

THE FISHERMAN

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

A Note From the Pastor

by Rev. Neil Yongue, Senior Pastor

I've been imagining our being physically together as a church once again. Certainly it will be a time of great rejoicing. Catching up on family, community and church happenings will be wonderful. The buzz of conversation, the energy we experience in gathering, the excitement of worshipping once again in the sanctuary has been sorely missed and will be a magnificent blessing on the other side of the pandemic.

Something we can even now work on as a church is to address one of the potential hazards we might face in those gatherings. Having been separated so long, it could be easy to focus attention on friends and people we know but haven't seen in a great while. One of the more helpless feelings a pastor can have is to be in a large crowd at a church fellowship event and see an individual, a couple, or a family standing by themselves. Perhaps they're new, or have returned to the fellowship after a period of being gone. Maybe they're just visiting. In any regard, a church that claims the spiritual gift of hospitality carefully plans for those moments. No one individual—be it a pastor or lay person in the church—can be hospitable or friendly enough on their own efforts for the entire church.

We all look forward to the day whenever we will be able to be together again. A day whenever we won't wear masks that hide our faces, a day when we will be able to sing joyfully and freely without fear of infecting or being infected. A time we can embrace and shake hands with the confidence that only comes from the assurance that it is not a deadly thing to do.

I would ask you, wherever you are now, to consider and imagine that time when we will be together again and to think about how we can perpetuate the spiritual gift of hospitality that is present in the congregations of Saint Andrew By-The-Sea UMC. I'm looking forward to that day of grand reunion. I know you are too.

Until that time, let us imagine how we might be able to ensure that everyone is able to be included in the circle of love that is the Christian community and its gathering.

I love you all,

Neil

*Let your steadfast
LOVE,
O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.*

— PSALM 33:22 —

WIGIAT

by Rev. Daniel Burbage, Assoc. Pastor, Bluffton Campus

Where is God in all of this?
This is a phrase I learned several years ago when I was in seminary. My professor would always say, "Look for WIGIAT in everything you face."

As we have entered 2021, many of us are still struggling with our vision. We see what is going on all around us, but we sure don't understand (or like) it. We do not understand why people are hurting others. We do not understand why our country is so divided. We do not understand why there is a pandemic. We do not understand the incredible change all around us.

My Pastoral Care professor, Dr. Tony Everett, always made a point of encouraging his students to look for where God is even in the most difficult circumstances. I have learned over the years that when we look for God, we will discover Jesus. We will discover Jesus' goodness, mercy, forgiveness, grace and love even on the foggiest of days.

St. Andrew has a tremendous opportunity to be the community of faith that is desperately needed in 2021. I encourage you to please ponder WIGIAT in your life and where you can be a part of the new thing that God is doing. May we look ahead to how God is using us. May we fix our eyes on how God is calling us to be the light in the darkness. May we be the city on the hill. May we open the lighthouse that our community desperately needs.

It is a great joy to be a part of the church with you. I pray we will all continue looking together for WIGIAT and the incredible things Jesus is doing in 2021.

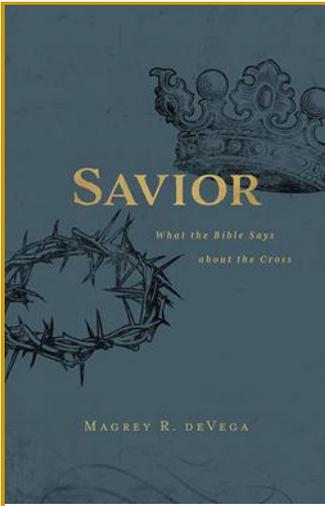
Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing A New Thing!
Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in
the desert and
streams in the
wasteland.

