

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

A Note from the Pastor

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells a parable about a widow who persistently seeks justice from a judge. Though he is uncaring and reticent to act, she hounds him; calling him in the middle of the night, constantly at his door seeking the justice that has been denied her. Finally, the judge grants her wish simply because of the woman's dogged insistence and acts on her behalf.

Jesus tells that story to remind his followers that God is nothing like that judge. Indeed, his love and his benevolence for his children is such that he will act on their behalf for their good. Interestingly, the story's purpose, Jesus says is that disciples should continue to pray and not lose heart. I don't know about you, but the prayers I have offered over the last several weeks and months sound the same. Over and over I pray, "Lord, help me to see your presence in the midst of this pandemic." "Lord, let there be a vaccine developed so that we might be released from the grip of this plague." "Lord, protect my family and me, and the people of our congregation and community." "Lord, please protect our healthcare professionals and their families." "Lord, give our leaders wisdom and guidance." Over and over, I pray these prayers—sometimes I wonder if God gets weary of listening to the same thing from me all the time!

The parable says otherwise. The parable speaks to our situation directly. We can trust a good and loving God to be with us and protect us. We can count on our God to be a part of what's happening in the world. We can rely on a God that cares and loves us to watch over our families and to be a part of the healing that even now is taking place around us. We can look with hopeful eyes and hearts to the horizon and the dawn of a new day for our congregations and the work of our church.

Sometimes we get lonely. Sometimes we are fearful, but God does not leave us alone. Our loving Lord comes to us in many different ways. I continue to hear from the good people of St. Andrew By-The-Sea and the ways that you have recognized the presence of a loving and persistent God who will not stop until he has met the needs of his children. Take heart and continue to pray!

I love you all, *Neil*

Fall Festival Update *by Sarah Coffin*

"Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That's why it is called the present." —Bill Keane

In the Year-of-COVID19, I have to constantly remind myself to treasure each day and treat it as a gift...and frankly, not worry too much about the past or the future. And, unfortunately that includes dealing with a fact that Church Council is now resigned: The Fall Festival we know and love just cannot go on this year. No way, no how.

The by-product of this decision has created a lot of fallout and issues: Missions funding is affected, those who benefit from our big sale are impacted, the camaraderie of church members who work so well and so diligently on this is temporarily lost, **and** what to do with all the stuff I have been saving up for the sale?!

But, rest assured, we already have ideas and are starting to gather a group together to wrestle with the challenge of making **next year's** Fall Festival 2021 the biggest and best it has ever been! We have been fortunate to receive a financial benefit from reduced healthcare costs for staff this year and have decided to apply those funds towards Missions. God does indeed have his hand in this, doesn't he? We are reviewing all of our Outreach needs and will plan to communicate later with ways we can all help bridge our shortfall and fulfill our Outreach and Missions work.

Stay tuned!



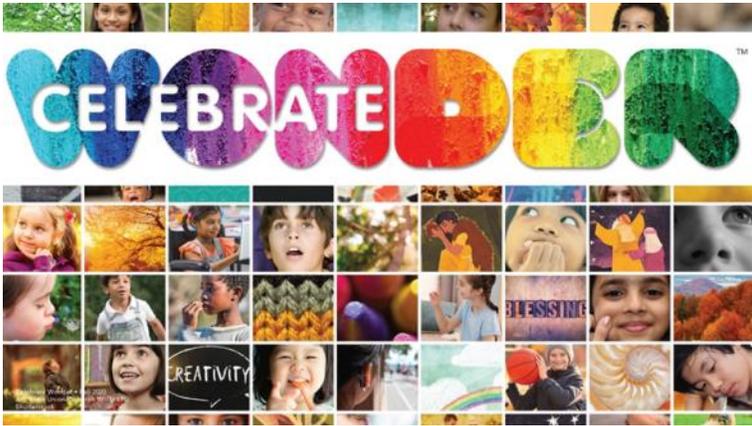
CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 20, 2020 ❖ 4:00 pm

Watch livestream from the Bluffton Campus



If you missed a vacation or have felt confined during the pandemic, we have good news for you. Let's take a trip together through the Psalms. We will see the vistas of the Psalms of Praise and the valleys of the Psalms of Lament. We will discover the faith-wisdom of the ancients while we learn to pray using the worship book of Israel. It will be a



Sunday Mornings in September Zooming - 10:00 to 10:15 PreK to Grade 5

For four Sundays in September we will get creative as we talk about the very first part of the first book of the Bible - Genesis. Not only will we see each other, but we will **wonder** about God and how the world - and all that is in it - came to be. And each Sunday we will learn a little about each other in a **wonder**-ful way.

