

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

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

Fevery aspect of the Christmas story points to the opening of the flood gates of grace to all humanity. The setting, the purpose of the young couple's travel, the various types of visitors who first responded to the birth announcement — all serve to broaden understandings of the scope of the event that now encompasses all humanity. It's obvious that as far as God is concerned, no one is to be left out! Like a stone thrown into the water, the circles of God's grace grow wider and wider; God's love continues to broaden and deepen, capturing us all.

That universality of love is the first trait we recite and claim about ourselves as a congregation. We are an open church. This is a statement about intent and practice. We're proud of our reputation as a church that knows no social, racial, or identity barriers. It truly is

one of the best things that can be said about us. As the angel proclaimed that first Christmas, the Christ Child is Good News of great joy for *all* the people.

My prayer for you and your family this Christmas is that you know God's arms are open wide to you and that our Lord wants for you the very best that authentic life has to offer.

I love you all,

Neil

*Merry Christmas to you and
have a happy 2020!*

Did you know we have 4 types of memberships...and you can have membership at 2 churches at once?

FULL MEMBER: A full or part-time resident desiring to join the United Methodist Church by Profession of Christian Faith, or by Transfer of Membership from another United Methodist Church, or a church of another denomination.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: A membership available to a member of The United Methodist Church residing temporarily for an extended period of time, in a community distant from his or her home church. Such a membership does NOT affect your membership in your home church. This is a perfect option for our snow-birds who are already United Methodists.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER:
A church membership available to a member of another denomination who resides temporarily or for an extended

period of time in our community. Such a membership does NOT affect your membership in your home church or denomination; great for part-timers who are not United Methodists.

CONSTITUENT MEMBER: Attends St. Andrew regularly, but retains membership in home church. All the ministries and programming of the church are available, including pastoral care.

NEXT STEPS: Contact Membership Steward Maxene Rogers at belfairmax@gmail.com



New Member Sunday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | BOTH CAMPUSES | ANY SERVICE

We extend the hand of faith and invite you into fellowship as a member of our church family.

You may join at either campus at any of the worship services on Sunday, January 26.

NEXT STEPS

Contact Membership Steward Maxene Rogers to let her know of your interest. Email to belfairmax@gmail.com

Happening in Bluffton by Pastor Daniel Burbage



Happy New Year! I can't believe we are now entering 2020. We have had such a wonderful 2019 at Bluffton Worship and we can't wait to see where God will lead St. Andrew By-The-Sea in the new year. Please pray for all of our efforts in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to our communities.



As we prepare for 2020, I want to leave us with a reminder of our calling with John Wesley's Covenant Prayer:

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank
me with whom thou wilt.*

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

*Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.*

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it.

*And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*



Photos from the 2019 Bluffton parade, SABTS participants and float



Lucy Maude Montgomery in her classic, Anne of Green Gables book said, "Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?" The New Year begins with great fanfare and excitement; a New Year full of promise and expectation AND a New Year with no mistakes in it... yet.

Start the New Year off right by meditating on God's Word; here are a few verses to encourage your heart...

- ◆ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19
- ◆ "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Jeremiah 29:11
- ◆ "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

bluffton worship YOUTH GROUP

SPARC
Serving, Raising And Receiving Christ

January

5 SPARC Hang Time
6-7:30pm • 266 Alljoy Rd.

12 SPARC DETOUR

19 SPARC
6-7:30pm • YOUTH ROOM

24 to 26 SPARC DETOUR
REVOLUTION
(see below)

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

contact information

juliethiumc@gmail.com
c) 843-505-0048
www.sparcyouth.shutterfly.com



- ◆ "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14
- ◆ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5:17
- ◆ "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6
- ◆ "...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31
- ◆ "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'" Lamentations 3:22-24

May God richly bless you in the year ahead!

BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS - January 14 to February 18

Want to learn about the most amazing book ever written? St. Andrew By-The-Sea will offer three 6-week scripture study options that will provide an overview of this book that has shaped so much of what we know and do as people of faith.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

❖ During-the-Day Option

Noon to 1:30 pm, brown bag lunch
Celebration Center - Room C111
Bill Putnam, Leader

❖ Evening Option

5:00-6:30 pm
Celebration Center – Room C111
Rev. Neil Yongue, Leader

The Bible was written by many authors, all inspired by God. It is neither a simple collection of books written by human authors, nor is it the literal words of God dictated to human scribes. It is a source of religious truth, presented in a diversity of styles, genres, and languages and is not meant to serve as fact in science, history, or social structure.

The Bible has authority for communities of faith who take time to study and prayerfully interpret its message, but it is also important for anyone who wants more fully to understand culture, religious thought, and the world in which we live.

Biblical texts have been interpreted in diverse ways from generation to generation and are always filtered through the lens of the reader's faith and life experiences. This breadth and plurality, however, are what keep the Bible alive through the ages and enhance its ongoing, transformative power.

This course gives you a broad overview of the entire Bible, including chapters on how to select a Bible suitable for your needs, how the Bible is organized, how the collection of books that comprise the Bible were chosen, different ways that people approach the text, and what archaeology has to tell us about the text and its stories.

INTRODUCING THE OLD TESTAMENT

❖ Evening Option

5:00-6:30 pm
Celebration Center - Room C106
Kerry Tilden, Leader

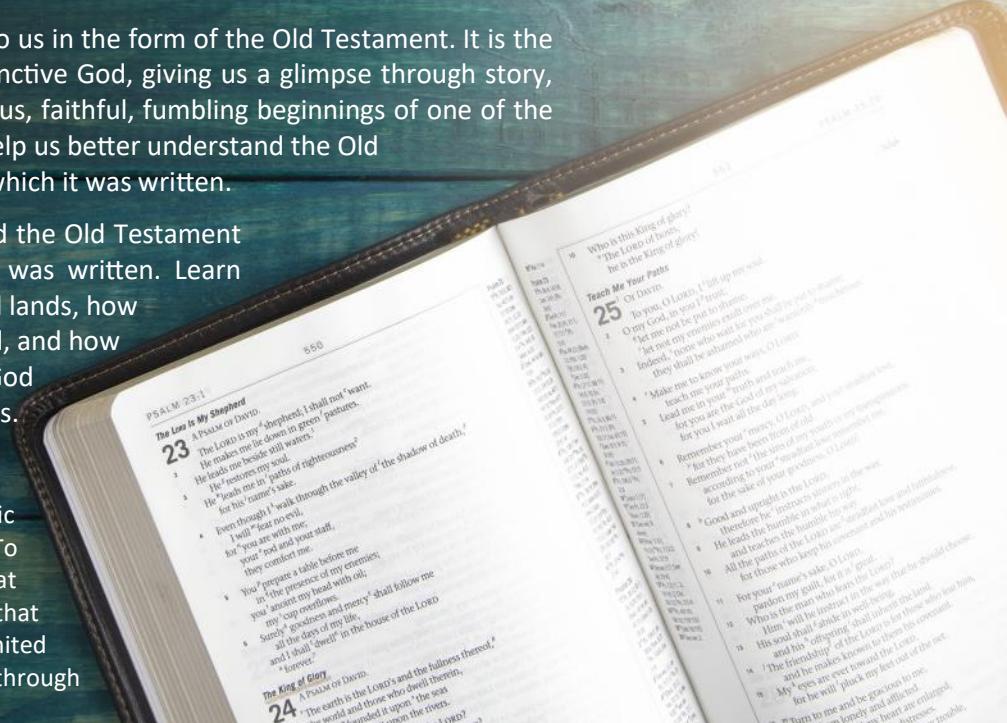
For thousands of years, people have told stories of how the world began, what the first people were like, and which of them were heroes or failures. They tried to make sense of the world around them and tried to sort out who the gods were and what those gods wanted from them.