Isaiah 43:18-19



CHARGE CONFERENCE

A special Charge Conference is called for Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm, to approve a pastoral compensation item. St. Andrew members are invited to attend the Zoom meeting, but only Council members vote. To receive the meeting link, please email to standrewbythesea@gmail.com



SAVIOR

What the Bible Says about the Cross

February 24 to March 31
1:00-2:15 pm (via Zoom)
Rev. Frank Lybrand, Leader

As Christians, we're taught that Christ died on the cross to bring us salvation. We know this, but do we fully understand it? What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Was the cross really necessary? Could there have been another way? In *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*, you'll be introduced to several biblically based ways of understanding Jesus' death on the cross that may go beyond the explanations you've heard before. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, you'll find a deeper love for God and others while strengthening your commitment to follow Jesus.

Join us for this compelling Lenten study on Wednesday afternoons from the comfort and safety of your own home via Zoom. Our resource book, *Savior – What the Bible Says about the Cross* by Magrey DeVega, will be the foundation of our conversations. Video segments that complement the readings are available via Amplify Media. When you sign up to participate, you will be given easy-to-follow directions to subscribe to this streaming service so that you can view the videos at your convenience prior to each study session.

A limited number of books are available at the church office, or feel free to obtain your own copy (paperback or electronic through your preferred vendor). Books from the church (\$13) are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign-up for this six-week study and/or to reserve a copy of the book, email Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com.

Please note that **your email address is required** to receive the weekly Zoom invitations and instructions for subscribing to Amplify Media.

Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays through Zoom at 10:00 am

with focused sharing topics

Some of our recent topics included:

- ◆ How did you celebrate Christmas this year and if it wasn't the normal way you celebrate the holiday, how did you welcome the birth of Christ in the past?
- ◆ How did you bring in the New Year? Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If you make resolutions, on average how long do you keep your resolutions? What resolution have you kept the longest? What resolution is the hardest to keep?
- ◆ Do you have a hobby that involves collecting something, for instance stamps, figurines, etc., that you could show and tell us about them? Have you made provisions for your collection in your will or how do you plan to disperse of your collection?

Everyone is invited to join in!

Check Saint Andrew's weekly E-Blast for the upcoming Focused-Sharing Topics

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



February	Black History Month
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Presidents' Holiday
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 21	First Sunday of Lent
February 22	Washington's Birthday

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2020 Bluffton Christmas Eve
Under the Stars COVID-style

Giving At A Glance (January-December 2020, not final)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 12/31/20	\$1,029,347	\$322,941	\$1,352,288
Budget thru 12/31/20	\$1,053,241	\$325,000	\$1,378,241
Variance	(\$15,378)	\$57,941	\$42,563
	=Below Budget	=Above Budget	=Above Budget

Income and Expenses (January-December 2020, not available at print)

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19



Monday, February 15, 2021 - Church offices open

In 1985, a committee of St. Andrew members and friends carefully assembled favorite recipes into a collection celebrating the centennial era of Methodist women in the United States called *Islanders Cook for Company*. The proceeds from the sales were used for mission and ministry opportunities.

It was a smash and after several reprints, a second collection was assembled and printed in the late 1990s called *Islanders Cook for Company Again!*

Sadly, both cookbooks are now out of print (although archive copies reside happily in our library at the Hilton Head campus), so we thought this month we bring you a sampling.



This popular casserole found on pg. 129 in the *Islanders Cook for Company Again!* was contributed by Elsie Lapham. At the time, Elsie and Fred Lapham were part-time residents on the Island. It is remembered that Elsie provided this dish at the January 1998 UMW General Meeting and it became a favorite of many. Enjoy this tasty bit of St. Andrew history!

CHICKEN AND ARTICHOKE CASSEROLE

- 4 whole boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and cut up
- 2 large cans artichoke hearts
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 large can mushrooms
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 1/2 c. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 strips bacon

Mix chicken, artichokes, mushroom soup, mushrooms, mayonnaise, curry powder, chicken soup, and cheese together. Place in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Put bacon on top (cut in pieces if you like). Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Serves 12. Recipe can be cut in half easily.

