

THE FISHERMAN

June/July 2018

50th Anniversary

Dear St. Andrew Family,

On behalf of the Steering Committee for the 50th Anniversary celebration, we want to thank the congregation for supporting the special events that have been planned to commemorate this milestone in the history of our church. The Steering Committee has been hard at work for nearly a year to make this anniversary year memorable, and we are so grateful for their dedication. Please thank the following committee members when you see them: Kathleen and Shannon Archer, Connie and Steve Borgianini, Ronnie and Jim Gray, Laurie and Jeff Jones, Bonnie Hunt, David Leininger, Lauren Ricciardelli, and Bruce Siebold. In addition, Neil, Phyllis, and the entire office staff have kept us on track and helped in countless ways.

The *Oyster Roast* in January was our “kick-off event.” It was beautifully organized by Laurie and Jeff Jones and Kathleen and Shannon Archer along with a great crew from the Bluffton Campus. Special thanks goes to Debby Graves for contributing her musical talents to the *Pot Luck Luncheon and Hymn Sing*, and to Joy McDonald and Juanita Graul and their committee for spearheading the fabulous *Spring Tea and Fashion Show*. We are indebted to the former pastors and to Russell Freeman, former member and now pastor, who made the trip back to Hilton Head to reunite with us. Their powerful sermons reminded us of the love for Christ that we have always shared in this strong faith community.

Now we look forward to the Anniversary Weekend. See the box (right) for details of a Welcome Home BBQ on Saturday, June 30.

The BBQ will be followed by a special worship service on Sunday, July 1 at 10:00 AM on Hilton Head (one service), and at 10:30 AM in Bluffton. A video prepared by Matt Brodie will help us reflect upon our 50-year history. Please plan to be present to praise God for the blessings of the last 50 years and to ask that

He continue to bless the people and ministries of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC in the years to come.



Also, we are still selling the keepsake miniatures of the sanctuary for \$15. They are available after worship on Sundays or at the reception desk in the church office on Hilton Head. Please consider a purchase!

Yours in Christ,
Jack and Nancy Biel

Welcome Home BBQ at Honey Horn

On Saturday, June 30th, the entire church (members past and present) will gather at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn for a "Welcome Home BBQ" from 3:00 - 6:00pm. You won't want to miss a delicious meal catered by Jim & Nick's BBQ, the bounce houses and other fun activities for young and old. Tickets are \$15 per person with a maximum of \$45 per family, children under 3 are free. You may purchase a ticket after church services in June by emailing mkaelinhhiumc@gmail.com, or calling Laurie Jones at 843-815-2010. Indicate your name(s), number of tickets needed, and your phone number or email address to receive a confirmation. Deadline for RSVPs is June 24! Seating is available, but bring a lawn chair if you'd like.

Looking for some additional entertainment? Members of the Spike Ivory Band will be providing music. We're looking for members to lend us their corn hole and bocce sets to get some friendly competition going during the picnic. If you're able to bring your bocce set, ladder ball or corn hole game, please contact Lauren Ricciardelli (laurenrhgiumc@gmail.com).

Our former associate pastor from 1988-1991, the Rev. Michael Baughman, is coming from Pennsylvania to be with us at the picnic, and we will also honor our current associate, the Rev. Jim Morrison.

**In the event of rain we will hold festivities in the Celebration Center.*

Cares & Concerns

Our Deepest Sympathy:

- ♦ To Lucy Coleman upon the death of her sister, Vara Graham in Greenville, SC on May 4.
- ♦ To Lee Creswell upon the death of her husband and our Christian brother Larry Creswell on Saturday, May 5.
- ♦ To Betty Saunders upon the death of her brother-in-law Willie Watson of Moneta, VA.

Our ill or convalescing: Dean Beckelhimer, Rick Castle, Bob Peery, Jane Giddings, Jack Scandrett, Betty Best, Jacque Carbiener, Larry Shaff, Myles Katerman

Scholarship Sunday Update

As a result of many generous donations made to the Scholarship Fund since February, over \$5,600 has been raised. This has allowed scholarship awards to be made to 5 applicants to the amount of \$7,000. The Scholarship Committee thanks you all for your support.

Christmas in July? Yes!



Christmas in July? Yes - definitely if you're thinking about Christmas Grace and beginning to plan for our 2018 Christmas Toy Shoppe.

