

THE FISHERMAN

A publication of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

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

Annual Conference Report *contributed by SABTS Delegates*

A Future with Hope: Seeking a More Excellent Way was the theme reflected across all five days of this year's annual gathering, which had a spirit of pressing on in unity even as many in the body struggled with feelings of hurt and pain from the denomination's continued strife over issues of human sexuality.

By the time Annual Conference ended Thursday, June 6, the roughly 2,000 clergy and laity had passed a \$16.8 million 2020 ministry budget for the church, ordained or commissioned 19 deacons and elders, collected hundreds of Native American elder baskets and 25 filled boxes of donated food for Harvest Hope, addressed three petitions

and elected 32 delegates plus alternates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional conferences.

As Bishop Holston preached Sunday night, "if we allow God to work, God will use us to make a difference in the world."

Delegates elected over four days

Sixteen (eight lay, eight clergy) plus alternates will head to General Conference, set for May 5-15, 2020, in Minneapolis. An additional 16 (eight lay, eight clergy) will head to Jurisdictional Conference along with the 16 elected for General Conference. Jurisdictional Conference is set for July 15-18, 2020, at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

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Hilton Head Campus Vacation Bible School

One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom!

July 29 – August 1

Evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Rising K to Grade 5

\$20 per child

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St. Andrew By-The-Sea invites all children to blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God.

Grown-ups and youth – we need you to be part of the adventure!

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| ⇒ Craft Room Leader + Assistant | ⇒ Decorating & Other Pre-VBS Preparations |
| ⇒ Games/Recreation Leader + Assistant | ⇒ Snack Supper Coordinator + Crew |
| ⇒ Soundboard/AV Technician | ⇒ Photographer |
| ⇒ Music/song Leader | |

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What's Happening in Bluffton... By Rev. Daniel S. Burbage, Bluffton Campus Pastor

The summer is definitely here and the thirsty grass in my front yard totally agrees with me! Many of us are doing our very best adapting to the Lowcountry humidity and heat. Not to mention many of us are also doing our very best adapting to the sudden change of school being out. However, the good news is that nothing has stopped our church community from being the hands and feet of Jesus this summer.

At our Bluffton Campus we started off our summer with a message series about how we can grow in our personal relationship with Jesus. I am so thankful to witness tremendous spiritual and formational growth this summer. In other words, thanks be to God, we have not slowed down from our vision of worshipping, learning and serving Jesus Christ so that we can grow closer to our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

As I look back on the last couple of weeks, I am so thankful to God for our VBS week in Bluffton. Monica Barricks, Director of Children, Family + Development Ministries, and her team of faithful volunteers were boldly willing to try something a little different this year and have our annual VBS outside at the Oyster Factory Park in Bluffton.

As a result, we were able to reach out to those in our community who might not necessarily feel comfortable in a church building, in an open, nurturing, and fun way. Throughout the week I was amazed to see how our St. Andrew folks shared Jesus in authentic and creative ways.

I also can't help but recall another recent significant work of the Holy Spirit. This "Holy Spirit movement" was our inaugural Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series this past weekend. The Reverend Doctor Peter Wherry was our guest presenter on Saturday at the Hilton Head Campus and then joined us on Sunday at Bluffton Worship to preach two different sermons at our two services.

What I personally witnessed was that this successful effort sponsored by Bridge Builders brought many different people within our communities together to discuss the incredibly important topic of faith and race. Attendees heard through singing and preaching the transformative power of the Gospel that unites all people in Christ's unfailing love. It was truly a joy to be a part of what Christ is doing within our community of faith, and I pray as the summer continues we will carry on being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Stay cool this summer and I hope to see you very soon!

In Christ, *Daniel*



Bluffton VBS Wrap Up

It's hard to put into words our week on the May River for Vacation Bible School this year. After our Easter Egg hunt and Sunrise Service this past April, we felt God nudging us to be right in the heart of the community. Although we felt God calling us to do something different, we still had to think it through before making the decision. It seemed like a big undertaking, with unpredictable weather and serving dinner each night in a park to children, youth and adult volunteers. We moved forward, still hesitantly, but also very excited to where God would take us!

When you are obedient to God's call, the blessings will flow! The children experienced Jesus and the many ways He used water in the Bible: we washed each other's feet, 'calmed the storm' and discovered what the Living Water is in our own lives. In Bluffton, we continue to live out our vision and mission, bringing Jesus to people, not waiting for them to come to us. How awesome it is to be surrounded by people who will take a leap of faith together!

