

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." MATTHEW 4:19

United Methodist Missionaries — from Everywhere to Everywhere! *By Jeanie Blankenbaker*

In more than 60 countries around the world, United Methodist missionaries come from many places and backgrounds and witness and serve in dramatically different locales and cultures. They engage in a range of activities and professions including pastors, educators, congregational and leadership developers, regional coordinators for UMCOR, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors.

St. Andrew By-The-Sea is very fortunate to be able to **partner** with three missionaries, providing financial, spiritual and emotional support. Through our mission budget, we have an established Covenant Relationship of \$2,500 per year/per missionary. All three missionaries are committed to the mission work to which they've been called and are engaging persons to know. We encourage you to keep these and all missionaries in prayer as they give themselves for God's service.



Sara Flores

Sara and her husband Dakin, a retired Global Ministries missionary, live in Quito, Ecuador. She works in church development and community ministries with the Evangelical United

Sara Flores and husband, Dakin Cook

Methodist Church of Ecuador.

Sara was assigned to Ecuador in 2011 after a term at Global Ministries' headquarters as a regional executive for Latin America and the Caribbean. She earlier served as integrated ministries advisor for the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia, working to strengthen the church's ministries in health, education, and community development. The ministry also included national programs for children, women, and the elderly.

Sara's work in Ecuador places an emphasis on diaconal ministries, supporting congregations in the development of projects that respond to the prioritized needs of the congregations and communities. Her ministry includes working with the national office of the church in the planning and implementation of integrated ministries, the central goal of which is to strengthen and facilitate local leadership training.

Sara says, "I believe that an important role of missionaries in

the 21st century is to strengthen our partner churches and their vision; they already have and are carrying out God's mission. The church in Ecuador is a new Methodist church and they have the passion and talent to grow. We need to help them with their needs and priorities and facilitate partnerships with other Methodists that want to be part of God's global mission. In Ecuador, I see how pastors serve with all they have, and how hard it is for them to survive on little or no salary. I feel that we need to support them and their families; in this time of globalization, we need to globalize the hope and the dignity of these faithful servants."

Born and raised in Bolivia, Sara holds a degree in Sciences of Education from the Universidad Mayor de San Simon in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and has completed post-graduate studies in both development and community health.

Sara and Dakin have visited SABTS and shared their ministry with us. They've also hosted an UMVIM team from our church.

◆ You can contact Sara by email at sflores@umcmision.org

Rev. William (Bill) Lovelace

Bill and his wife, Helen live in Norway where he serves as a consultant for the Ministries with Migrants program with the Methodist Church of Norway. Previously, he served as district superintendent and pastor in Lithuania. He formerly held similar positions in Kiev, Ukraine.



Bill and Helen Lovelace

Bill has served in the former Soviet Union since 1992, first as a pastor in St. Petersburg, Russia. Between 1996 and the year 2011 he served as superintendent and/or pastor in the Southern Russia, Ukraine, and Caucuses districts of the Russia United Methodist Church. His pastorates included the United Methodist congregations in Kerch and Billa Tserkva, Ukraine, and St. Luke's Church in Kiev.

Bill was born in Orlando, Florida and raised in Knoxville,

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Tennessee. He entered the ministry after spending almost eight years in computer science, once working primarily in the defense industry. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in computer science from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Asbury Theological seminary in Kentucky. A student of languages, he speaks English, Russian, Lithuanian, Ukrainian, and is improving his Norwegian.

Bill and Helen, also a missionary, have visited SABTS and presented a program of their missionary work.

◆ You can contact Bill by email at whlovelace@gmail.com or on Facebook at Bill.Lovelace



Rhett Thompson and his mom, Jackie

Rev. Rhett Thompson

Rhett is assigned to the Republic of Panama, serving as pastor of an Evangelical Methodist Church in Panama City. In addition to his pastoral duties, Rev. Thompson has coordinated efforts of the church to strengthen its outreach into the surrounding low-income neighborhood through a day-care

program and other projects. Rhett also serves as the National Coordinator of Volunteers in Mission Program in Panama, helping mission teams from the UMC in the selection of projects as well as with all of the logistical details involved. Projects include construction and medical services. He has hosted two UMVIM teams from SABTS.

