



Holy Week Worship on Hilton Head and in Bluffton

Sunday, March 25:

Palm Sunday with Easter Egg Hunt for all children ages 2-12 at 12:30pm at the Hilton Head Campus at 20 Pope Ave. All children in the community are welcome.

Thursday, March 29 at 7pm: Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service at the Hilton Head Campus.

Friday, March 30 at 7pm: Good Friday "Journey to the Cross" service at the Bluffton Campus at 39 Persimmon St., Suite 203/204. Journey to the Cross is an interactive service for all ages. A nursery will also be provided.



Easter Sunday, April 1:

Sunrise Service at Coligny Beach on Hilton Head at 7:00am. (At the church at 20 Pope Ave. in the event of rain or inclement weather.)

Worship on Hilton Head: 9:00 and 11:15am.

Worship in Bluffton: 10:30am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.



For the past three years, St. Andrew By-The-Sea has been engaged in our "One Great Church, Two Front Doors" capital campaign. As we move now toward its completion, I find it appropriate that we also are in the midst of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our founding as a church. Over the decades, this church's commitment to mission in the world and its focus on hospitality has been at the heart of what we do. We approach the end of this effort with great joy and a sense

of accomplishment for what God has done through the sacrifice of our members and friends. Details regarding our extra mile giving, and what we've been able to achieve as its result, are available in this issue of *The Fisherman*. I simply wish to thank you for your generosity and spirit of cooperation which has allowed us to address pressing physical needs on both of our campuses. These measures have touched the lives of many people and help pave our way forward as a congregation. I give thanks to God for your love of St. Andrew and for the future that lies ahead for us.

Peace,

Neil

Cares & Concerns

Our Deepest Sympathy:

- ♦ To Neil & Imogene Yongue upon the death of their niece, Mallory Rimmer in Greenville, NC, on February 20.
- ♦ To Joyce Rappaport upon the death of her father in Maryland on February 14.
- ♦ To Chuck Greif and family upon the death of Chuck's mother on Tuesday, February 13 in Des Moines, IA.
- ♦ To Mary Lou Pitts upon the death of her sister Wanda Griffin on February 14 in Bridgeport, WVA
- ♦ To John & Elizabeth Baumler upon the death of John's son, Glenn Baumler, on February 3 in Garrison, NY.
- ♦ To Roger and Bev Schoenhardt upon the death of Roger's brother on February 23.

Our ill or convalescing: Dean Beckelhimer, Anne Passmore, Karen Bostian, Mary Lou Pitts, Carlene Kilgore, Larry Creswell, Ward Kirby, Kay Hallman, Bob Peery, Jean Partridge

Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 10:00am in the Wesley Room of the Celebration Center. All women are invited.

Women United World Day of Prayer

"All God's Creation is Very Good!" is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer, Saturday, March 10 at 12:30pm at Central Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Matthews Drive on Hilton Head, sponsored by The Bluffton/Hilton Head Church Women United. Come share a pot luck luncheon and a worship service written by the women of "Suriname" in South America. All women are invited. For more information, contact Jay Graves, 843-342-6322.

Thank-you

Dear Friends,
My prayer quilt is beautiful – I love it. Your prayers are felt in my heart. I count them as a reason for feeling better. Thank you so much, Larry Creswell

Fisherman Next Deadline

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



A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

The holidays have come and gone in a flash! The beginning of the season brought the always wonderful Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks. The bad weather didn't seem to have any effect on attendance nor on the donations! We at Deep Well are thrilled with our share of the proceeds of a whopping \$5,000!

After over 20 years I have run out of superlatives in my vocabulary to express my great thanks and appreciation to the members of St. Andrew who make this special day possible. It is indeed a joy to see fellow islanders and visitors alike celebrating this day of thanks. It is especially meaningful to see a diverse cross section of our community coming together to enjoy the day. From yacht owners to mobile home owners, everyone dines together and has a great time. And sometimes the yacht owners get to talk with the mobile home owners and appreciate their differing life styles!

The financial support made possible on Thanksgiving Day lasts well into 2018. Deep Well will use your contributions to continue to help those on our island through emergency situations. At this time of year many core workers have their hours cut and need help with a rent payment. Some workers miss a week of work due to the flu, are not paid for the missed time and need help with food. With over a week of freezing temperatures we know that Deep Well will receive countless requests for help with huge electric bills in the weeks to come. The generosity of **St. Andrew By-The-Sea** enables Deep Well to meet the basic needs of every deserving client. Extra special thanks go out to you, Dave and Gail Bisbee, for your incredible organization of this event along with the countless hours you spent making it all happen like clockwork.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I send you my deepest thanks and my best wishes for a Happy New Year.