Christmas Grace is a very special SABTS Ministry that allows parents to choose Christmas gifts for their children. In 2017, 221 children from our Hardeeville BackPack Buddies program received toys, books, teddy bears and a family Bible. Each family even received a small household appliance.

If you've never had the opportunity to be part of Christmas Grace, you can't begin to imagine what an amazing, inspiring and humbling experience it is. We hope that you'll join us this year. There are many ways to serve with Christmas Grace—**the first is on July 15 when we will ask our congregation to make a special donation to fund this years mission.** There is no cost to our families—all funding comes from individual donations made by our 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 at 843-645-6303/Suekroupa@hargray.com.

Best Wishes

We extend our appreciation to Jason Snyder and Lauren Ricciardelli for their service as part-time employees of our church. Jason was recognized at the end of the school year on June 3 at the Bluffton Campus, and Lauren will complete her duties following VBS on Hilton Head, but you will continue to see her in church with her family.

Fall Festival Needs Your Stuff!



Save the Date: November 10, 2018

As you are cleaning out your closets and garages this summer, please remember to donate any items you no longer want to the Fall Festival. You may drop off your items at the church, at Pope Ave. or Bluffton. Just stop at the church reception desk at either location, and you will be directed to the Fall Festival storage areas. For larger items, you may want to wait until the PODs arrive in September. We will also pick up items at your home or business if necessary; contact the Fall Festival Co-chairs, Dave and Michelle Deis, 614-562-5065 (cell), mdeis56@gmail.com.

Silent Auction Couriers Needed! Please consider being a Silent Auction Courier who will visit area businesses to collect donations. We need several more Couriers on Hilton Head Island, and Couriers are especially needed in Bluffton. We cannot have a successful Fall Festival without these crucial donations. Contact Michelle or Dave Deis (contact info above) if you are able to help.

Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends met Tuesday, May 8th in the Wesley Room with Tim Reynolds, music director at St. Andrew By-The-Sea, as our guest speaker. Tim



spoke about hymns in the Methodist Hymnal. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, with Peggy Miller and Connie Borgianini giving a program on Herbs of the Bible. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you

When I held my beautiful lap quilt, I could feel the love and prayers of everyone at St. Andrew. I shall treasure it. Love and blessings to all of you. Thank you, Mary Lou Pitts

Fisherman Next Deadline

The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Friday, July 20th for our August edition.**

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



Congratulations to all 2018 Graduates



Bryson Cummings - Graduated from Hilton Head High School and will be attending UNC Charlotte in the fall. His parents are Wendy and Scott Cummings.

Brad Tigges - Graduated from John Paul II and will be attending Catholic University of America in the fall. His mother is Deann Tigges.

Mark Tigges - Graduated from John Paull II and will be attending Wofford on a 4-year ROTC scholarship. His mother is Deann Tigges.

Elizabeth Hubbard - Graduated with a PHD in Kinesiology from the University of Illinois, May 2018. She has been named Associate Professor of Kinesiology at Berry College in Rome, GA. Her mother is Debra Keenan.

Ben Likins - Graduated from University of South Carolina with a degree in Health Sciences, heading to MUSC in the fall to study Medicine. His parents are Steve and Kim Likins.

Alex Likins - Graduated from Hilton Head Christian Academy and is heading to University of South Carolina to study Engineering. His parents are Steve and Kim Likins.

Zeke Troyer - Graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Neuroscience. His parents are Cindy and John Troyer.

Jessica Deis - Graduated with a Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry from University of Minnesota. She has accepted a position as a Regulatory Specialist with Abbott in Chicago, Illinois, in Abbott's Nutrition Division. Her parents are Michelle and Dave Deis.

Dalton Manning - Graduated from Bluffton High School and is enlisting in the US Army. His parents are Rene Manning and Annette Ballard.

Keegan Bouzammour - Graduated from Anderson Christian High School. Grandparents are Gloria & Allan LaCoe.

Kathryn Joyce Newton - Graduated from Lassiter High School and will be attending Lander University playing soccer and studying Exercise Science. Grandparents are Keith and Sarah Dodson.

Kamaron Wilcox - Graduated from Forest Hills High School and has a fellowship at Hope College in Holland, MI, this summer before studying Physics in the fall. Grandparents are Ed and Kathy Wilcox.