In recent years Rhett has been involved in the development of a comprehensive rural health project which serves the Ngobe Indians, who are the poorest of the poor in Panama. This project includes the provision of potable water, adult literacy classes, community organization, and pre-school education for the Ngobe children.

Rhett is a native of Alabama, a graduate of Davidson College, and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. In 2000 he earned a Masters in Family Counseling from the Catholic University of Panama.

Rhett has visited SABTS on several occasions and presented programs to our congregation. It's always a joy to see him.

◆ You can contact Rhett on Facebook at Rhett.Thompson or by email at PanamamissionRJT@gmail.com

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation..." Isaiah 52:7



Neil's Notes

Thinking back over the past weeks, my mind fills with vivid imagery. In my mind's eye I see people planting and tending flower beds; volunteers setting and resetting and setting again our sanctuary for worship; adults holding the hands of our children as they are led into church; greeters sharing a warm handshake with our guests and members; music that lifts and stirs the soul, the power of the written word capturing our imaginations; families taking photos together in front of the flower cross; the sun rising over the Atlantic ocean signaling a new day and a new life.

These and so many more are the pictures of God's people responding to God's love in Christ during the most holy time of the year. My prayer for you is that the Easter season, as it continues, will fill your minds with messages of grace, forgiveness, and remembrances of God's continued provision.

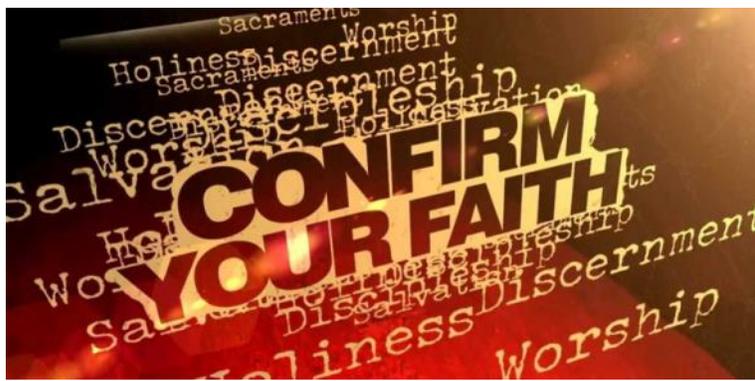
Easter Peace to you all, 



Our Condolences to:

- ◆ The family of Alice Ambler upon her death on March 26.
- ◆ The family of our sister in Christ, Patricia 'Pat' Kennedy upon her death on March 26.
- ◆ Eric Ricciardelli and family upon the death of his grandmother, Mary Ellen Hartman.
- ◆ Maxene Rogers and family upon the death of her mother, Pauline Scroggs in Asheville, NC.
- ◆ Edith Rhomberg and Karen Kenneweg and family at the passing of Edith's son and Karen's younger brother, Alan Young on April 17.
- ◆ Roger and Marian Jackson at the passing of their daughter, Deborah Gail, in April.
- ◆ To Nancy Male and family at the passing of her husband, Alfred 'Al' B. Male, Jr. on April 22.

If your loved one has passed away, please let us know by contacting Lois in the church office with the information. Please email to loischhiumc@gmail.com or call 843-785-4711 so that we might add you to the prayer list and notify the church family through our St. Andrew By-The-Sea publications.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY + LUNCH
SUNDAY, May 19
Hilton Head Campus, 11:15 am service

As a community of faith, we have the opportunity to participate in the confirmation of our youth - an important next step in their faith journey.

Following the worship celebration on May 19, the entire church family is invited to join these teens, their families and guests, to a luncheon in their honor in the Celebration Center following the service at 12:30 pm. We hope that you can be with us on this special day.

Bluffton/Hilton Head
Church Women United
May Friendship Day

Central Grove Missionary Baptist Church will host the May Friendship Day with a covered dish luncheon on Saturday, May 4 at 12:30 pm. The theme will be *'The Time is Now! Agree to Differ.'* Minister Joanne Taylor from Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church, in Bluffton, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, contact Jay Graves at 843.342.6322. The church is located at 161 Mathews Drive, Hilton Head.