Also served at that lunch meeting in 1998 was Bonnie Buchner's *Rainbow Salad* on pg. 74, and for dessert check out Lucy Coleman's *Crusty Apple Delight* on pg. 184.

This month in St. Andrew's history...



1981 Two octaves of handbells are donated to create the first handbell choir.

2002 A groundbreaking ceremony for the Celebration Center is held February 10, 2002.

2003 Three new octaves of handbells are dedicated on February 15, 2003.

2014 After several years of planning by our congregation and the SC Annual Conference, and following the appointment of The Rev. Daniel Burbage to St. Andrew in June of 2012, St. Andrew launches a multi-site campus, with the first weekly meeting held at the University of South Carolina's Bluffton location on February 9, 2014.

2016 A vacated bar at 39 Persimmon Street #203 is transformed into the new Bluffton Worship and Ministry Center to serve the "Bluffton Campus" until we can build on our land at Buckwalter. Rev Daniel Burbage commissions Charlie Hannah to make a cross from one of the bars that is removed. Grand Opening Sunday is February 28.



- ◆ To Ted Mundy and family at the passing of his wife, our Christian Sister Barbara Mundy who passed away January 14, 2021.
- ◆ To June LeClair at the passing of her mother, Shirley Burlingham in Bluffton on January 9, 2021.
- ◆ To Jim Gresham at the recent passing of his sister-in-law.
- ◆ To Carol Billman at the passing of her mother in Pennsylvania on January 6, 2021.
- ◆ To Craig Watkins and family at the passing of his wife, our Christian Sister Judy Watkins who passed away January 2, 2021.
- ◆ To Craig Christiansen at the recent passing of his mother, Martha Christiansen.
- ◆ To Jeanie Blankenbaker, Eva Norton-Prude, and family at the passing of their sister, Barbara Oliver, in Simpsonville, SC on December 28, 2020.
- ◆ To Tim Reynolds at the passing of his close personal friend, Charles Farley, on Hilton Head, December 21, 2020.
- ◆ To the family and friends of our Christian Sister Pat Priddy who passed away on Hilton Head on December 19, 2020.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Missions – Sharing God’s Grace

Your Missions Dollars at Work

December was a beautiful month. As we celebrated Advent and waited for the coming of the Savior’s birth, the Mission and Outreach Committee was considering the help our church could provide to meet the needs of homeless families, hungry children and adults, those who minister to the sick, and those who provide education and care to children. These people were all in our love-filled hearts.

Invitations were sent to 16 nonprofit agencies that St. Andrew has supported in the past, asking them to complete and submit a formal grant application if they were interested in receiving a grant in 2021. The application asked them to specify the amount of funding needed and the use of the money by the agency. They were also asked to submit a copy of their Letter of Determination from the IRS of their 501(c)(3) eligibility. Fourteen organizations applied for funding with requests totaling \$42,500.

After considering the needs, the committee voted to provide \$40,500 in individual grants to 14 separate organizations. Those organizations include Antioch Education Center, Backpack Buddies (Bluffton and Hilton Head), Bluffton Self Help, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Epworth Children’s Home, Family Promise, Hopeful Horizons, Hospice of the Lowcountry, St. Stephen’s UMC Outreach Food Pantry, The Children’s Center, The Deep Well Project, The Sandbox Museum, and Volunteers in Medicine. Funds for these grants came from Fall Festival 2019 (a direct result of our church volunteers’ work), from Christmas and Easter Missions donations, and from individual donations.

Every one of the grants will be used in response to the impact of COVID-19. Projects include tutoring for children whose education has been disrupted by on-line education, utility expense for a food bank whose donations have been disrupted by COVID, hotel housing for families who are homeless and are unable to utilize the church shelters offered in the past because of COVID, technology for students who are studying at home, and personal protective equipment for staff and volunteers who minister to the sick and dying.