Jaret Wilcox - Graduated from Pickerington North High School and will pursue an Engineering degree at Ohio State University. Grandparents are Ed and Kathy Wilcox.

Emily Wilbourne - Graduated from Hilton Head Island High School early in December and is attending Elon University in the fall. Her parents are Cindy and Stuart Wilbourne.

Leighton Gray Smith - Graduated Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina. She is employed at Drayer Physical Therapy while taking classes to obtain her master's degree. Her parents are Connie and Ken Smith.

Payton Elaine Flowers - Graduated from Hilton Head Island High School and is heading to Auburn in the fall. Her parents are Joe and Michelle Flowers.

Confirmation, Youth and Bluffton VBS



We are so proud of our 2018 Confirmation Class. What a journey it has been! We began back in September, exploring our faith and diving deep into our understanding of the United Methodist faith. Not only did we work hard, but we also got to play. Our Confirmation Class took a trip to Savannah, GA, to hear about the rich history and what an impact John Wesley had there. God has BIG plans for each of these young people and we feel so very blessed to be part of the journey!

A special thank you to all who helped lead:

Rev. Neil Yongue Jr.
Rev. Daniel Burbage
Connie Borgianini
Lauren Ricciadelli
Monica Barricks



Names of Confirmants

Jack Mau
David Manning
Will Wilson
Macey Dowe
Audrie Sullivan
Zach Hallman
Caroline Kaelin*
Claire Archer*

Youth Group

As the school year comes to a close, our youth program will ramp up! There are several adults who have stepped up to help lead small groups. We also will provide several "meet up" opportunities all over the community. Not only are we going to strengthen our relationships with our peers, but we are also plan on serving our community in a variety of ways this summer. Be on the lookout for our youth, you never know where they will be!



Bluffton Children & Vacation Bible School

Whew! What a busy year it has been and we are so excited for our VBS this summer!! There is an active group of children in Bluffton, so we decided to go with a "Game Day" theme. Teams are God's idea, and He wants us all on His team! Kids will learn that playing on God's team makes life better and what they can do to be great teammates. "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.



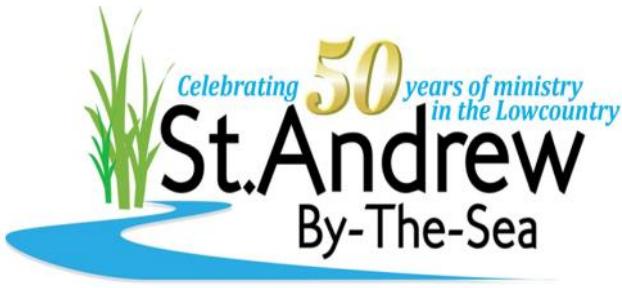
Monday June 18
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday June 19
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday June 20
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Thursday June 21
5:30pm Family Worship
6:00pm Family Cookout





Celebrating our 50th Anniversary: Decade 5

This is the fifth in a series of articles highlighting events during the 50-year history of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC. This article was written by SABTS Member Ronnie Gray.

2008 – Members from SABTS and First Presbyterian again joined together to form a disaster rebuild team working in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, from February 9-16. On June 29, the congregation celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the church with a single service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a brunch for 360 people in the Celebration Center. The founding pastor, the Rev. Milton McGuirt, preached, and the Bowlings, Teagues, Carolinda Robison, and DuBois families travelled to be with us. Our membership increased in 2008, from 793 professing members to 823, with an overall membership of 1099. Approximately 290 new Teddy Bears were collected & given to The Children's Center, Deep Well, Bluffton Self Help, HH Fire & Rescue, Beaufort County Sheriff's Dept., Crisis Pregnancy Center, CODA, and Hope Cottage, for children in crisis.

2009 – Nine of our Estill Middle School volunteer mentors were recognized as guests of honor, & Eva Prude Norton was named “Volunteer of the Year” in Hampton County, where our church has donated more than \$6000. Just a few short years ago, SABTS gave birth to The Sandbox, which has now been named one of the “Top 20 Summer Learning Destinations in the U.S.” Our wonderful Gloria and Allan LaCoe & Hudson’s again coordinated our annual free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, serving approximately 1400 people. Since the first year, we have now raised over \$48,000 for Deep Well.

