



THE FISHERMAN

December 2018

Christmas Eve Services

Saint Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

Hilton Head

- 4:30 pm ❖ Family Candlelight Service and Christmas Pageant with Women's Ensemble and Harp
- 7:00 pm ❖ Candlelight Communion Service with Harp
- 9:30 pm ❖ Traditional Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir and Harp

Bluffton

- 6:30 pm ❖ Christmas Eve Under the Stars
A Christmas message, Candles, Carols, and treats under a Christmas sky at
The Bluffton Oyster Factory Park

Sunday, December 30

Hilton Head ❖ One Service, 10:00 am

Bluffton ❖ Regular Service at 10:30 am



Neil's Notes

As I look out my window this morning, rain from gray skies are giving us a blue Monday- the fourth in a row! It's soggy and damp to start the week yet again. However, the dark weather offers an opportunity to think about the Advent season into which we as a church have moved.

While the dominate culture has already engaged a time of loud celebration and excess, Christendom holds onto the critical importance of solemn reflection and quiet preparation for God's great gift of grace at Christmas. Further, we also know that for some of our folks the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year" is not so wonderful. Uncomfortable memories accompanied by a sense of disappointment and loss are conjured up-made more acute by the endless party that surrounds them.

Interestingly, the Advent season addresses this very issue. We believe God in Christ has entered the pain and loneliness of humanity to stand with us in our alienation. We are not alone, God comes to us. We have a savior that heals torn hearts and restores life and community. Sometimes this healing is noticed quickly, often it takes time. However, we believe the divine act of making whole our lives is certain.

May the Advent season be one that brings hope and peace to your life. By the way, I think I just saw the sun break through!

Peace,
Neil

Cares & Concerns

Our ill or convalescing: Dean Beckelhimer, Rick Castle, Jane Giddings, Marian Jackson, Carol Pfeifle, Ray Beebe, John Baumler, Mary Ann Hannah, Brody Cooke, Joe Kerr, Bunny McCoy, Maggie Molony

Thank You

*To Neil and the Charge Conference,
I am deeply grateful for having had the honor of
Pastor Emeritus conferred upon me.*

*Thank you for allowing me to be part of this
wonderful church community that is St. Andrew
By-The-Sea UMC.*

*Sincerely,
Julius Scott*



Upcoming Advent Events

- Dec. 8: Christmas Grace at Coastal Carolina Hospital
- Dec. 12: Office Volunteer Luncheon
- Dec. 13: Worship.Learn.Serve Night
- Dec. 16: Children's Pageant at Bluffton during 10:30 Worship
- Dec. 24: Children's Pageant on Hilton Head during the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

Please check our website calendar for other activities at: SaintAndrewByTheSea.com or hhiumc.com.



Fisherman Next Deadline



The Deadline for the next *Fisherman* is **Thursday, December 20 for our January edition.**

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

Calling All Bakers!



Last year, in Bluffton at our *Christmas Eve Under the Stars*, we had approximately 500 plus worship with us. Most of the families are people we don't know, but who want an approachable place to worship Christ on Christmas Eve. As a part of our hospitality ministry, we serve snacks that allow people to talk and enjoy a sense of community. We need at least 40 dozen chocolate chip cookies with NO nuts.

If you can bake, email Megan Kaelin at kaelinhhiumc@gmail.com, or call 843-785-4711. They can be frozen, so we will accept them anytime at Pope, but please call or email for times to deliver to Bluffton.



Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends will meet Tuesday, December 11 at 10:00 am in the Wesley Room of the Celebration Center. Cinda Seamon, Fire and Safety Educator, from the Town of Hilton Head Island Fire and Rescue Public Education Programs and Services, will present a program on fire safe holidays and other topics related to the home. Everyone is invited.



Fellowship Friends filling bags with toiletries for the Church's Christmas Grace Project. We want to thank those who supplied the toiletries for our project.



St. Andrew By-The-Sea In Action



A Winter Concert

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The Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting a Winter Concert on January 11 at 12:00 pm.

Three organists, including Debby Graves, Linda Hamilton and Beth Corry, 11 other vocalists and a violinist will warm your heart with familiar pieces of organ music and various vocal and violin solos.

Debby will play a Gospel arrangement of Great is Thy Faithfulness, a men's quartet will sing The Battle of Jericho, an organ duet of Softly and Tenderly will be performed by two Organists, and a violin/organ arrangement of Amazing Grace will be performed by Brian Stuligross and Debby.

These are a just a few of the pieces you can expect to hear, so save the date – you won't want to miss it! Admission is free.



Year End Giving



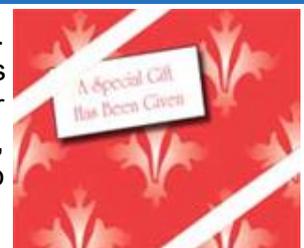
Please keep St. Andrew in mind as you make your year-end gifts. Any gift given in the offering plates through Sunday, December 30 or postmarked by December 31 will be accounted for as a 2018 gift. Please note on your check if any year-end gifts are to be considered as a **pre-pay** against your 2018 pledge or giving. These pre-paid gifts are always a great advantage to the church as we begin the new year's budget.

Another way to give is on-line through InFellowship which will securely accept your credit card, debit card or you can generate an e-check. As always, please mark your check or envelope with the words PLEDGE if the gift is to be attributed toward your estimate of giving.

You may contact Paula in the church office at 843-785-4711 for all giving related questions: from stock gifts, to sending gifts through your IRA, broker or some other third party source. Paula will make sure we can properly identify the giver.

Alternate Gifts

When you don't know what to give, please consider giving a donation to one of St. Andrew's funds. Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving. Whether it's Christmas, an anniversary, a memorial or other special situation, simply write your check payable to St. Andrew, note one of the funds in the Alternative Gift Brochure, and we can provide a lovely gift card that we can mail for you, or give to you to send. Information is available at both campus locations.



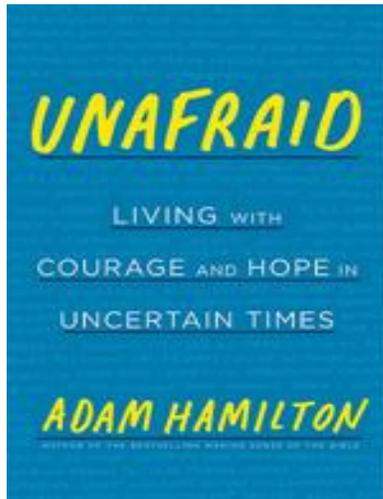


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January 7 to March 11, 2019
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wesley Room (C111) Celebration Center
Cost of Book: \$15

Our Monday evening Couples Group is starting a new study and looking for some new faces to share in this short-term study beginning in January. The study will be based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, ***Unafraid - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times***.

Some of our fears are real, but the vast majority—fear of others, of failure, of the future—have almost no basis in reality, yet tie us in knots and steal our peace of mind. These fears, experts say, are often vestiges of primitive 'fight, flight, or freeze' instincts that, mostly, no longer apply. Making matters worse, our hyper fractious era of hate media, divisive politics, and multiplying natural disasters

wreak havoc on our state of mind, leaving us troubled and unhappy. Fortunately, we can escape the echo chamber of anxiety and dread. With insight, intention and faith, we can learn to overcome what oppresses us, and live with courage and hope. For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, Unafraid offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

If you would like to join this timely and relevant study, and get to know a great group of St. Andrew folks, just call the church office to sign-up. A limited number of books are available on a first-come basis. (Please read the first chapter prior to the January 7 meeting.)