). Please contact the church office to sign-up and request a book. (Books also available electronically for Kindle and Nook devices.)

Hilton Head Campus Children are hosting "**Bring a Friend to Church Day**" on February 25th! Children's Day and Bible Presentations are March 4th! (See Lauren to sign-up your child) Please pray for our children as we prepare for these exciting events!



Welcome New Members



Carol and Ron Ringler, (pictured left) joined at our Hilton Head Campus on January 14, 2018.

Bill and Chris Coombs, (pictured right) also joined at our Hilton Head Campus on January 14, 2018.





This is the first of a series of five articles highlighting events during the 50 year history of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC. The first four articles were originally written by Eva Norton-Prude, a longtime member and church historian of St. Andrew.

By 1960, as people began moving to Hilton Head Island, several Methodist families met regularly to worship and have Bible study for their children. At their urging, in January 1968, three ministers surveyed the island population and the response was overwhelming, "Establish a church!" On June 26, Rev. Milton McGuirt, Betty Moss and children arrived and moved into a home, made ready for them. There was great excitement as 35 worshipers gathered at Planter's Hall in the William Hilton Inn. From this beginning, a church grew. On August 11, 1968, a formal Service of Organization and Chartering was conducted at the "borrowed" First Baptist Church. Forty persons were received as Founding Members, and two as Affiliates. The name, St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC, was chosen for its location by the ocean, and for the Apostle Andrew, a fisherman who continually brought people to meet Jesus.

On June 29, 1969, the congregation gathered at a Pope Avenue site donated by Charles Fraser of the Sea Pines Company, with the condition that a church building worth at least \$50,000 be built there within three years. "We will build in half the time and twice the investment," was the response. While still meeting at the Baptist Church and the Sea Pines Academy, members secured donations and held fundraisers including shrimp dinners, oyster roasts, and even plane rides. On October 24, 1971, the congregation of 235 held its opening Worship of Consecration in the new Sanctuary (currently our music room).

The years between 1968 and 1974 were filled with fundraisers (tupperware parties, selling fruit-cakes, Christmas cards, etc.) and donations to purchase furnishings and equipment. Members presented gifts of altar candlesticks, hymnals, and an organ. The local community and other South Carolina Conference churches were also very supportive.

As the island population grew, so did our church membership. In 1973, a second building fund was started as additional classrooms and office space were needed. A large trailer was purchased to help with overflow. UMW was organized in 1973, with an immediate goal of purchasing 100 new chairs. In October, 1975, UMW (assisted by the new UMM) held the first Fall Festival. Over \$500 was raised to buy supplies for our children's classes.

In June, 1976, Rev. McGuirt was transferred to Columbia, and our second minister, Dr. John and Carolinda Robinson came to us. Members joined in giving the church building a much needed facelift, and gifts included flags for the sanctuary, a new church sign, Bibles for children entering grades 1-3, plants around the church entrance, and a candle lighter for services. Our Chrismon Tree tradition was begun. A beautiful sketch of the church was drawn by a member and used on bulletin covers and stationery. The sketch was later framed and hangs in the building.

The year 1977 was our membership sharing its faith and assistance throughout the area. Members donated our large pulpit Bible and foyer planters. The congregation faithfully participated in the ministries of the church by their prayers, presence, gifts and service. St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC had firmly established itself on the island.



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Giving at a Glance (January-December 2017)

	Pledge Contributions	Non-Pledge/Loose Plate Contributions	Total
Actual thru 12/31/17	\$967,034	\$330,072	\$1,297,106
Budget thru 12/31/17	\$1,016,755	\$331,300	\$1,348,055
Variance	(\$49,721)	(\$1,228)	(\$50,949)
	=Below Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-December 2017)

	For the Year Actual	For the Year Budget	Variance
Income	\$1,686,363	\$1,470,800	\$215,563
Expenses	\$1,426,468	\$1,470,800	(\$44,314)
Net Surplus/(deficit)	\$259,877	\$0	\$259,877

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledge thru 12/31/17 \$2,145,596
Total Received thru 12/31/1 \$1,754,936 (81.8%)

*One Great Church,
Two Front Doors*

A reminder that the One Church, Two Doors Capital Campaign concludes at the end of March. Check your 2017 giving statement or contact Casey in the church office at 843-785-4711 if you need information on any remaining pledge balance.