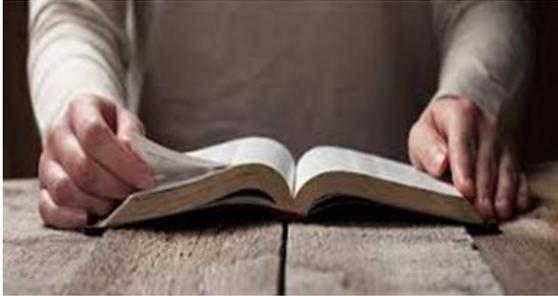


THE FISHERMAN

April 2018

New Bible Study Led by Rev. Neil Yongue



What Is The Bible?

Dates: April 24 to May 29 (Tuesdays)

Time: 5:30-6:30

Location: Celebration Center - Room C111

Leader: Rev. Neil Yongue

Cost of book: \$10

Want to be introduced to the most amazing book ever written? St. Andrew By-The-Sea will offer three 6-week scripture study courses that will provide an overview of this book that has shaped so much of what we know and do as people of faith.

What Is the Bible? (April 24 to May 29) This first course gives you a broad overview of the entire Bible, including chapters on how to select a Bible suitable for your needs, how the Bible is organized, how the collection of books that comprise the Bible were chosen, different ways that people approach the text, and what archaeology has to tell us about the text and its stories.

Introducing the Old Testament (August 28 to October 2) The second course helps you better understand the Old Testament in the context of the world in which it was written. Learn about the march of empires across biblical lands, how ancient peoples thought about their world, and how the stories of the Bible distinguished the God of Israel from the gods of Israel's neighbors.

Introducing the New Testament (October 30 to December 4 - dates tentative) The third course shows you Jesus in three distinct ways: A man like other men, a Jewish rabbi, and the Christ of Christian faith. Then it's on to the cantankerous Paul, the other New Testament authors, and the wild and baffling book called Revelation.

The Bible was written by many authors, all inspired by God. It is neither a simple collection of books written by human authors, nor is it the literal words of God dictated to human scribes. It is a source of religious truth, presented in a diversity of styles, genres, and languages and is not meant to serve as fact in science, history, or social structure.

The Bible has authority for communities of faith who take time to study and prayerfully interpret its message, but it is also important for anyone who wants to more fully understand culture, religious thought, and the world in which we live.

Biblical texts have been interpreted in diverse ways from generation to generation and are always filtered through the lens of the reader's faith and life experiences. This breadth and plurality, however, are what keep the Bible alive through the ages and enhance its ongoing, transformative power.

To sign-up for the first course, *What Is the Bible?*, email Connie Borgianini (conniebhhiumc@gmail.com). Please note: **limited registration** – class size is limited to 15 participants.

Cares & Concerns

Our Deepest Sympathy:

- ◆ To Bill & Mary Rothert upon the death of their daughter on March 28 in Florida.

Our ill or convalescing: Dean Beckelheimer, Mary Lou Pitts, Larry Creswell, Ward Kirby, Bob Peery, Bob Campbell, Cody Yeager, Shelly Hudson, Tom Davis, Jack Miller, Jane Giddings, Bunny Mc Coy, Harry Bull, Andi Argast, Barbara Hamberg, Tom Yocum, Dean Beckelheimer

Yard Sale in Bluffton next Month

It's Yard Sale Season! Get out your treasures! Our Youth will hold a Yard Sale Fundraiser Saturday, May 5th at 8am! If you would like to purchase a parking spot (\$15) to sell your items, please contact Monica Barricks: [864-838-5227](tel:864-838-5227) or monicabhiumc@gmail.com. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be sold.



Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission, located in poverty-stricken Appalachia, depends on receiving labels and other rewards to fund special needs. While labels from Campbell's are no longer offered, you can still collect or participate through these corporate programs:



And the next big thing, Amazon Smile Foundation.



For more information please visit:

Website: rbmission.org/support/collectibles/

Email: rbm@rbmission.org

Mail: 70 Queendale Ctr., Beverly, KY 40913-9607

Labels may be dropped off at either campus.