The human impact of our grants is that they will benefit 10,100 adults, 5,900 children, and 1,346 families. Each agency defined the benefit based on how the money will be used, so these are distinct adults, children, or families, and not duplications.

There is also an impact from our relationships with these organizations. In the coming year, the Missions and Outreach Committee will bring you the stories of the impact as a result of our outreach. I hope you will come to search *The Fisherman* each month for the mission stories we share as we inspire you, our Christian community, to share God’s grace with the world.

Many Blessings,
Barbara Ernico
Missions and Outreach Committee Steward

A Note from Pastor Frank & Sherry Lybrand

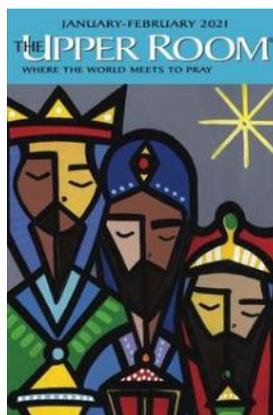
Sherry and I would like to offer our deep gratitude for your prayers, cards, calls, and support during my surgery and continued recovery. In addition, the Prayer Quilt has kept me warm in body and soul since coming home from the hospital. The worship services have been my spiritual nourishment in my isolation. I am blessed by your gracious, caring spirit! My surgery and recovery has progressed without any setbacks. I hope to be back in the weeks ahead. Continue to keep me in your prayers as my recovery continues.

Grace and Peace,

Frank and Sherry Lybrand

Gloria LaCoe named Realtor of the Year

St. Andrew member Gloria LaCoe was recently named the Realtor of the Year by the Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors not only for her excellence and integrity in business, but as much for her work for those in need in the community. She served as chair of the group’s Community Outreach Committee and during this critical pandemic helped to raise funds and refill pantry shelves for Bluffton Self Help, Deep Well and the Sandalwood Food Pantry. She was also cited for her work for 22 years as a founder and leader of St. Andrew’s Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Gloria also interacts with children through her role with the Island Rec Center. Congratulations to Gloria!



UPPER ROOM NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Due to the pandemic, we are able to offer The Upper Room devotional as a PDF online. The PDF is located on our website under the GROW tab on the home page where you can visit each day to read or save the PDF to your device.

Visit hhumc.com/upper-room

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy on Hilton Head Island

MLK March

January 18, 2021



Great news—the Joy Class has resumed its study of the **History and Development of Early Christianity** and would love to have you join them!

This current study is a focus on Christian groups and writings of the first three centuries.

The group meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am for about 40 or 50 minutes.

To be sent the link and study materials, please contact leader Wes Warren at wwarren23@aol.com.

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.



Brian + Lynn Waterfield

HH Campus

January 24, 2021



Mike + Rebecca Jones

HH Campus

January 24, 2021



Drive-in Communion

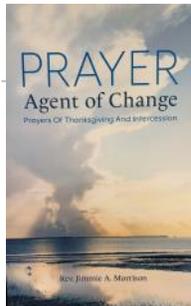
Hilton Head Campus

◆ Monday, 2.15 @ 5:00 pm

◆ Tuesday, 2.16 @ 5:00 pm

◆ Ash Wednesday, 2.17 @ 12:00 noon

RSVP for the service of your choice by emailing to standrewbythesea@gmail.com



What is Prayer?

Very simply, prayer is a conversation with God in which we express our hopes and concerns, and listen for God's direction. It is a form of meditation that allows us to concentrate and be open to God's intention. Prayer is interactive. We recognize there is a "Soul" greater than OUR "soul" with which we want and need to connect. Through prayer, we patiently wait to see what will be revealed.

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust... Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:1, 4-5)

Or to put it another way, "Prayer is the meeting of the ordinary with the great mystery of God's Presence." Through prayer, we are completely open to God.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts. And see if there be an hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. (Psalm 139:23-24)

A Prayer for Ourselves and Others

Philippians 2:1-11

God, our spirits are filled with deep gratitude for Your compassion and for Your blessings.

