

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

CHRISTMAS



CELEBRATE JESUS WITH US!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES at our Hilton Head Campus

- 4:30 pm Family Candlelight Service and Christmas Pageant
7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service
9:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS EVE UNDER THE STARS at the Oyster Factory Park, Bluffton 6:30 pm

Outdoor worship filled with wonder and joy!

Christmas messages, carols, refreshments, and lighting of candles to Silent Night, all under a Christmas night sky on the banks of the May River

Presented in cooperation with First Zion Missionary Baptist Church

JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Every Sunday in December, come to our **HILTON HEAD CAMPUS** for beautiful music, lighting of candles to recall Faith, Hope, Love and Joy, and messages to inspire you during the bustle of the season

Sundays at 9:00 or 11:15 am

Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 am
One service of Lessons and Carols

Or, join us any time at our **BLUFFTON CAMPUS** where you'll find non-traditional worship, encouraging messages, and plenty of southern hospitality...all in a unique location

Sundays at 9:00 or 10:30 am

IT'S ABOUT THE MIRACLE IN THE MANGER



Celebration of the Nativity

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 - 6:30 pm

All festivities to take place in the
Celebration Center at the Hilton Head campus

An evening of music and fellowship for everyone!

Our Family Ministries team is planning an evening of music and fun for the entire congregation. Join us as our kids help get us into the true spirit of the season by giving a little preview of their Christmas pageant titled **Silent Night, Holy Night**. There will also be special activities/crafts for all ages, and singing some of our favorite Christmas carols.

In addition to a **covered-dish meal**, we are asking our church family to contribute in another way - if you have a **special nativity set**, we'd like to display it on that evening.

Holiday Dinner Details

- ☞ Ham, rolls, dessert, and beverages provided
- ☞ Please bring a side dish to share
- ☞ RSVPs by Thursday, 12/5 are requested to help us plan appropriately - just call or email the church office

Nativity Display Details

- ☞ Drop-off in the Wesley Room (C111 Celebration Center) on December 5 & 6, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- ☞ Nativity description forms provided at drop-off
- ☞ Nativity sets may be taken home at the conclusion of the evening



Christmas Grace is almost here and is a beautiful way to begin your holiday traditions.

On Saturday, December 14, St. Andrew will host about 80 families who will come to our very special “Christmas Shoppe” and choose toys, books and teddy bears for each of their children. They will also receive a much-appreciated small appliance for themselves—can you imagine needing basic things like pots and pans, a small vacuum, a toaster oven or a crockpot? These simple appliances can make a real difference to our families’ lives and bring smiles and often tears. Then the most meaningful part of the day is when each family has an opportunity to pray with a Stephen Minister and receives a new Bible.

But the day is not over—there is the Mom’s Table where they can choose a bag of toiletries and other goodies beautifully put together by Fellowship Friends. On their way out they can pick up wrapping paper, tape and bows to wrap their gifts.

So how can we all help? First, pray for our families and volunteers as we reach out with the love of Christ. Second, donate small toiletries for the Mom’s Table and third, we are still looking for contributions to make this the very special Christmas that we pray we can provide.