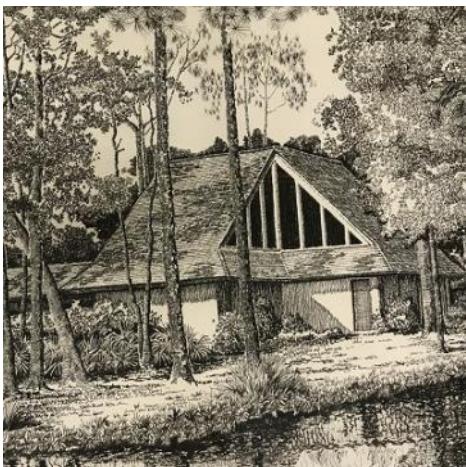
2010 – In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, our mission team checked, packed, & delivered 300 Health Kits to the Sager Brown Distribution Center in Louisiana, & we also donated \$20,053 in total disaster funds. We became active partners in the Backpack Buddies Program, a powerful ministry structured to help at-risk-children who may otherwise go hungry over the weekend. This year, we've received approximately \$138,837; and combined with the \$24,500 net proceeds from our 32nd Fall Festival, we'll be directing \$163,124, to church mission work and outreach programs in our community and around the world.

2011 – At the July Trustee meeting, an offer was received from Neil and Imogene Yongue for the purchase of the parsonage, and the Trustees voted to accept the bid. Our Soup Kitchen is now providing a warm, nutritious, loving meal every Friday at noon for the needy. Our mission team travelled to Panama for work in October. Thanks to the stewardship of our congregation, St. Andrew was able to pay off our mortgage loan for the construction of the Celebration Center.

2012 – In April, our 10-member mission team contributed over 300 labor hours in Vandemere, NC, repairing damage from Hurricane Irene. Locally, our Counseling Center has provided over 6000 hours of counseling for persons without regard to race, creed, faith, or ability to pay. Rev. Daniel S. Burbage was appointed to SABTS as an Associate Pastor at the SC Annual Conference on June 13. Burbage's appointment marks the embodiment of vision sessions with a special Associate Pastor being pivotal to reaching out in new ways, especially in the Bluffton area.

2013 – Continuing our vision to be one church in two locations, SABTS leased 1400 sq. ft. for our new Bluffton Ministry Center at 29 Plantation Park Dr., Unit 101. A SABTS Endowment grant of \$9500 provided funding for furniture, AV equipment, and nursery needs. Our Mission Team worked this summer with the Ngobe Indians in Panama & shared God's message of love at Bible School.

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2014 – Christmas Grace store providing Christmas assistance, joy, and love to 50 needy families.

2015 – SABTS celebrated worship services at our two campus locations this year with capacity attendees and an estimated 2500 at the Easter Sunday Coligny Beach sunrise service. We also pledged 2.6 million dollars toward the Capital Fund Campaign. Another celebration of note: our Director of Youth Ministries Daniel Griswold was ordained as an Elder by the SC Conference. This is the second person (Russell Freeman, the first) that SABTS has shepherded into the professional ministry of the United Methodist Church. A crowd of about 550 attended our Christmas Eve Under the Stars service in Bluffton.

2016 – What an amazing grand opening service on Sunday morning, February 28, at our new Bluffton Worship & Ministry Center, 39 Persimmon St., Ste 203, with 150 attendees joined in worship and fellowship! Our 10-member Mission Team travelled to Quito, Ecuador, June 3-11, to help construct a Sunday School building. We honored Phyllis Brodie with a thank-you reception marking her 20+ dedicated years on staff. Connie Borgianini, our Director of Christian Education since 2006, was also recognized for her excellent service. Following Hurricane Matthew, we provided assignment coordination, food, and lodging at our Pope Avenue campus for three UMCOR hurricane teams and supplied 3100 cleaning buckets distributed by both campuses.



2017 - Bluffton leadership was both thrilled and challenged by the growing number of worshipers; and we leased an additional 1860 sq. ft. A trained volunteer team carried Christ's gospel inside Allendale Correctional Institution November 9 -12 for a 3-day spiritual journey with 42 residents. Christmas Grace 2017 allowed 69 families from our Hardeeville BackPack Buddies program to select Christmas gifts for 221 children, receiving toys, teddy bears, books, a Bible, a small household family item and a present for each mom made by our church women. Our Stephen Ministers heard their stories and prayed with them.