Moms and dads, we need you to help our children connect with one another via Zoom. During our brief time together, we will hear our Bible story, watch a short video, and engage in a faith-related activity or craft. Look for more details in upcoming church e-blasts and other communications from Miss Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com.

Come on – let's **explore, wonder, and celebrate** with our St. Andrew friends!

meaningful journey for everyone on Wednesday afternoons.

Join us from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. Our resource materials, *Journey Through the Psalms Participant Guide* and videos, will be sent to you electronically at no cost. Simply download the guide prior to the study, then scroll through it as you would an electronic book. For those folks who are not comfortable with electronic books, just let us know that you would like a hardcopy of the participant's guide. We'd be happy to print it out for you to pick up from the main church office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at your convenience.

The link for the video component will be sent weekly along with the Zoom invitation, so **your email address is required** to participate.

To register for this great study, email Connie Borgianini at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com.

Interested in Joining the Church?

If you'd like to be a part of what God is doing at St. Andrew By-The-Sea, contact Maxene Rogers at belfairmax@gmail.com and learn how you can become a member at either campus, or transfer your membership.



Welcome, New Members
Mike + Vicki McClelland

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.

A Prayer Quilt Thank You...

*Dear St. Andrew By-The-Sea,
On behalf of my parents, Alexander and Jan Prentice, thank you so much for the Prayer Quilt sent to them after their home was destroyed in a fire in Michigan. They are adjusting to a new living situation and the quilt is a welcome comfort after losing hand-made quilts from my mother's grandmother. This ministry is so meaningful and the quilts are made with so much care and love. My family so appreciates the outreach and demonstration of God's love through all of the prayers made over this quilt.*

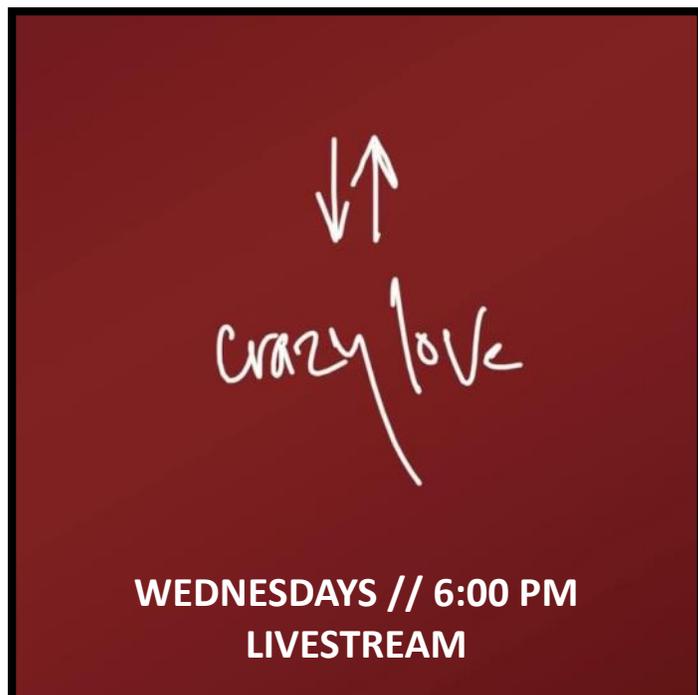
Thank you again, Cheri Miller

What's Happening in Bluffton...



What a strange summer it has been! Even though this fall will look and feel a lot different than it has in the past, we are excited to have some sense of routine back in our lives. These last couple of months we have been diligently praying for our schools, district leaders, teachers, school workers, parents and of course, our children.

We have been working hard to create opportunities for people to stay connected with one another. We launched a "Pen Pal Project" at the end of summer - but it's not too late to find a match. Just let us know at blufftonworship@gmail.com and we will link you up with another family. Once we match you, you will receive a packet of note cards, stamps, their address and some info about them to get you writing to your pal.



**WEDNESDAYS // 6:00 PM
LIVESTREAM**

We began holding a Wednesday night worship opportunity during Lent earlier this year...well, fast forward to September and we are still doing these services! Please consider joining us on our livestream Wednesdays at 6pm for music, prayer and a study through the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. This book is one that is challenging and inspiring to push your relationship with God to another level!

Prayer has also become very sacred during this service. Continue sending in your prayer requests so we may lift them up on Wednesdays.