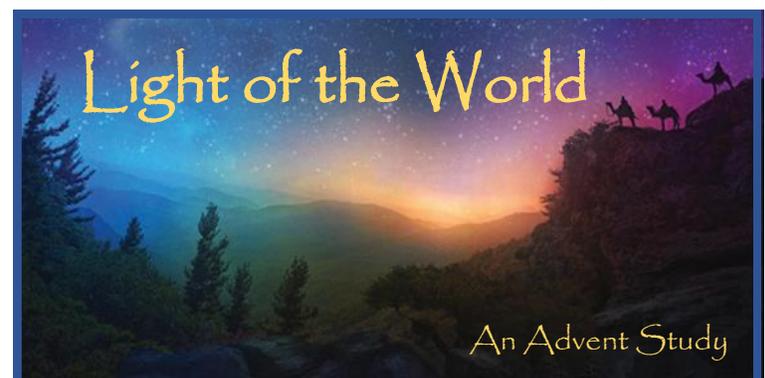
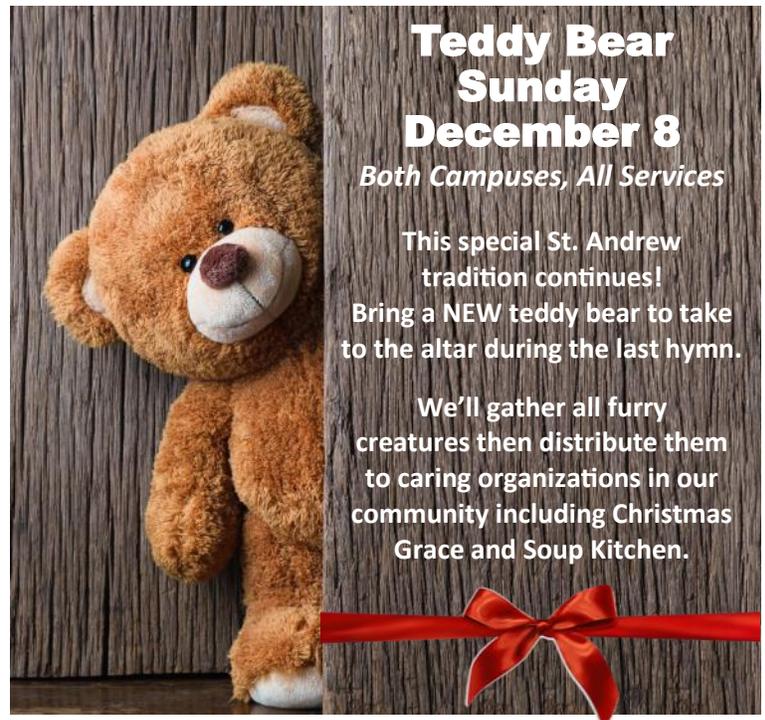
For more information or questions, contact Sue and Ken Kroupa at 843.645.6303

Some new volunteer opportunities this year

- Christmas Grace Committee Secretary
- Wrapping Paper Manager
- Day of Event Wrapping Paper Station Volunteers
- Teddy Bear Manager
- Day of the Event Toy Inventory Runners

In order for families to have the best possible shopping experience, every volunteer needs to contact Donna Evans at devans30@gmail.com and receive an assignment this year, even if you have volunteered in the past.

Because of your past generosity, 966 children have had a happier Christmas



Mondays, November 25 - December 16

Kerry Tilden, Leader

5:00-6:15 pm in C 111 of the Celebration Center

Cost of book is \$13.00

During this study we will explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus, tracing the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi.

These stories will lead us to open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary’s visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary’s Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

DETAILS: To sign up, call the church office or email Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com. A limited number of books will be available for purchase. The book is also available electronically. Participants are asked to read through Chapter 1 prior to the first study session.



Our Bluffton Crew

Recharge Required *by Pastor Frank Lybrand*

This week, I was in Columbia for our conference Board of Ordained Ministry interviews. Neil and Bill Putnam are also board members. Our work began on Tuesday and ended Thursday. The hours each day were long, but essential time spent interviewing candidates for ordained ministry.

I awoke Thursday morning to discover the batteries in my phone and iPad were drained to the point of refusing to open. I needed to send a few emails and call my wife, Sherry. I could do neither. I had committed the cardinal sin of our technological world.

Recharge is required.

As we move into the most wonderful and busiest season of the year, my batteries - empty of power - are a sure reminder of the need to recharge spiritually. As we make our plans for Thanksgiving weekend and all of the Christmas festivities looming on the horizon, I invite us to take time to renew our spiritual batteries. To read, reflect, pray, worship, include time in our busy schedules to give back to others in need, are sure ways to be recharged and renewed amid the hectic holiday season.

This week, I became so busy and focused on the work I was doing that I forgot the necessity of recharging my iPhone and iPad. Lesson learned. Recharge required. I hope to see you in the recharging place!

Happenings in Bluffton *by Pastor Daniel Burbage*

Advent means “arrival” or “coming” and we can’t wait for this time of year. We are super excited for all of the amazing opportunities to worship, learn and serve that are coming in December.

Our sermon series for December will focus on how the biblical characters of Christmas welcomed the arrival of Jesus. Welcoming and hospitality is a way of life that not only transforms others but also transforms us. During this season we have a lot of opportunities to reach out to the people within our communities and welcome them in the name of Jesus. Our hope is that as a community of faith that we spend less time explaining and more time demonstrating Christ’s love and grace.

Please note below all of the great opportunities we have as a community of faith to demonstrate God’s love as we welcome the arrival of Jesus. Look forward to seeing you at Bluffton Worship!