One set of those stories has come down to us in the form of the Old Testament. It is the story of the Jewish people and their distinctive God, giving us a glimpse through story, song, history, and law of the rocky, raucous, faithful, fumbling beginnings of one of the oldest religions on earth. This study will help us better understand the Old Testament in the context of the world in which it was written.

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INTRODUCING THE NEW TESTAMENT

will be offered later this spring. Look for specific dates in upcoming Fisherman or email blasts. To sign-up for any of these studies, email Connie at conniebhiumc@gmail.com. Please be aware that the class size is limited to 15 participants. A limited number of study books (\$12) will be available through the church.



Pipings by Debby Graves, Organist

The Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting Debby Graves, Debera Loesser and Beth Corry in a concert of DUETS on Friday, January 10 at 12 noon. The concert will be held at St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church located at 20 Pope Ave. Some of the selections will be: I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, WARSAW CONCERTO, BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL, A PRAISE MEDLEY, and more.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on January 19, several pieces by an African American Composer, Phillip Barnette McIntyre, will also be performed. McIntyre was born in 1951 in Portsmouth, Virginia. McIntyre began his musical education at the age of six years, studying piano. He received his bachelor of music degree and master of music degree in organ performance at Catholic University in Washington D.C. Phillip taught music education and humanities in the public schools in D.C. He also served as organist-choirmaster at six large churches in the Virginia-D.C. area. Phillip McIntyre was an accomplished concert organist and composer. He died in 1991.

Phillip Barnette McIntyre
(1951-1991)



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The Organ Guild is also presenting a handbell concert at St. Luke's Church, 50 Pope Ave., HHI, on January 25 at 4:00 pm. There will be multiple handbell choirs performing with organ, brass, and a South Korean Youth Choir. The handbell concert will be the culmination of a two-day clinic/workshop directed by Kathleen Ebling Shaw who is the director of handbells at Westminster Choir College. Seven members of St. Andrew's handbell choir will be participating and performing in this festival.



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in a concert of

Duets

Friday January 10 at 12 Noon

Free Admission *donations accepted*

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of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC on Pope Avenue

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HANDBELL FESTIVAL



FESTIVAL DIRECTOR KATHLEEN EBLING SHAW
Director of Handbells at Westminster Choir College

Presented by
The Lowcountry Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
4:00 PM, FREE *donations accepted*
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH
50 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head
843.785.4099

FEATURING
Multiple Handbell Choirs
Brass Quartet
Organ
South Korean
Children's Choir



Prayer Quilt Thanks...

"Thank you for the thoughtful gift and prayers for our mother...such a special and thoughtful gesture...Mom really loves the prayer Quilt. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers...thank you so very much for the prayer quilt for my mother, it means so much to me!"

—The Children of Barbara Oliver

Barbara is also the sister of St. Andrew members Jeanie Blankenbaker and Eva Prude.

"May God bless all of you who prayed for me and participated in the building of the prayer quilt for me. It was a wonderful and pleasant surprise to not only know that my Moss Creek friends cared enough to request it, but all of you felt God's call to do this for someone you don't even know. It is now on my chair where I do my daily devotions."

—Jim Risko



2019

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The new year brings new opportunities!

A Caregiver's Givers group now meets at
St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
at 1:00 pm

This group will focus on caregivers who may be caring for a loved one who has short-term memory losses. At times this can be stressful and produce feelings of isolation. Come join with others who are experiencing some of the same situations and find support and understanding.

For more information about this group, please contact Karen Kirby at 843.816.5659 or kwkirby20@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the
FEBRUARY edition of The Fisherman
is Wednesday, January 15

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

*It All Started
on a 'Bus...*

On December 1, 1955,
she changed the
course of history
and inspired us all.

Rosa Parks
1913-2005

ROSA PARKS — BUILDING BRIDGES

A Presentation by
Dr. Patricia Felton-Montgomery

Sponsored by
Bridge Builders of St. Andrew By-The-Sea

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020
10:00 AM**

**St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
Bluffton Campus**

39 Persimmon Street, Ste. 203, Bluffton, 29910

Free Admission, RSVPs requested
Please call 843.705.3918

Dr. Montgomery is an educator focused on rigorous, standards-based and relevant instruction of students. She is an active community leader and the recipient of numerous education and service awards. A lover of history, especially African-American history, Dr. Montgomery has given lectures for OLLI and other institutions of higher education on famous black leaders and landmark moments in African-American history.