Be sure to join us live on Sunday mornings at 9 or 10:30 am on Facebook, YouTube or our website. Also catch us midweek on Wednesdays at 6pm. While we aren't able to meet in person, one simple way you can share your love for Jesus is to share the links of our worship services with others. Take some time to pray about who God may be leading you to right now.



During this time of uncertainty, children need the gift of hope.

Gift of Hope

Mother's Day Offering • Work Day Offering
www.epworthchildrenshome.org/give

Epworth's Annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home, taken this year on **Sunday, September 13**, is a tradition that dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth.

While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth.

As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come.

Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry.

For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org

SPECIAL OFFERING // SEPTEMBER 13

22nd Annual Community 2020

Thanksgiving Meal

The committee is working to have the dinner this year and is looking at different options. We are committed to "serve the people who need to be served." Watch for more info.



Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends continue to meet every week on Tuesdays through Zoom with focused sharing topics. We have had 6 to 15 people joining in each week.

Some of our past topics included:

- What is ahead for us and how are things working thru COVID-19 (telemedical, shopping, etc.) and getting out in general?
- Has your devotional and prayer life changed during the pandemic? How or how not?
- What have you done around your home to be productive?
- When will the church reopen, Christmas Grace, and Fall Festival.
- We have discussed, at length, the Bay Point Island development project. As a follow up we asked our resident environmental expert, Steve Borgianini, to give us his insights into the project. Steve showed us Google Earth maps of Bay Point Island as it has changed over the last three decades.

On Tuesday, September 8, a delightful, international guest will join us. Sue Orr is a member of Northfield Methodist Church in Benoni, a suburb of Johannesburg, South Africa. Sue will share how her church community is coping with the COVID 19 pandemic and what life is like now in South Africa.

Everyone is invited to join in!

Please email jaygraves@hotmail.com for a Zoom invitation. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate via telephone. Leader Jay Graves will be glad to send you directions for how to do this.



Sincere condolences

- ☞ To Pat McGuire and family upon the death of our Christian brother Terry McGuire on July 22, 2020.
- ☞ To Ted and Barb Mundy and younger daughter, Beth upon the death of their son-in-law and her husband, Shawn Adams in Melbourne Beach, FL, on July 18, 2020.
- ☞ To Camille Avore and family at the passing of her husband, Jim Avore, on July 15, 2020.
- ☞ To Joann Charles upon the death of her grandson and our Christian brother Johnathen Knight, on July 2, 2020, in Levy, SC.

JOB OPENING

NEW POSITION IN COMMUNICATIONS

Our church is in need of a part-time Communications and Technology Specialist to manage both print and electronic communications for our two campuses. In addition to various publications, this person will facilitate the production of live stream worship, oversee website design and maintenance, manage social media updates and videography. Ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in communications, marketing or related field and some practical experience in the workplace. Significant work experience could be a substitute for college degree requirement. Some aspects of job can be performed at home or off site. 25 hours per week year-round. Rate of pay commensurate with skills and experiences.

If you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity to work in a caring, Christian environment, please contact the Chair of Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC), Bruce Siebold at 843.368.7788 or by email at brucesiebold@gmail.com. Also, if you know someone who you think may be interested and qualified, please forward this contact information to that person.

The new Upper Room Daily Devotionals are available for pick up in the main church office Tuesdays + Thursdays, 9-noon



The deadline for the OCTOBER EDITION of The Fisherman is **Tuesday, Sept. 15**

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

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - July 2020)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge and Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 7/31/2020	\$692,867	\$172,489	\$865,356
Budget thru 7/31/2020	\$637,500	\$149,200	\$786,700
Variance	\$55,367	\$23,289	\$78,656
	=Above Budget	=Above Budget	=Above Budget

Income and Expenses (January - July 2020)

	<u>For The Year Actual</u>	<u>For The Year Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$886,670	\$776,517	\$110,153
Expenses	\$706,383	\$949,798	(\$243,415)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$180,287	(\$173,281)	\$353,568

Notes from Tim

contributed by Tim Reynolds,
Director of Music



Welcome to on-line worship. Someone recently asked me when the church was going to reopen and I replied the church never closed, only the buildings. In these times of COVID19 and the worldwide pandemic St. Andrew, like most congregations, has been challenged to offer our weekly worship services and many other activities "virtually." We all look forward to the day when we can gather together to ask the Lord's blessing in person but in the meantime, we continue to explore ways to improve our on-line worship experiences. Many folks do not realize that we did not even have the technical capability to offer on-line worship from the Pope Avenue campus until about a week before we needed it back in March. God does, indeed, provide.