Dec 7 Bluffton Christmas Parade

All are invited to participate in the parade on our Christmas Eve Under The Stars float featuring the Spike Ivory Band. Please gather on Saturday morning at 9:45 am at The Sugaree. Wear your Bluffton t-shirt!

Dec 8 Teddy Bear Sunday

Every year, St. Andrew By-The-Sea collects new teddy bears at both campuses to give to our Christmas Grace children. Please bring an new, unwrapped, stuffed teddy bear and place it under the Christmas tree at both services.

Dec 14 Christmas Grace

Dec 19 SPARC Detour

Youth Christmas Party at 6 pm

Dec 22 The Nativity

Told by children at both the 9:00 + 10:30 services



Christmas Eve Under The Stars

December 24, 6:30 pm
Bluffton Oyster Park
Come early for music and refreshments



Thank YOU

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at St. Andrew By-The-Sea on Sunday, October 20, 2019

FRITZ BOOS	SHARON MCGOVERN
CHRISTOPHER CARROLL	MARCO MORENO
JAMIE CRAWFORD	ARTHUR MORROW
TYRONE DELOACH	JEFFREY ROCKETT
JASON EPPINETTE	EVELYN RYAN
MARVIN GIDDINGS JR	WAYNE SIGMON
LISA KLEIN	RODNEY YURCO

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 AT THE HH CAMPUS



KIDS' PAGEANT

Silent Night Holy Night

Christmas Eve at the 4:30 Family Candlelight Service
Hilton Head Campus

All children are welcome to participate, no rehearsals necessary

For a fun preview, come to the
Celebration of the Nativity on Sunday, December 8
5:00 pm, Celebration Center

bluffton worship YOUTH GROUP

SPARC

Serving, Praising And Receiving Christ

December

- 1 **SPARC Hang Time**
6-7:30pm · 266 Alljoy Rd.
- 7 **SPARC DETOUR**
Christmas Parade
- 14 **SPARC DETOUR**
Christmas Grace · TBA
- 19 **SPARC DETOUR**
Christmas Party · TBA
- 24 **SPARC DETOUR**
Christmas Eve under the stars
6:30 · Oyster Factory Park

REVOLUTION

Our Youth Group will be attending **REVOLUTION** in January. This is a weekend full of worship, music and messages focused on sharing God's love with youth.

January 24-26
Township Auditorium · Columbia, SC

For more information visit our website:
sparcyouth.shutterfly.com/revolution2020

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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the
JANUARY edition of The Fisherman
is **Monday, December 16**

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

Notes from Tim By Tim Reynolds, Director of Music

Someone recently asked me why we don't sing Christmas carols during Advent here at St. Andrew. Here is an excellent column from a colleague of mine, Stan Friedman, that helps address that question.

– A controversy reignites in some churches every December over music: Is it okay to play/sing Christmas songs during Advent? One side contends that staying true to the themes of the liturgical calendar requires holding off on Christmas music until the season of Advent concludes on Christmas Eve. But many worshipers want the opportunity to sing Christmas songs throughout December, and they grow frustrated with what seems to be a slavish adherence to the liturgical calendar. After all, they hear Christmas carols everywhere else, so why not at church?

Four Sundays before Christmas, Advent begins the liturgical new year. The first two weeks especially emphasize the theme of painful longing and waiting for the birth of Christ. Dave Bjorlin, the worship leader at Resurrection Covenant Church in Chicago, as well as other worship leaders and pastors say they aren't trying to be liturgical snobs by holding off singing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and other carols. Rather, holding to the calendar is a means of discipling as well



This Christmas season in order to assist with the cost of greening the church at both the Hilton Head and Bluffton campuses, we are accepting donations in memory or in honor of those close to our hearts.

If you would like to participate in the annual greening, please use the forms available on Sundays, November 24, December 1 and 8. Forms may also be found in the church offices during the week. The cost is \$15.00 per request or more as you choose.

Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate along with your check made out to SABT, or return it to the church office to Paula's attention by **December 8**. The names will be published on Sunday, December 15.



as educating the congregation about the reasons that led to the birth of Christ. Those themes are expressed in well-known Advent hymns such as "Come, O Long Expected Jesus," "There's a Voice in the Wilderness," and of course, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

"By ignoring Advent, some of the strains of lament and pain are missed," says Bjorlin. Singing only music that keeps with Advent themes also is a form of prophetic witness, explaining, "I find it countercultural to actually wait for something and not give-in to our culture's instant gratification."