Fellowship Friends



Our guest speaker at the April meeting of Fellowship Friends of St. Andrew-By-The-Sea was Mitzi Ganelin. Mitzi shared the inspiring story of her Jewish roots, her conversion to Christianity and becoming a Methodist.



Monica Barricks

Monica Barricks, who has served the Bluffton campus as Family, Children's and Youth Coordinator for the past four years, has been promoted to a new full-time role as Director of Children, Family and Development Ministries.

Monica has become an integral part of the entire range of ministries at St. Andrew By-The-Sea Church and will now add congregational development to her other responsibilities as Bluffton campus expands to a second Sunday worship service. Please join the committee in congratulating Monica on her expanded role with our church.

Joining our staff on a part-time basis on September 1 will be the **Rev. Frank Lybrand**, who currently serves as Senior Pastor of Carteret Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort. Rev. Lybrand will be retiring from that position on June 30, then will use the months of July and August to handle personal and family matters before being introduced in worship on Sunday, September 1.



Rev. Frank Lybrand

As our Associate Pastor, he will be assisting in worship three Sundays each month and will work two other days weekly providing congregational care and other support functions of the church.

Rev. Lybrand has spent more than 35 years serving churches in the South Carolina Annual Conference and will be a wonderful addition to our staff at St. Andrew.



The Rosene Family

Bob and Amy Rosene, who for several years have managed the highly successful Upward basketball program for our church, will expand their roles beginning May 1 to now include being Youth Ministry Leaders. They will continue to function as a team on the Upward program, while developing and sustaining an active program for young people grades 6 - 12 on Hilton Head Island. That program will plan and conduct events on a scheduled basis throughout the year with the youth group at the church's Bluffton campus.

Please offer your congratulations to the Rosene team when you see them around the church and in the community.

Budget Update By Sarah Coffin, Council Chair

Your Church Council recently approved the financial budget for 2019 and copies are available on both campuses. The Finance Committee worked very hard to review both the income and expense elements of this budget and, in the end, proposed a deficit budget. Projected income is \$1,351,900 and planned expenses are \$1,448,500. Our expenses exceed our projected income by \$96,600.

While St. Andrew has operated with projected deficits in the past, the 2019 amount is at, or near, the top of the scale. How will the shortfall be offset? We have a reserve, funded out of budget surpluses from prior "good" years, which we believe is sufficient to cover the deficit, unanticipated emergency expenses, and major repairs and equipment replacements for 1-2 years. We recognize this is a temporary fix which cannot be sustained long term. At this point, however, it is the best alternative which minimizes negative impact on maintenance, staffing, and programs as we work toward a more permanent solution going forward.

Why do we wish to highlight this with you? We want our membership to be informed and aware of our stewardship of your gifts. The Finance Committee and Church Council will continue to monitor and evaluate our financials and seek opportunities to manage our expenses as closely as possible. Our staff and Council have already identified creative ways to stretch our dollars and shrink our deficit. And your ongoing support by maintaining the gifts of your presence, your talent and your regular giving means a great deal as we expand our presence and influence in our community. We will continue to keep you informed as the year unfolds.

St. Andrew-By-The Sea is blessed to be a very vibrant church with activities and outreach gracing both of our campuses as we seek to accomplish our mission of being an "...open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others." We intend to manage our financials such that we can continue to boldly pursue this mission and we go forward with faith that our collective gifts will support our needs.

Coming Soon...