Blessings, *Monica*

Budget passes

Thursday morning, the body passed a \$16.8 million ministry budget for the work of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church next year. The budget addresses everything from pastor salaries and funds for new churches to campus ministries and other work of the church in this state to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Hunger-oriented mission initiatives

United Methodists got the chance to help support two statewide mission initiatives during annual conference: Native American elder baskets and a food drive for Harvest Hope Food Bank of Greenville.

No vote on GC2020 petitions

At AC2019, all three petitions to next year's General Conference were ruled invalid and, therefore, out of order. The petitions each dealt with various aspects of the decisions made at the special called session of General Conference 2019, held Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis.

Native American service

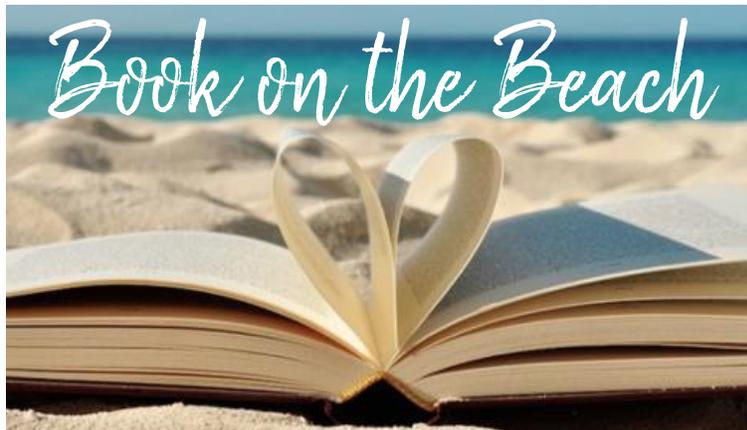
Tuesday at Annual Conference saw a Native American worship service, "A Service of Reconciliation and Healing," which featured Native American music and drumming from Keepers of the Word, as well as songs, prayer and preaching on wounds and healing. Bishop Holston shared about witnessing for Jesus in spite of our individual "scar stories."

Other services during Annual Conference also rounded out the event.

In a service preached Monday night by retired Bishop James R. King Jr., Annual Conference commissioned or ordained 19 men and women as clergy. King, who served as bishop of the Kentucky and the South Georgia conferences before his retirement, preached the service instead of Mississippi Resident Bishop James Swanson, whose wife had taken ill and been hospitalized the day prior.

Outgoing South Carolina Director of Congregational Development the Rev. Sara White preached a memorial service that remembered the 58 men and women who died during the past year. Honored were active pastors, retired pastors, pastor spouses and surviving spouses.

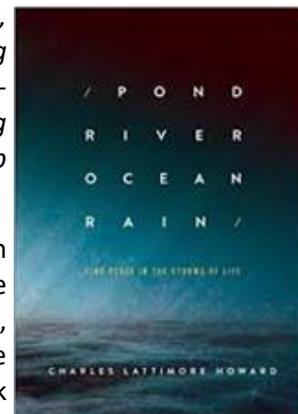
For more on the Annual Conference check out these websites: www.advocatesc.org or www.umcsc.org



Tuesdays, July 2-23
8:30-9:30 am, Coligny Beach

As we sit on the beach on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, we consider the powerful and life-giving blessings of water as we discuss **Pond River Ocean Rain** by Charles Lattimore Howard.

Wade into the beautiful water that is God through stories and insightful essays on spiritual life. Even if you typically don't relate to devotionals, you'll enjoy the poetic writing style of Charles Lattimore Howard as he helps you find new depths in your spiritual life. Pond River Ocean Rain, like all bodies of water, is simple, occasionally wild, and consistently beautiful—calming the storms of your life with the presence and power of God and revealing a new abundance for all who jump in.



I hope you bring along your beach chair and join me as we ponder the many ways we depend on water, both literally and spiritually. Please purchase your copy of this book through your preferred vendor.

So that I know to look for you (at the sandy end of the walkway to the ocean), sign-up at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com.

Please read Chapter 1 prior to our first gathering.



The deadline for the **SEPTEMBER EDITION** of The Fisherman is **Thursday, August 15**

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



Parish Care Ministry at St. Andrew

contributed by Glenn Neff, Parish Visitor

I Peter 5:13 -14 says, 'Are any among you suffering? They should pray...Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.'