–Betsy Doughtie, Director
The Deep Well Project

A Statement from Bishop L. Jonathan Holston:



Here we are again.

Once more, we find ourselves in anguish over the loss of young lives in a mass shooting – this time with 17 dead and more than a dozen wounded at a high school in South Florida. Less than two months into this year, 30 mass shootings have been reported in our country.

We pray for those young people suffering from bullet wounds. We pray for the families of the dead and injured students and teachers. We pray for those who have been traumatized by what they have seen in their school, in what should be a safe place.

We thank God for the first responders, teachers and others who put their lives at risk to protect and save the innocent; for the doctors, nurses and other medical professionals who work to heal; for the volunteers who donate life-saving blood, both this week and year-round. Many of you have heard me say there is a difference between wishing and hoping. Hoping includes a plan for fulfilling our wishes. As a society, we must move from wishing that this escalating problem will improve to hoping that it will by taking concrete steps to make our communities safer and reduce the possibilities of mass shootings.

As United Methodists committed to social justice and opposed to gun violence, we know we must address this escalating, yet preventable, slaughter of innocents.

For some of us, hoping means developing relationships with at-risk youth in our communities, surrounding them with a community of support and accountability. This work requires time, courage and an investment of ourselves and our resources.

For some of us, hoping means working with our legislators to develop realistic strategies that reduce the frequency of mass shootings while also supporting responsible gun ownership. The two do not have to be mutually exclusive. This work also requires time and courage.

For some of us, hoping means working as a congregation alongside and within the schools in our communities to support teachers and school personnel in making sure that troubled young people don't escape notice and slip through the cracks. Again, courage, time and personal investment will make the difference.

In this season of Lent, we must continue to pray for victims, survivors and their families. Let us also pray for the courage to put feet to our faith and to act in ways that bring healing and hope to a culture of fear and despair.

I also encourage you to take to heart the words (see below) of Bishop Ken Carter, resident bishop of The Florida Conference, which includes the community of Parkland.



Grace and peace,
L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop
South Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

Bishop Ken Carter's statement on Florida school shootings

By Bishop Ken Carter, The Florida Conference of the UMC

On Ash Wednesday, our services announced the biblical imperative to "repent and believe the gospel." In light of the Florida shootings, we repent from our participation in a culture of death; we acknowledge the harm we do to others, and we claim the power of the cross that breaks the cycle of violence and retaliation. We also grieve with the communities of Parkland and Coral Springs, Florida, in the deaths of 17 persons and the wounding of many others on the campus of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. A number of surrounding United Methodist Churches have students at this school, and our connection will support their healing ministry in the days ahead.

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary: Decade 2



This is the second in a series of five articles highlighting events during the 50-year history of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC. This article was originally written for our 40th anniversary by Eva Norton-Prude, our Church Historian at that time.

The second decade in the church's life was an exciting one. As new members joined, more ideas, more contributions and donations, and more activities followed! In 1978, 97 children attended the first Vacation Bible School, two worship services were needed, and Holy Communion was observed on the first Sunday of each month. Parking lot improvements were completed, and a committee was appointed for development of the Sanctuary. They enlisted the services of a local artist, Wayne Edwards, to design a cross, communion table, altar, and chancel rail. Funds were donated by sev-

eral members to cover costs, and a spinet organ was given in memory of some founding members. The church's 10th Anniversary was celebrated in June with the dedication of the beautiful cross and table, and communion was served on a new brass set. Children made and hung large banners in the foyer and hallway. A picnic followed the worship service.

In the month that followed, a building fund was started to construct an Educational Building; weekly worship bulletins were printed; a Girl Scout Troop, sponsored by the church met here each week; the first Pictorial Directory was developed; special events celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas; and the church's first Lay Minister was approved.

Cooper Stonestreet became our third minister in June 1979. He presided over the construction of the two-story Educational Building and office complex, which adjoined the Sanctuary. The building was completed in 1980. By now there were 477 members, so a choir director was appointed, as well as a paid custodian. A newsletter, *The Fisherman*, was begun. In September, members filled the altar with flowers as an expression of gratitude that God spared the Island during Hurricane David. Fundraisers and sales from the now-annual Fall Festival provided furniture and equipment for the new classrooms, nursery, and offices.

The church's first drama production was in 1981, with many to follow. A new church library was established. A beautiful 2-octave set of handbells was given by a church family, and all facilities and programs were enhanced. The year of hard work was celebrated at Christmas with a wonderful choir concert and candlelight service.