Dr. Peter Wherry

Scholar, Pastor, Artist

Discussing Faith and Race

June 22, 10:00 am

St. Andrew By-The-Sea
Hilton Head Campus

~ Open to the Public ~

*Sponsored by Bridge Builders
of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
20 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head Island*



GIVING AT A GLANCE

(January-March 2019)

| | Pledge Contributions | Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Actual thru 3/31/2019 | \$259,190 | \$67,414 | \$326,604 |
| Budget thru 3/31/2019 | \$294,700 | \$74,900 | \$369,600 |
| Variance | (\$35,510) | (\$7,486) | (\$42,996) |
| | =Below Budget | =Below Budget | =Below Budget |
| | For The Year Actual | For The Year Budget | Variance |
| Income | \$335,077 | \$359,510 | (\$24,433) |
| Expenses | \$345,901 | \$377,064 | (\$31,163) |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$10,824) | (\$17,554) | \$6,730 |
| | | | =Better Than Budget |

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Epworth's Annual
Mother's Day
Offering
Sunday, May 12, 2019



Did you know?

174

Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in South Carolina.

100%

Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. If every United Methodist in SC contributed \$10.00 the offering would total \$2,394,520!

Making an Indelible Mark

The children at Epworth and the adults who lived part of their young years there thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity in supporting this life-changing ministry. Thank you for making an indelible mark in a young person's life.

Special envelopes will be available in the services at both campuses on May 12 for this annual Mother's Day offering at St. Andrew By-The-Sea.

St. Andrew By-The-Sea recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Epworth Children's home in recognition of our financial support as a Sustainer Congregation.

Continued support gives Epworth the ability to welcome children who are not supported by government funding or board payments.

Fewer and fewer children's homes are in a position to receive children into care who are not supported by government funding. Epworth is an exception. Because of strong church support Epworth can continue to welcome children as Christ welcomed the children to Himself.

You are invited to tour the campus and have some famous Epworth peanut butter ice cream. Learn how to be more involved in the daily life of the kids and ministry by contacting 803.256.7394.

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

Wednesday, May 15

for the JUNE edition of The Fisherman

Submit your articles and photos to:
standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com



BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, May 12
(Mother's Day)
8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Hilton Head Campus

To sign up or for more information visit oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code **#33952**



Look for the big red bus on campus that day

St. Andrew By-The-Sea's Pastor Emeritus **Dr. Julius Scott, Jr.** was honored at the recent 1862 Circle Gala for the Penn Center. He was recognized for his *'unwavering dedication to education, teaching students the importance of developing tough minds and tender hearts.'*



The Penn Center is recognized as one of the nation's most historic institutions dedicated to preserving Gullah Geechee culture. It is also the site of the former Penn School, one of the country's first schools for formerly enslaved individuals. Penn Center is one of the most significant African American historical and cultural institutions in existence today. the heart of Gullah culture.

1862 Circle Gala

Saturday, April 27, 2019



"Sustaining the Legacy - Honoring Educators"

School, now Penn Center, in 1862. *Congratulations, Julius!*

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4



Bible Presentation Sunday

Bibles were presented to the following children on April 7, 2019

- Charlotte Alden May
- Fisher Lane Baroni
- Connor Elizabeth Cooke
- Merritt Stone Risher
- William Naves
- Alyssa Lillian Ruckno

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11



Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter at St. Andrew By-The-Sea



We loved having Rev. Dr. Jon Black from Campbell Chapel AME speak as we hosted the Bluffton Community Service and Lunch on April 10, 2019 at our Bluffton Campus



He is risen! He is risen, indeed!



Peaches the Bunny



Coligny Beach Sunrise Service 2019



In planning church events or programs, it is easy to get caught up in the logistics and planning process. As we set out to plan our first ever Community Easter Egg Hunt and Sunrise Service, both located at Bluffton Oyster Factory Park, our team was very intentional. Instead of thinking about "job opportunities" we thought of "ministry opportunities". There was no way to predict how many people and families were going to show up, rather we poured our heart and soul into providing as much of everything to be prepared for what God had in store. Leading up to the weekend, we spent a lot of time reminding our church of our mission statement - and taking to heart that we "minister to others". As Saturday and Sunday morning unfolded, it was apparent that we were living that out loud and clear in Bluffton. As a Campus Church who's purpose is to be a mission, we believe that doing ministry like this in the community is how we share Jesus best. Can't wait to see how God will continue to use us to shine His light!