Praying over our church family is faithfully done each Wednesday at noon at our **Service of Healing and Wholeness** held in Christ Chapel at the Hilton Head campus. Led by Rev. Daniel, we gather to pray for each of you, our church family and friends, and specifically by name those listed on our weekly prayer list and Sunday bulletin, just as Jesus encouraged us, 'to pray for one another.' All are invited to attend this weekly service at 12:15 pm.

We often ask one another, "Hi, how ya doing?" Do we listen to the answer with real care and concern? Christ's ministry when He was here on this earth was centered on caring for people both spiritually and physically. He encouraged us to 'ask so that we may receive' God's blessings (Matt 7:7) and yes, this means His healing for our sicknesses and needs. We care about how you are doing and we want to specifically pray for you when you have a need.

Prayer requests for yourself or others are always kept in confidence unless you otherwise specify they can be shared with the church family. Fill out a connection or prayer request card on Sundays or call us at 843.785.4711, we will respond to your call.

Summer is here and many of you will be traveling away from the Hilton Head area – but if you need us, give us a call. Fortunately God is everywhere and with us always. Don't leave HIM out of your vacation plans.

God bless and peace to each one, *Glenn*

Our Condolences to:

- ◆ John Krause upon the death of his grandfather, Alvin Krause, May 13 in Florida.
- ◆ Christine McKeag and family at the passing of her father, Robert Lowry, May 23. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 13 at 11:00 am at the Hilton Head campus.
- ◆ The family of our Sister in Christ, Joanne N. Neely, on June 1. Joanne had been living in San Diego with her daughter for the past year and a half.
- ◆ David Pinson and family at the passing of his wife, Barbara Pinson on June 12. Services were held on June 22 at Cypress Hall.
- ◆ Norma Baker upon the death of her husband and our brother in Christ, Billy Baker, June 14. A graveside service was held on June 23 with a memorial service to follow later in August.
- ◆ Jo Keskin at the passing of her husband, Michael Keskin, on June 19. A memorial service was held on June 27.



The Saint Andrew By-The-Sea Scholarship Committee met in June to review three applications for educational scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.

The qualifications in order to be considered for these scholarships are that a student must have completed one year of college with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. If they are a member of SABTS they can be enrolled in any field of study. If not a member, the recipient must be entering the ministerial field in some capacity.

Each of the following three applicants will be receiving a \$2,000 scholarship for the upcoming 2019-20 school year:

Breanne MacFarland of Woodbridge, VA. Breanne is working on a Masters in Divinity at Boston University of Theology and has a GPA of 3.5.

Timothy Revett of Amarillo, Texas. Tim is working on Educational Ministry with a concentration in missions and has a GPA of 4.0 at New Orleans Seminary.

Andrew Parnell, a member of St. Andrew, from Savannah, GA. Andrew is studying Business Management at USCB and has a GPA of 3.58.

Submitted by Jim Reeves, Chairman of the SABTS Scholarship Committee

Fellowship Friends

The next meeting will be

Tuesday, September 10 at 10 am

In the Wesley Room of the Celebration Center

Gary Catarious will be the guest speaker

Everyone is invited to attend!



Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I Thessalonians 5:7-18



Christine Eagle
HH Campus, May 26, 2019



Larry and Alice Frawley
HH Campus, May 26, 2019



Debby Bailine
HH Campus, May 26, 2019



Karen and Emmette Taylor
HH Campus, May 26, 2019



Evelyn Ryan
HH Campus, May 26, 2019



Jeff and Barbara Ernico
HH Campus, May 26, 2019



Welcome, New Members!
 We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's Holy Church, and welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

Christmas (Grace) in July *Contributed by Ken and Sue Kroupa*

Can you imagine waking up on Christmas morning and not having gifts for your children or grandchildren? Unfortunately, without our Christmas Grace Ministry, that would be a reality for most of the Backpack Buddies families in Hardeeville.

Christmas Grace is not your typical holiday toy-giving event, but rather an opportunity that allows parents the dignity of selecting gifts for their children in our Christmas Toy Shoppe at no cost to themselves. Assisted by our volunteer "elves," parents choose toys, teddy bears and books for each of their children and a new household item for their home. A very special and most meaningful part of the day is when they receive a new Bible and pray with one of our dedicated Stephen Ministers.

Each year the number of children and families who are served by Christmas Grace has increased. In 2016 there were 57 families with 190 children—fast forward to 2018 when we served an amazing 83 families and 257 children! Equivalent increases are expected this year.