The years 1982-85 were filled with the excitement of financial commitments being met, even exceeded, so that St. Andrew was able to expand its mission and ministry to the Conference and worldwide. The Fall Festival was a much-anticipated annual event, drawing shoppers throughout the Low Country.

The "Outstanding Church Woman of the Year" award was established.

In June 1985, the church welcomed its fourth pastor, Harold Lewis, and his wife, Edna. A parsonage built in Hilton Head Plantation was completed in July. UMW members worked for months to publish a cookbook, and the handsomely designed *Islanders Cook For Company* became an Island best seller requiring a second printing. A total of 2,420 copies were sold at \$7 each, and profits were used for mission and ministry opportunities. Before the end of the year, an organist and assistant choir director were hired. Members participated in the ongoing Island Food Basket.

In early 1986, a Building Committee was selected to make preliminary plans and proposals for construction of a new Sanctuary. In June, their proposals were presented for a major building program to include a new Sanctuary, renovation of the existing one into a Fellowship Hall, and make changes to improve the entire Educational Building and grounds. After discussion of details, the plan was unanimously approved, and a financial campaign "From Vision To Victory" began immediately. That summer saw landscape and parking lot preparation, even as regular church activities continued. The excitement was contagious, as many friends of the church contributed to its success.

By 1987, a third printing of the UMW Cookbook was ordered, and it was decided to establish a Scholarship Fund with profits. The "From Vision To Victory" campaign continued, led by Proverbs 29:18: "Where there is no vision, the people shall perish." There was intensive communication and prayer, a church-wide banquet, and a decision to use part of the Fall Festival profits to help our own mission needs. Larry Mercer was named director of music. A Memorials Committee was established.

The Altar Guild began the tradition of cascading the altar with lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas. Certainly the major event of the year was the July 19, 1987, groundbreaking for the new sanctuary!

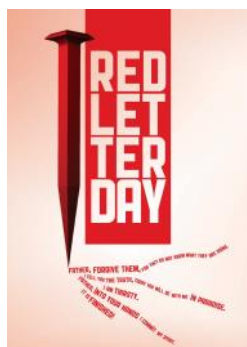


One Great Church, Two Front Doors

The One Great Church, Two Front Doors campaign culminates on March 30. The gifts to the campaign have allowed St. Andrew to complete not one, but numerous projects including new air conditioning for the Sanctuary, renovated children and youth spaces at the Hilton Head Campus, and the purchase of approximately 10 acres on

Buckwalter for the future location of our Bluffton Campus. The land, which cost \$600,000 was completely paid for in just two years! What a fantastic witness and huge savings of interest! If you pledged to the campaign, please check your year-end giving statement under the "Campaign Summary" section to see if you have completed your commitment (or contact the office). Below is the current campaign update.

Total Campaign Pledges Received thru 2/28/2018	\$2,145,596 \$1,787,869	(83.3%)
Less: Commitments Paid thru 2/28/2018	(\$1,175,402)	
1. Buckwalter Property Principal and Interest (Paid in Full)		\$579,622
2. Pope Ave Sanctuary Balcony Expansion		\$ 36,439
3. Pope Ave Projects Design/Planning Expenses		\$ 93,779
4. Bluffton Projects Design/Planning Expenses		\$ 87,729
5. Capital Campaign Expenses		\$ 61,634
6. Pope Ave HVAC Replacement		\$111,157
7. Pope Ave. B-Building Children's Space Renovations		\$ 31,213
8. Buckwalter Property Site Footprint Soil Study		\$ 8,830
9. Pope Ave. Future Capital Development Expenditures		\$165,000
a. Moved \$165K from "Capital Campaign" restricted fund to "Pope Ave. Future Development" restricted fund		
2/28/2018 Available For Buckwalter Property Development		\$612,467



New Bluffton Worship Series

It was a Red Letter Day. Bloody, beaten, and nailed to a cross, a dying Jesus looked at those around Him and spoke His final words as a man. What did he say? Join us as we re-

live Jesus' final hours, and celebrate His ultimate victory on this Red Letter Day.

**Sunday, March 4th through April 1st
(Easter Sunday) at 10:30am.**



Welcome to Larry & Alice Money Penny who joined at our Hilton Head Campus on December 10, 2017.



All men of the church (and friends) age 40 and over are invited to participate in a special Men's Basketball program directed by Upward Coordinator/Coach Bob Rosene.