Fisherman Next Deadline



The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Friday, April 20th.**

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

Fellowship Friends



Fellowship Friends met Tuesday, March 13th. Debby Graves, our church organist, gave a demonstration on the Harpsichord with her brother Warren's assistance. We will not meet in April (RBC Heritage). Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8th. Tim Reynolds, our church music director, will present the program.



Palm Sunday in Bluffton



Celebrating our 50th Anniversary



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

There was no “sitting idly by” during the months following the July 1987 groundbreaking for the new sanctuary. Indeed, members of St. Andrew UMC seemed to be busier than ever, as they purchased 1.6 acres of land adjacent to the church property. The 3,000 square-foot office building on the site would be used for storage, classrooms and a youth center. Renovation of the educational and office facilities was completed. Thanks to the dedication, sacrifices, and perseverance of members, the church continued to meet its operating budget and sanctuary fund pledges. A new “Furnish the Sanctuary Fund” was created and wonderful memorials were provided. Gifts included a grand piano, communion table, pulpit, lectern, communion rail, candelabra, pulpit Bible, sound system, projector and screen, memorial cabinet and book, pews, hymnals, and pew Bibles. The sanctuary would be beautifully and lovingly dressed, and landscaping would enhance the approach to the church!

Consecration Day was held June 12, 1988. The Resident Bishop and the District Superintendent attended the service. Later that summer, large photographs of all ministers and associate ministers were hung in the narthex hallways. A second pictorial directory was printed. With money raised by cookbook sales, UMW established a scholarship fund and a committee to set policies for investing the funds and selecting candidates. This has been an ongoing project, and many scholarships to aspiring ministers and religious education workers have been given. A memorial committee was established to set policies and record all memorial gifts.

Membership and activities increased through the next several years, and St. Andrew shared its gifts with the community, giving help to churches after Hurricane Hugo and other mission needs such as Habitat for Humanity. New activities within the church were: mid-week evening fellowship dinners followed by Bible study, committee meetings and choir rehearsals. The church was recognized for its outstanding stewardship and work in the Conference. UMW purchased new china for church use, and re-activated the library project of decorating and making it a center for inspiration and education. Seventy white azalea plants were donated by a church family and were planted in the form of a cross in front of the church. This display continues to celebrate the Easter season in a glorious way.

In June 1992, Rev. Harold Lewis was reassigned, and Rev. Doug Bowling was welcomed as the church’s fifth pastor. The parsonage on Crooked Pond was made ready for Doug and Marlene. The church’s 25th anniversary was celebrated in June 1993. Many commemorative items were sold as a fundraiser, and Rev. Milton McGuirt, the church’s first minister, spoke at the service. Stephen Ministry began in 1994 with 11 caregivers and leaders. A Counseling Center was established with Amelia Smoot as counselor. After over 7,000 hours of labor, a six-year project of designing and stitching nine handsome needlepoint cushions for the communion rail was completed and dedicated in June 1995. The painstaking work was done by 25 women. To assist the island’s growing Hispanic population, English as a Second Language classes were begun in 1998. Classes were taught by church members.

On April 5, 1998 – Palm Sunday – St. Andrew helped to launch a new church in the Okatie area, named “Church of the Palms.” What a fitting ending of our church’s third decade!

Save the Date!



50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

June 30 - Picnic at Honey Horn

July 1 - Special worship at both campuses:

10:00 at Pope Avenue, 10:30 at Persimmon Street

Check upcoming Fisherman & email blasts for more details.



NOTES FROM TIM

Tim Reynolds, Director of Music



The United Methodist Church website tells us:

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

During Eastertide, we have special music planned for our worship services including an exciting "Music Swap" on April 29. We will all have a chance to experience "how the other half" lives on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's two campuses. Jason Snyder and the praise band from the Bluffton campus will be providing the music at Pope Avenue on that day and the Chancel Choir and I, along with our string quartet, will be providing the service music for at Persimmon Street campus. It should be a fun day and an interesting way to musically celebrate our *one church, two front doors* philosophy.

Also, on April 22 the string duet of Kearston (13) and Kendall Gonzales (11) will be returning to join us in worship. As you may recall Kearston plays the violin and her younger sister plays the cello. Both girls are very accomplished and have won many awards, and we look forward to welcoming them back to St. Andrew.