Over the next few months we will continue to look for ways to enhance our on-line worship. At the Hilton Head campus we would like to resume having weekly altar flowers beginning the first Sunday in September. If you would like to provide the flowers for a particular date (cost is \$50) you can email the church at standrewbythesea@gmail.com and let us know the date you would prefer and the dedication message for inclusion in the on-line bulletin. If you don't desire a particular date but would still like to participate in this way, you can email that information as well. The altar flowers add so much to our visual display and we are looking forward to their return.

HILTON HEAD CAMPUS DRIVE-IN COMMUNION

- Oct. 5,6,7
- Nov. 30, Dec. 1,2

We will continue our drive-in communion services this fall. October 4 is *World Communion Sunday* and we'll have drive-in communion on October 5,6,7 in

conjunction with a food drive for the Soup Kitchen. November 29 is the *First Sunday of Advent* and we will have drive-in communion on November 30 and December 1 and 2 in conjunction with our Teddy Bear drive for Christmas Grace.

And, we will continue our *Hymns @ Noon* programs on Fridays throughout the fall. Look for programs on September 11, October 2 and 23, November 13, and December 4. If there are some of your favorite hymns in the Methodist Hymnal that you'd like to hear, just let me know at timrhiumc@gmail.com and we'll try to include them in future programs.

HYMNS @ NOON

- Sept. 11
- Oct. 2, 23
- Nov. 13

I pray you are all healthy, finding interesting ways to fill your days, and know that you are always in our prayers here at St. Andrew.

Blessings, Tim



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T-TH 9:00 am-12 noon

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9:00 am + 11:15 am

No in-person services at this time

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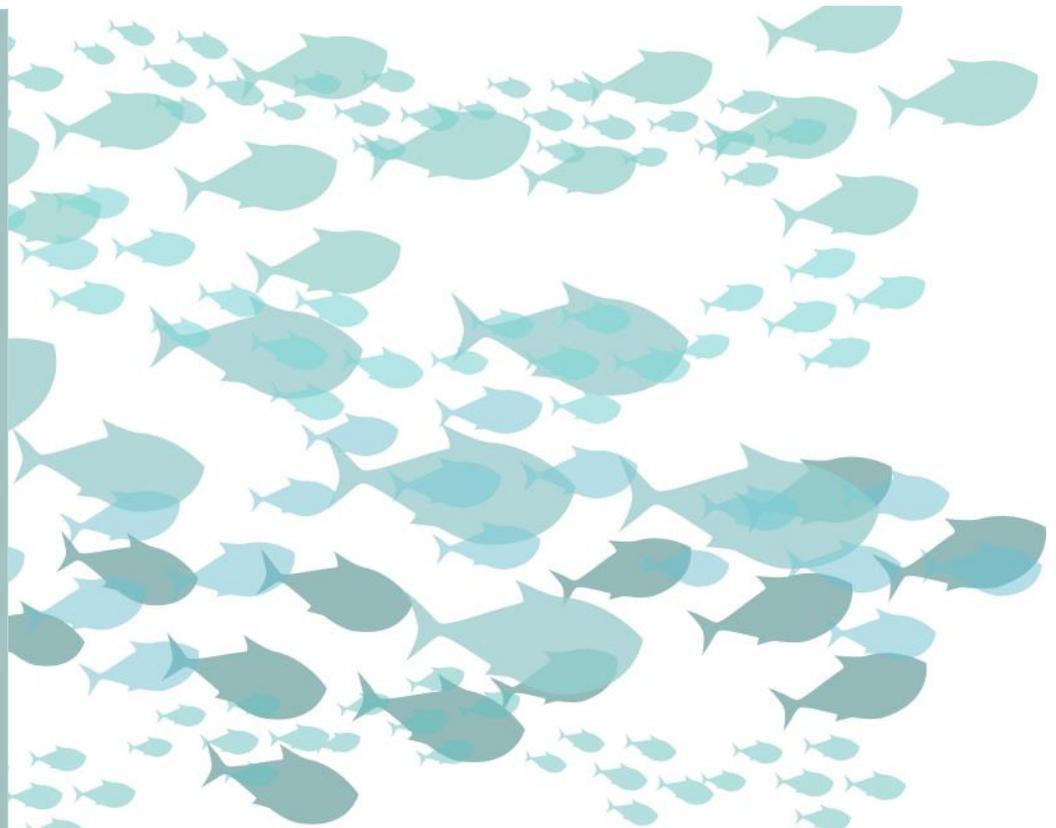
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