Andrew Gates, pastor of Bretton Woods Covenant Church in Lansing, Michigan, also is committed to connecting songs with Advent texts in the Revised Common Lectionary. "Though we often diverge significantly from the lectionary, we generally follow those texts during Advent, with themes that range from eschatological hope, to longing, to celebration," he says. "There are some songs traditionally deemed Christmas songs that work well during Advent, but we generally reserve the more celebratory and triumphant Christmas songs for Christmas Eve and that next Sunday."

Other worship leaders struggle with the tension of keeping to Advent music and keeping the congregation happy. "I've been reluctant to play Christmas hymns during Advent," says Thomas Simonsson, director of worship and youth ministries at Turlock (California) Covenant Church. "I'm old school in that I believe there's a spiritual and earthly value in the anticipation. It is not one of the hills I'm dying on, so I will mostly do Advent hymns during Advent, and let the choir sing some Christmas songs. I'll gradually sneak in more Christmas hymns as we get closer to Christmas."

Here at the Hilton Head campus of St. Andrew By-The Sea, we try to do something similar to what Thomas Simonsson refers to above. The first two weeks of December we keep the message and anticipation of Advent the musical focus and then the third and fourth weeks we introduce music that is more geared at the celebratory aspect of Christmas. And then the Sunday after Christmas we do a Service or Lessons and Carols where we sing LOTS of Christmas carols.

"O come, O come, Emmanuel!" – Tim



Our deepest sympathies to those in our church family who have recently lost loved ones...

To Lynda Castle at the passing of her husband, Rick Castle, on Monday, November 18, 2019.

To Scottie Lindsay at the passing of her sister, Elizabeth Lake Orr, on November 16, 2019.

To Bob and Nancy Ruhl at the passing of their eldest grandson of Fort Wayne, IN.

To Dave and Julie Dejardins at the passing of Dave's son-in-law in TN.

To Bob Rathke at the passing of his wife, Nancy Rathke, on October 23, 2019 in Webster, NY.

To David Ruckno at the passing of his father, George Ruckno, on October 23, 2019.

To Betty Krikorian at the passing of her husband, George Krikorian, on October 20, 2019

Fellowship Friends

The next meeting will be

Tuesday, December 10 at 10:00 am

In the Wesley Room of the Celebration Center

At our December meeting, we will be packing toiletries for the Christmas Grace Project. We are still collecting for this project—look for the basket in the Celebration Center for donations.

Everyone is invited!

Linda Fross, guest speaker at our November meeting, is pictured holding the Silver Medal that she received when she participated in her age group during the June 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Welcome, New Members!



Cheryl Meneely
Hilton Head Campus
November 10, 2019



Jeanie Dawson
Hilton Head Campus
November 10, 2019

Giving At A Glance (January-October 2019)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 10/31/19	\$802,267	\$210,355	\$1,012,622
Budget thru 10/31/19	\$818,400	\$226,000	\$1,044,400
Variance	(\$16,133)	(\$15,645)	(\$31,778)
	=Below Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-October 2019)

	<u>For The Year Actual</u>	<u>For The Year Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$1,046,862	\$1,021,846	\$25,016
Expenses	\$1,196,279	\$1,240,264	(\$43,985)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$149,417)	(\$218,418)	\$69,001

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!



The Lowcountry Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents

Debby Graves, Debera Loesser and Beth Corry
in a concert of

Duets

Friday January 10 at 12 Noon

The concert will be held at the Hilton Head campus of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC on Pope Avenue

Some of the selections will be I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, WARSAW CONCERTO, BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP and more.

You will also want to put JANUARY 25 on your calendar for a HANDBELL CONCERT at St. Luke's Church. There will be seven handbell choirs performing with organ, brass, a South Korean Youth Choir and guitar. The handbell concert will be the culmination of a two day clinic/workshop directed by Kathleen Ebling Shaw, Director of handbells at Westminster Choir College. These concerts are both free with donations appreciated.

TRUNK OR TREAT

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN!
A big THANK YOU to everyone who opened their trunks especially SABTS HH Youth Directors Bob and Amy Rosene and the HH campus youth group!



Trunk or Treat on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27 was a blessing! The weather was beautiful, we had 14 decorated 'trunks', and most important of all, children from the church and community had a safe and fun experience with the SABTS church family!

Pastor Neil's smoky cauldron was a huge, mysterious success. The children were all very curious as they paraded by decked out in a variety of costumes.