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

- ◆ To Linda Covinsky at the passing of her husband, Jeff on December 4, 2019.
- ◆ To Pastor Daniel Burbage at the passing of his Great-Aunt, Louise Cuttino on December 8, 2019 in Columbia.

Fellowship Friends

The next meeting will be
Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 am

In the Wesley Room of the Celebration Center

Our guest speaker will be Jody Levitt, executive director of the Children's Center on Hilton Head Island. Jody, a member of St. Andrew, will speak about "Why it Matters."

*Everyone
is invited!*

This photo is from our December meeting when we assembled our gift bags for the Christmas Grace Project.



Welcome, New Members!



Bill and Nancy Fairfax
Bluffton Campus
December 1, 2019

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.



Update from the Committee on a Way Forward

By Bill Putnam, Chairperson

As follow up to Pastor Neil's letter mailed to members of the congregation in November, we wanted to give an update from the Committee on a Way Forward. This group is charged with the task of creating a center for information involving pertinent issues and curating appropriate articles and reference materials. The committee is also tasked to research tools that we might use to ascertain the heart and mind of our church on these important issues in the months ahead. That question, which will come up again at General Conference in May 2020, being *"Shall persons of the LGBTQ community be included in the marriage rites of the church and can they be ordained into ministry in the United Methodist Church?"*

Our committee has created a resource spreadsheet with sections on resources, articles from various publications and websites that pertain to this question from all sides, information about alternate plans that may be brought up at the General Conference, and Bible passages. If you would like the work-in-progress resource spreadsheet, please email Julie Chalpan at julie@focusunlimitedpr.com, who is updating this for the committee as we continue to find more resources and interesting articles.

In addition, the South Carolina Conference is going to be holding listening sessions over the next few months prior to the General Conference in May. The session covering the Charleston, Orangeburg and Walterboro districts will be on January 5 at 3 pm at Indian Field United Methodist Church in St. George, SC. Please visit www.umcsc.org/gc2020listen to see the list for all sessions, including an online session on February 23, 2020, for those who can't go to one of the other sessions. Anyone wishing to attend any of the listening sessions must register on the SC Annual Conference website.

Members of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC's Committee on a Way Forward include Kim Likins, Sandy Gillis, Julie Chalpan, Kathy Wilcox, Debra Keenan, Jeff Jones, Steve Likins, and me. Please continue to pray about this topic and reach out to us with questions, concerns and ideas.



Congratulations to Amy and Nathan Kunkle at the birth of **JAYMIS PAUL JP'**
Born December 9, 2019



BACKPACK BUDDIES

WEEKEND MEALS FOR STUDENTS

**THANK YOU for supporting Backpack Buddies
for the 2019-2020 School Year!**

Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head and Bluffton is having an amazing year, thanks in part to the generosity and volunteerism of our congregations in Hilton Head and Bluffton.

Across our initiatives such as the weekly Bag Program for elementary school students, nutritious snacks for middle and high schools in Hilton Head, and the monthly Box Program in Bluffton, we are serving 1,000 children a month!

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for everyone at St. Andrew who made a donation to support our two Backpack Buddies programs for this school year.

Thanks to your generosity, each of our two programs is receiving \$7,500. These funds will support a total of 74 at-risk children in our communities, with each child receiving a bag of nutritious food every weekend.

Joe Kerr for Hilton Head BPB

Ken & Sue Kroupa for Bluffton BPB

Giving At A Glance (January-November 2019)

	Pledge Contributions	Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions	Total
Actual thru 11/30/19	\$874,845	\$228,998	\$1,103,843
Budget thru 11/30/19	\$899,900	\$247,700	\$1,147,600
Variance	(\$25,055)	(\$18,702)	(\$43,757)
	=Below Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

Income and Expenses (January-November 2019)

	For The Year <u>Actual</u>	For The Year <u>Budget</u>	Variance
Income	\$1,141,889	\$1,122,819	\$19,070
Expenses	\$1,326,286	\$1,364,911	(\$38,625)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$184,397)	(\$242,092)	\$57,695

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!