Men's fitness basketball practice will be on Tuesday Nights in the Celebration Center from 7:00-8:00pm, beginning March 13. Men's over 40 basketball games will be on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm. To assess the interest, this program will run just four weeks. For more information contact Bob at bobrosene1@aol.com or 843-684-1221.

Church-wide Events



Spring Tea & Fashion Show April 7, 2018 - 3:00 to 5:00pm Celebration Center –Pope Avenue Campus Cost - \$20 per person

As we continue to celebrate St. Andrew's 50th anniversary, we will transform our Celebration Center into a Tea Room like no other. In addition to our delightful Afternoon Tea (scones and other fresh-baked pastries included), we will enjoy calming music of the harp, and get a peak of some great fashions from a local clothing shop. This event is sure to be a highlight of the spring season.

Tickets will be available to purchase after worship services (both Hilton Head Island and Bluffton campuses) on March 11 and 18. Seating is limited, so plan to purchase your tickets for yourself and your friends early. Spring dresses and hats (even gloves) are encouraged!

Youth

Through the season of Lent the youth are focusing on "Struggles" in their lives, specifically with contentment, relationships, authenticity, compassion and rest. We are excited to dive a little deeper during our meetings and be intentional this season to grow closer to God. Our Youth Group meetings are every Sunday from 5pm-7pm at our Bluffton Campus. All youth from 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to join! Contact Monica Barricks at monicabhiumc@gmail.com or call 864-838-5227 for information.



First Friday FunNight in Bluffton!



First Friday is scheduled for **March 2nd from 6pm-8pm**. All children and youth are invited to join in the fun at the Bluffton Campus! We continue to enjoy our time in Children's Church as well on Sundays during the 10:30am service in Bluffton. All-ages of children worship together with stories, music and skits.



Hilton Head Happenings

Hilton Head Campus Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sunday, March 25th** (Palm Sunday) at 12:30pm in the parking lot of the Hilton Head Campus. Families should gather in the Celebration Center following the 11:15am service until the parking lot traffic subsides.

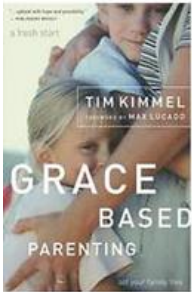
In the event of inclement weather, we'll have an egg roll in the Celebration Center. This event is open to friends in our community!

The Easter Bunny is also in need of some egg filler-uppers. Please take home a bag of eggs from the church lobby to fill with candy and return by Sunday, March 18th.



Hold on Tight! VBS is coming...

And we need YOU to volunteer! If you're interested in being a shepherd, class leader or set-up volunteer with the Hilton Head Campus Vacation Bible School, contact Lauren Ricciardelli (laurenrhhiu@gmail.com). Dates are June 11-15th, 9:00-11:30am. This program is only possible with the help of our volunteers.



Parenting Class on Sunday Mornings

Dates: March 4 to May 20

Time: 10:20-11:00am

Location: C108 (Celebration Center – Hilton Head)

Parents in our post-modern world tend to be committed, but may feel some anxiety about our child-rearing responsibilities. **Grace Based Parenting** offers a refreshing new look at family dynamics. Rejecting rigid rules and checklists that don't work, author Dr. Tim Kimmel offers a parenting style that mirrors God's love, reflects His forgiveness, and displaces fear as a motivator for behavior. As we parents embrace the grace God offers, we begin to give it - creating a solid foundation for growing morally strong and spiritually motivated children.


We will use DVD segments to help us focus on the weekly parenting discussion topic. No need to sign up, just drop in to join our discussions on Sunday mornings following Fellowship Coffee (and dropping your little ones off at DiscipleShip)! Please join us as we continue to build relationships with one another as we grow in our faith together.

Informative Meeting on Aging and our Families

The **Health Missions Committee** will present a program on **Thursday, March 22 at 4:00pm**. This program will address many of the health and social issues and concerns we may encounter as we age. Some of the topics to be discussed will be Advance Directives and how we can help our families to understand our wishes for our future health care needs. Please join us as we consider some of our future treatment.



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Giving at a Glance (January 2018)

<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$149,282	\$22,555	\$171,837
\$149,000	\$28,000	\$177,000
\$282	(\$5,445)	(\$5,163)
=Above Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

Note: January Actual and Budget Pledge Contribution numbers include \$64,160 received in 2017 for 2018 pledges.

Income and Expenses (January 2018)

<u>For The Year</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>For The Year</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$174,099	\$175,258	(\$1,159)
\$116,915	\$114,231	\$2,684
\$57,184	\$61,027	(\$3,843)