Christmas Grace Special Offering coming Sunday, July 14

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. In the meantime there are many ways to serve—the first is on **July 14 when there will be a special offering to fund this year's mission.** With increasing numbers of children, our need for your generosity is greater than ever.

For more information, please contact Sue and Ken Kroupa at 843-645-6303 or at Suekroupa@hargray.com.

Mark your calendars for these special dates...

Comin' up...

Consecration Sunday + Lunch Sunday // 10.27	July 4th Holiday <i>Church offices closed</i>	Thursday 7.04
Fall Festival Saturday // 11.09	Christmas Grace <i>Special Offering</i>	Sunday 7.14
	Vacation Bible School <i>HH Campus</i>	Monday - Thursday 7.29-8.01
	All Church Picnic <i>Oyster Factory Park // Bluffton</i>	Sunday 8.11
	September Fisherman <i>Deadline</i>	Thursday 8.15



10th Anniversary of BACKPACK BUDDIES

When school resumes this Fall, we will be starting our 10th year of the Backpack Buddies (BPB) program here on HHI. We plan to develop activities throughout the school year to #1 **celebrate this anniversary** and **raise awareness of this important multi-faith mission program**, and #2 **fund to insure that this program continues for many years in the future.**

Backpack Buddies provides nutritious weekend meals to at-risk children in our community. These kids qualify for free or reduced price meals at school during the school week, and the Backpack Buddies food is designed to provide breakfast and lunch over the weekend days.

When we began our BPB program in 2009, we were feeding 40 kids and using one "packing site" (St Andrew) for assembling the weekend meals. This past year, we provided BPB meals to 250 kids, using four "packing sites" (St. Andrew, St. Francis Catholic Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and HHI Community Church). Since hunger doesn't stop at elementary school, our Backpack Buddies program now includes supple-

mentary healthy food for nutritionally underserved students at Hilton Head middle and high schools.

These expansions have been made possible by generous financial support from a wide range of churches, individuals and organizations in our community. Equally important are our current volunteers, now numbering roughly 120 people, who help with the planning, packing, and delivery of food to the public elementary, middle, and high schools on HHI.

In addition to the BPB program on HHI, St. Andrew also supports a BPB program in Bluffton, which will be beginning its 9th year of operation this Fall. Bluffton BPB is coordinated by Ken and Sue Kroupa and Bev and Roger Schoenhardt.

The food cost to support a BPB student for the school year is \$200. We gladly accept donations of any size to support our program - just make out a check to St. Andrew By-the-Sea and note 'Backpack Buddies' on the memo line. A special BPB offering will be taken on Sunday, September 15 at both campuses.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering with BPB, please contact Joe Kerr at janskerr@gmail.com or 843.341.3021.



GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - May 2019)

	Pledge Contributions	Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions	Total
Actual thru 5/31/2019	\$423,775	\$118,228	\$542,003
Budget thru 5/31/2019	\$439,400	\$123,900	\$563,300
Variance	(\$15,625) =Below Budget	(\$5,672) =Below Budget	(\$21,297) =Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January - May 2019)

	For The Year Actual	For The Year Budget	Variance
Income	\$556,030	\$550,273	(\$5,757)
Expenses	\$599,618	\$627,107	(\$27,489)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$43,588)	(\$76,834)	\$33,246 =Better Than Budget

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!



SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

(Ordinary Time)

The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost (June 10 this year) and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent (November 30). While the number of Sundays varies, depending on the date of Easter, the first Sunday of Ordinary Time is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of the Reign of Christ or Christ the King. The season also includes All Saints and Thanksgiving.

Although the scripture lessons in the lectionary for this half of the year go in a semi-continuous cycle through books of the Bible rather than follow a theme, the gospel lessons cover Jesus' teaching ministry.

Paraments, stoles, and banners may show a variety of color, texture, and symbols. Regardless of the name given to this season, its basic color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ. White is the customary color for Trinity Sunday, All Saints, and Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday.