Christmas Grace

This year's spirit of Christmas Giving began for St. Andrew on Saturday, December 14 with the seventh year of Christmas Grace. In a room filled with toys, teddy bears, books and small appliances for the families' homes, the love of Jesus was shown by SABTS volunteers from both campuses. In an environment of warmth, love and fellowship, we welcomed 90+ families to join us to provide Christmas for their over 300 children. It was a joyful time for everyone, clients and volunteers alike, with time spent together sharing laughter, tears and feeling blessed.

Christmas Grace is always very special and something always unexpected happens. This year it was that six of our clients showed up an hour early to help us with the last-minute preparations, and one stayed all day helping



to greet and welcome her friends and neighbors from school. What a wonderful example of people working together to share God's love.

We have been very blessed to have had the privilege of chairing Christmas Grace for the past four years. We wish that there was a way to individually thank each of you who have so tirelessly worked to make Christmas a reality for so many children--



this year alone we had over 60 volunteers working to make the day a wonderful success. Please know that we, and especially the families, thank the entire congregation for your donations, love and prayers, and the many hours of hard work.

It has been an honor to serve in this ministry with you all. — Ken and Sue Kroupa

21st Annual Community

Thanksgiving Dinner



vacations around this event. It's a lot of people to coordinate with emails and phone calls!

How many people were served? 1,500 people most of whom waited in line for two hours with no complaining. Again, from all walks of life, ages and the world.

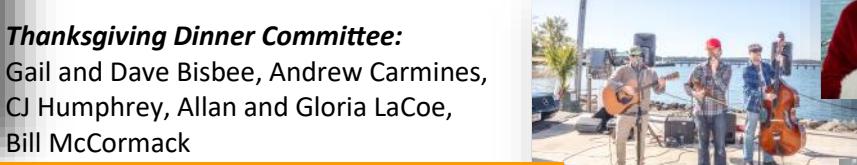
How much money was donated and where did it go?

\$11,000 that went to The Deep Well Project, Bluffton Self Help and Second Helpings. This year we delivered Thanksgiving Dinner to Family Promise.



It was a festive event with face painting, music, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus with presents for the children—a day of Thanksgiving on Hilton Head!

Thanksgiving Dinner Committee:
Gail and Dave Bisbee, Andrew Carmines,
CJ Humphrey, Allan and Gloria LaCoe,
Bill McCormack



How do you prepare for 1,500 people?

(Per Andrew Carmines, President of Hudson's)

Turkeys	97	Gravy	30 gallons
Whole Hams	16	Carrots	210 pounds
Russet Potatoes	100 pounds	Cranberry	15 gallons
Sweet Potatoes	100 pounds	French Baguettes	200
Cornbread Stuffing	200 pounds	Pumpkin Pies	60
Collard Greens	30 gallons		



8th Annual Bicycling Elf Drive Delivery Thursday, December 12

Thank you to all the Soup Kitchen volunteers who came to help for the 8th Annual Elf Drive Delivery, an outreach to St. Andrew's Soup Kitchen from the Kickin' Asphalt Bicycle Club. In addition to all the food they collected and donated to stock our Soup Kitchen pantry, we received gift cards from Sam's and Kroger.

Thanks also Veronica and Roger Mau for the wonderful home-made snacks for which the bikers were very appreciative after braving the cold, wet, windy ride that day.

What an amazing day, our best dinner ever! The weather was absolutely gorgeous. A great way to celebrate service and gratitude.

This event that has become an Island tradition is so successful because of the partnership of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC and Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks over the past 21 years.



How many volunteers? 350 people from all walks of life, of all ages, and from all over the world. Many people plan their

vacations around this event. It's a lot of people to coordinate with emails and phone calls!