2018 – On January 21, the first pastor of SABTS, the Rev. Milton McGuirt, was our special guest preacher, and shared remembrances and challenges of our birth. He and his wife also joined us that picture-perfect afternoon at a church-wide celebratory oyster roast at Bluffton Oyster Factory Park. We welcomed the Rev. Willie S. Teague (SABTSMC Senior Pastor, 2001-2004) back to the pulpit in April; and the Rev. Cooper Stonestreet (1979-1985) led both HHI services on May 12. We've come a long way since 1968, and have enjoyed monthly jubilee celebrations with additional invited trailblazers each month, culminating with a huge Welcome Home Bar-B-Q at Honey Horn on June 30, as well as special worship services at both campuses on Sunday, July 1, (10:00 a.m. at Pope Avenue and 10:30 a.m. at Persimmon St.). Special music, presentations and a professionally produced video commemorating our milestones will be premiered at both locations.





NOTES FROM TIM

Tim Reynolds, Director of Music



The Pittsburgh Girls Choir is coming to HHI this summer and will be with us in both worship services at Pope Avenue on Father's Day, June 17, as well as presenting a free concert open to the public at 7:00pm that evening in the sanctuary. Their mission statement says:

The Pittsburgh Girls Choir welcomes girls of all races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds into our supportive community committed to artistic excellence through an exemplary music education program for girls in first through twelfth grades.

The 24-voice Chamber Choir that will be with us here at St. Andrew is made up of young ladies in grades 8 -12 and will be at the beginning of their summer choir tour. In 2005, Kathryn Barnard established the Oakland Girls Choir to provide an opportunity for girls of all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds to experience the joy of singing in community. Since then the program has developed into the Pittsburgh Girls Choir with a comprehensive 3-tiered training choir program (Melodia, Harmonia and Via), a Women's Choir (Women of Song) and a highly selective, chamber choir.

Their conductor and founding director, Baynard, is a Pittsburgh colleague of St. Andrew member, and harpist, Lucy Scandrett, who has been instrumental in bringing them to us. I know you will be inspired by their addition to our worship services and that you will enjoy their evening concert presentation as well. This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbors to share in this musical treat.

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 1 we will have one worship at 10:00 on Pope Ave. Joining us for this celebratory service will be the Chancel Choir and brass. A "new to us" hymn that we have adopted for the day will be sung at the Offertory by the choir and congregation together. "God Is Here" can be found at #660 in the United Methodist Hymnal and has a wonderfully appropriate text for the day. Here is the first verse:

*God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.*

In 1978, Russell Schulz-Widmar, who at the time served at University United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas, requested that Rev. Fred Pratt Green write a hymn text to be sung at a festival on worship, music, and the arts, in which the church would dedicate chancel furniture and rededicate themselves to God. Born in England and ordained a Methodist minister, Rev. Pratt Green wrote numerous plays and hymns. His hymns reflect his rejection of fundamentalism and show his concern with social issues. They also include many works that were written to supply obvious liturgical needs of the modern church, speaking to topics, or appropriate for events, for which there were few traditional hymns available. This magnificent text is just one of his always compelling texts in our hymnal and we look forward to sharing it with you in this special worship celebration.

See you in church!

Tim





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We've seen a great deal of change in fifty years. Those who lived here early on could hardly recognize the Island in its present state. So much good has been accomplished in our community during the last five decades; the vitality and vision of St. Andrew By -The -Sea UMC has been a critical dynamic in the midst of it all. Consistent characteristics of our congregation - the hospitality it offers to all who come through its doors, the kindness it shows to those in need and the joy of our being bound together in the love of Christ - have shown the way throughout the years.

We all owe a debt of gratitude for the work of the 50th Anniversary Committee as we continue to celebrate this significant year of our establishment. Our guest preachers, the fellowship opportunities, and the special recognitions have illustrated a wonderful journey well-traveled. We move now to the climax of this special season. I want to encourage you to make plans to be present for two events. On Saturday June 30, at Honey Horn, we will gather for a church-wide picnic. Details are included in this issue of the Fisherman. We're going to have a great time!

On Sunday, July 1, worship services at both campuses will be a time to thank God for all that has been done to make the Kingdom real in the lives of so many people during these fifty years. These two events offer you the chance to be the "true value" in our Golden Anniversary.

I love you all,