Now that you know the facts, consider how you can allow yourself to have a few **extra-ordinary** experiences that help you to grow in your faith this summer:

- ☞ Look for God throughout creation at different times of the day
- ☞ Be still – open your heart to the Holy Spirit
- ☞ Read a faith-filled book – our church library is full of great reads
- ☞ See worship from a different perspective – join the drop-in choir a few Sundays this summer
- ☞ Think of new ways to use the gifts that God gave you – be a blessing to someone

For this reason, since the day we heard about you we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God... Colossians 1:9-10



Moe's Mondays
11:30 am
Moe's Southwest Grill
 3 Malphrus Road, Bluffton

All youth are invited for FREE lunch and to hang out with the Bluffton Campus Staff

No RSVPs required, just show up!
 Questions? Email Megan at mkaelinhhiumc@gmail.com



YOUTH GROUP
Meets Tuesdays

Open to students from both campuses grades 6 - 12

Come check us out Tuesdays at 6:15 pm in the Youth Loft at the Hilton Head Campus

For more information contact Youth Directors **Bob and Amy Rosene** at SABTSyouth@gmail.com

A Prayer Quilt Thank You

Dear St. Andrew By-The-Sea Prayer Warriors and Quilt Ministry: I can't thank everyone enough for all your prayers, notes and thoughtful actions. I told my mom, Sally 'Bess' Philip, that I have experienced a decrease in pain. I truly believe in the power of prayer, so I am grateful for your ministries.

I brought my quilt to my women's group and they were just in awe of what you do, not only for your own parishioners, but for their friends and family members.

You ministered to me as well as to my mom and dad and some of their friends who pray, yet still worry for me.

You are God's hands and feet. I look forward to a summer visit soon.

—Alison Philip DeLisio





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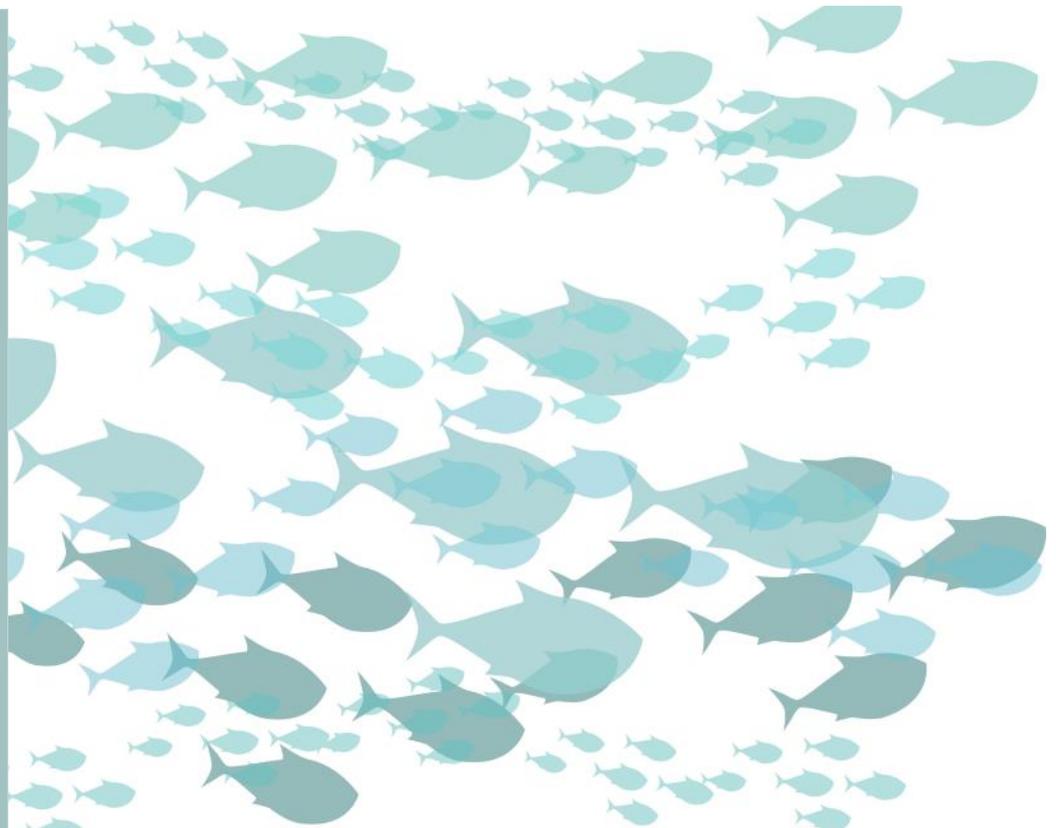
M-T-TH 8:30 am-12 noon

Sunday Worship

9:00 am + 10:30 am

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Rev. Daniel S. Burbage, Assoc. Pastor



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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*