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Many thanks to the Kickin' Asphalt Bike Club for their generous donations to the Soup Kitchen again this year!



Sugar cookies provided by the SABTS Hilton Head Youth Group

Celebration of the Nativity

The Celebration of the Nativity on Sunday, December 8 was a special time with church family. Sharing a meal together, music presentation by the children of Discipleship and Children's Light-house, singing Christmas carols, seeing the beautiful displays of the Nativity, and decorating Christmas cookies (by the young and the young at heart).

May we all see the joy, hope, and peace of Christmas through the eyes of a child.

Alice Frawley, Children's Coordinator, Hilton Head Campus



St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY
January 12, 2020

2019-20 Recipients



ALEX LIKINS



BREANNE MACFARLAND



TIM REVETT



BEN LIKINS



GAVIN HURLBUT



ANDREW PARNELL



Counted Cross Stitch Nativity



O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.



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9:00 am + 11:15 am

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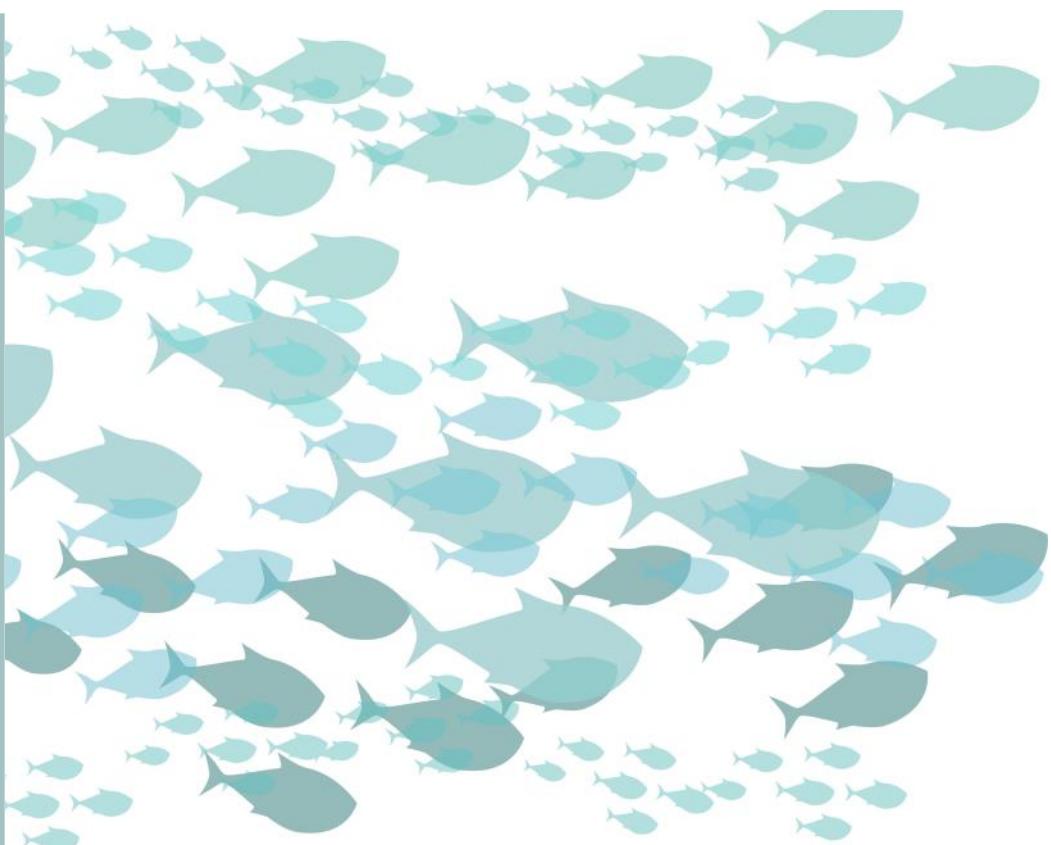
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St. Andrew By-The-Sea is an open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.