~ Monica Barricks



*Easter
2019
Bluffton*



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

OSCAR FRAZIER PARK
FIELD OF DREAMS

THURSDAY
6:00 PM

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER



Thanks to our volunteer gardeners, flower beds at the Hilton Head campus looked beautiful for Easter!

Mark your calendars for

Bluffton's Annual National Day Of Prayer

*Come out for a night filled with praise, prayer,
food and fellowship*

FREE Hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

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| St. Andrew By-The-Sea Bluffton | Campbell AME |
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| First Zion Missionary Baptist | LCC |

#unityinthecommunity #loveoneanother #nationaldayofprayer
<https://nationaldayofprayer.org>

living **IT** 2019

**96 people have volunteered for
623 service opportunities
at both Bluffton and Hilton Head!**

As Pastors Neil and Daniel expressed at the beginning of the Lenten season, 'God is doing great things through us on Hilton Head, in Bluffton, and the world. We look forward to your testimony.'

Kairos Prison Ministry Needs Cookies - Lots of them!



Our local Kairos team is finalizing plans to witness Jesus' message of salvation at Allendale Correctional Institution May 2 - 5. We are hopeful that 36 residents will be receptive during the three day spiritual journey and will experience new direction in their lives. While the number of participants is small, our team goal of **7000 dozen cookies** allows us to include all inmates and correctional staff so they can know Jesus as well.

Please help us with this huge goal by baking cookies or by supplying several dozen store-bought cookies. **Cookies will be picked up at the Bluffton Campus on Tuesday, May 1 at 12 noon and from the Hilton Head Celebration Center kitchen on Wednesday, May 2 at 11:00 am**

Several SCDC rules we must follow:

- Cookies should be oatmeal, chocolate chip, or sugar; no cookie bars, please.
- No powdered sugar on top or fruit inside.
- Pack by the dozen in resealable bags or shoe boxes noting the type of cookie on the outside; no aluminum foil, please.

Contact Charlie Gray at cmgray3@gmail.com with questions. Thank you for your help, prayers, and donations!

'Sir' John Scott Memorial Award 2019



For meritorious service, without fanfare, to God, country, family, school, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In recognition of her results in academics, athletics, and leadership while serving others and is hereby proudly presented to:

Grey Anne Cummings

Bluffton High School

Grey Anne received this honor at the Christian Heritage Breakfast on April 17, 2019. The Cummings family attends St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC.

ORGAN CONCERT

The Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

~ Presents ~

THE BOARD & FRIENDS CONCERT

Friday, May 10, 2019

FREE at 12 noon

Carteret Street United Methodist Church

408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC 29901

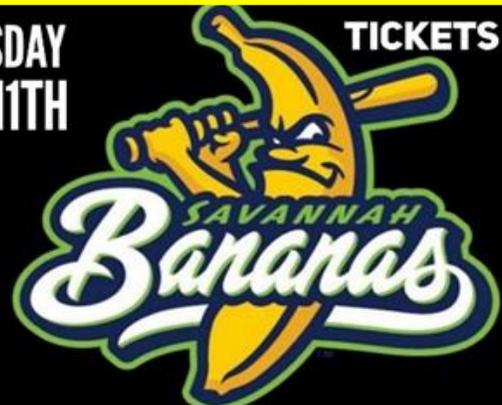
843.524.3841

It's not too late to get tickets for the Savannah Banana's Game on July 11. If you would like to join us for this fun night out, contact Megan at mkaelinhhiumc@gmail.com

THURSDAY
JULY 11TH

TICKETS \$18

GATES OPEN
AT 5:30



SEE MONICA TO
PURCHASE

COMING UP IN MAY

- May 1 Kairos Cookie drop off (BLF Campus)
- May 2 Kairos Cookies drop off (HH Campus)
- National Day of Prayer Community Event, Oscar Frazier Park, Bluffton
- May 12 Mothers' Day, Epworth Special Offering + Blood Drive (HH Campus)
- May 15 June Fisherman Deadline
- May 19 Confirmation Sunday + Luncheon (HH Campus)
- May 27 Memorial Day (Church Office closed)

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Coming June 17-20

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