Thanks again for making this such a fun way to celebrate together!

Alice Frawley,
HH Children's Coordinator
We can't wait til next year!

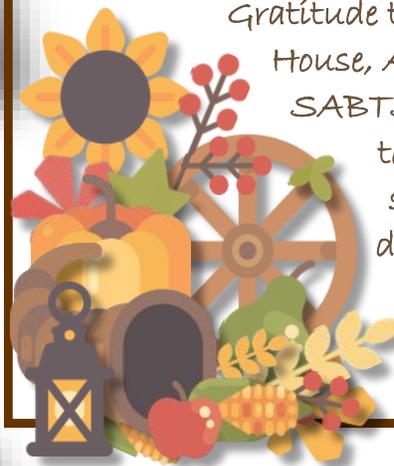


21st Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Thanksgiving in the Lowcountry was not a lonely day for anyone! Hundreds shared a delicious meal, met new friends, and served their neighbors.

Gratitude to Hudson's Seafood House, Allan + Gloria LaCoe, SABTS Missions, and the tons of volunteers who served. It was a great day to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives and to give back to others.



FALL FESTIVAL

Thank you!

Thank you to one and all who had a hand making the Fall Festival an incredible success once again this year!

Many thanks for the tremendous gift of countless hours and effort to raise funds for such worthy causes. Because of the generosity of you and the contributing businesses, **\$32,500** was raised to bless the people of our community in the name of JESUS.





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Sunday Worship
9:00 am + 11:15 am

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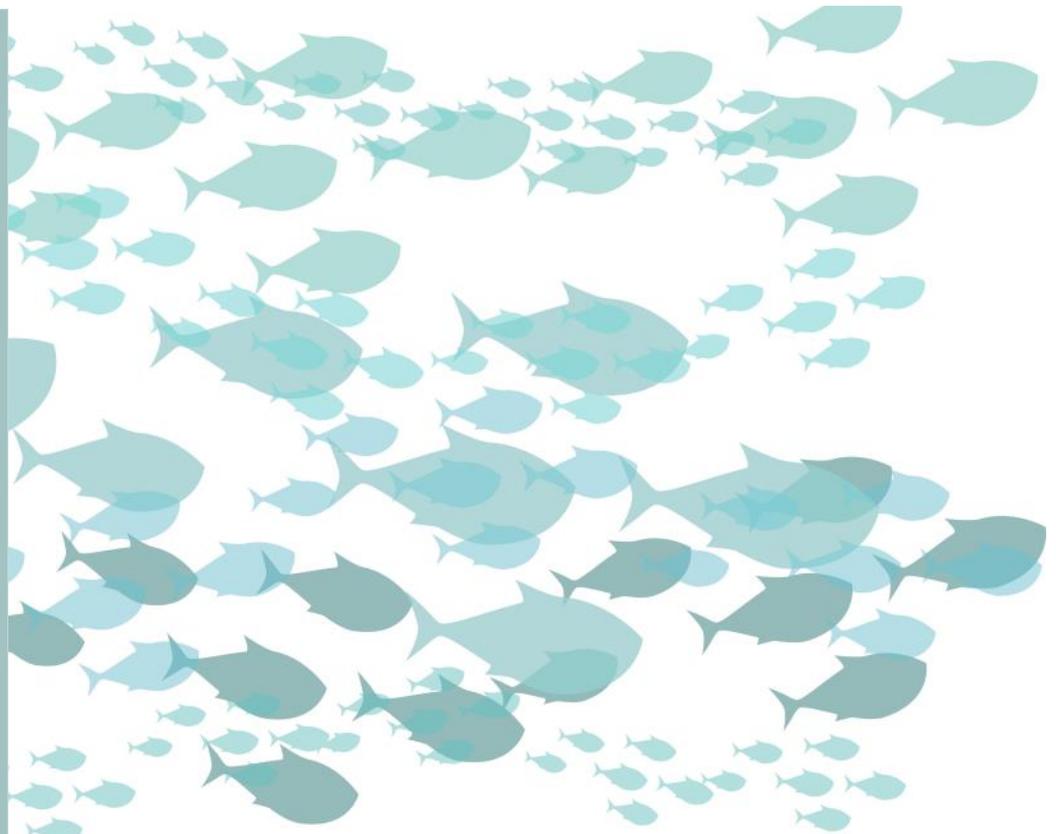
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St. Andrew By-The-Sea is an open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.