We thank You for light in our darkness, for the bread of life in our hunger, for grace in our wrongdoing and for healing of our wounded spirits.

We pray for Your guidance and wisdom in our options and desires. Grant that our choices may bring joy and fulfillment, hope and reconciliation.

We pray for those around the world who are heavily burdened, conflicted and confused; for those who endure poverty, hunger and deprivation; for those who experience natural disasters, and for those who are victims of violence and terror.

May our hopes for peace and justice inform our action, that we may be gentle and loving disciples, kind and compassionate neighbors. Give us clear conscience and a willing heart, so that we may be imitators of Christ who went about doing good.

We ask these blessings in Christ's name, as we pray the prayer that he taught His disciples saying, "Our Father..."

This excerpt is taken from the book *Prayer Agent of Change* by Rev. Jim Morrison. Look for more in next month's *Fisherman*.



The deadline for the

MARCH edition of *The Fisherman* is **Monday, February 15**

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



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T-TH 9:00 am-12 noon

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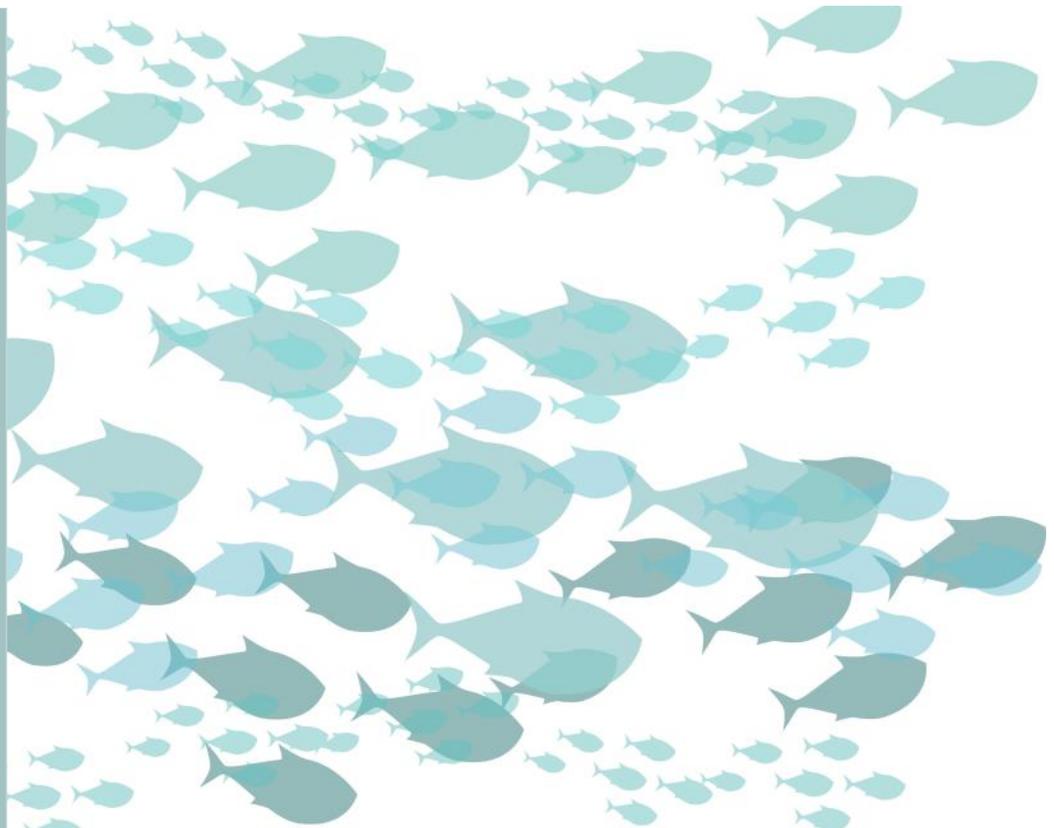
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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*