So, we in the music ministry will work to keep the joy and excitement of Easter in our worship services all the way to Pentecost on May 20th, when we'll celebrate the birthday of the church and our newest confirmation class confirmands.

See you in church!

Tim

Bluffton Events and New Members

One of the most exciting things to happen in Bluffton last month was welcoming 18 new members!

Matt Huhn and his son, Charlie.



Scott and Selina Denny with daughters Madison and Olivia.

Bruce and Val Trimbur



Rene Manning, Annette Ballard and their children David, Dalton and Jaida.



Sarah Swofford

Colleen and Ron Discher



Cheri and Chuck Miller



The boys (far right) were enjoying themselves at Monica's First Friday Fun Night that she hosts each month.

Some of the girls from our Youth Group (right) had a lock-in last month and enjoyed cooking, painting and playing games.



STEPHEN MINISTRY *by the* NUMBERS

St. Andrew Stephen Ministry Sunday April 29, 2018

40

Each SABTS Stephen Leader has attended a six-day Leaders Training course at one of the Stephen Ministries regional training conferences for over 40 hours of additional training.

25

St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC has been enrolled as a Stephen Ministry congregation since 1993. That's a total of 25 years of ministry.

90

Our Stephen Leaders have trained approximately 90 lay Stephen Ministers to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in our congregation and community.



Since beginning Stephen Ministry, over 300 hurting people have received Christ-centered care from SABTS Stephen Ministers.

300

Our Stephen Leaders estimate that Stephen Ministry at SABTS UMC has provided over 16,000 hours of care!

Each Stephen Minister has received 50 hours of classroom training, plus 18 hours of continuing education each year.

50+
18/yr

16,000

4 Week Message Series and Experience

Bluffton worship @ 10:30
April 8 - 29



Hilton Head Happenings

Island Vacation Bible School

Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God at this year's Hilton Head Vacation Bible School! **Ages 4 through rising 5th** graders are invited to join us **June 11-15th** from 9:00 am -11:30 am. Rafters will find JOY, PEACE, ADVENTURE & more on the rivers as we travel through the week exploring God's promise for our lives. Registration is open beginning APRIL 1st through our church website: <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/hhiumc>. Cost is \$15/child. Keep Calm and Raft On!



Interested in sharing the journey with our children? Contact Lauren Ricciardelli or Julie Chalpan for exciting volunteer opportunities.



St. Andrew is delighted to welcome Paula Refice who joined our staff in mid-March as Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Paula succeeds Casey Clark who relocated at the end of February to North Carolina due to her husband's work.

Prior to joining St. Andrew, Paula was the church's bookkeeper for nearly two years at Island Financial where she handled our accounts payable, entries, reconciliations and prepared our financials.

"Paula has always been extremely efficient, responsive, and a joy to work with," said Director of Administration Phyllis Brodie. "When she indicated an interest in our opening, we were thrilled as we have had such a wonderful working relationship already."

Paula is a native of Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts and Education from Ohio State. While in Ohio, she worked for 24 years for Chicago Title & Trust/Fidelity as a senior escrow accountant. She also held accounting and office managerial positions with a CPA firm and with a chiropractor, and she was assistant to the president of an international lighting company. She and her husband, Mike, live in Hilton Head Plantation.

Paula can be reached at the Hilton Head Campus by calling [843-785-4711](tel:843-785-4711) or email her at: paularhhiumc@gmail.com.



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Giving at a Glance (January – February 2018)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 2/28/2018	\$221,917	\$42,740	\$264,657
Budget thru 2/28/2018	\$233,800	\$56,000	\$289,800
Variance	(\$11,883) = Below Budget	(\$13,260) = Below Budget	(\$25,143) = Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-February 2018)

	<u>For The Year</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>For The Year</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$269,994	\$286,317	(\$16,323)
Expenses	\$251,847	\$235,389	\$16,458
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$18,147	\$50,928	(\$32,781)

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged thru 2/28/2018 \$ 2,145,596
Total Received thru 2/28/2018 \$ 1,789,929 (83.4%)