

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

HOLY WEEK 2021 Online Worship at hhiumc.com

PALM SUNDAY

March 28

Hilton Head Campus Broadcast

9:00 + 11:15 AM

Bluffton Campus

Livestream / Drive-in

9:00 + 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1

Hilton Head Campus Broadcast, 7:00 PM

Bluffton Campus Livestream, 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

Hilton Head Campus Broadcast, 12 Noon + 7:00 PM

Bluffton Campus Livestream, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunrise Services

Coligny Beach, Hilton Head

7:00 AM

Oyster Factory Park, Bluffton

(TIME YET TO BE DETERMINED)

**Hilton Head Campus
Broadcast**

9:00 + 11:15 AM

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Clean, Train, Burn

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

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. I don't know about you, but when I think of Lent, I often do not think of spring. However, as we enter into our Lenten journey for 2021, maybe we should all think about these three things:

1. Spring Cleaning--A lot of folks use the season of spring to clean up their houses and get rid of clutter. May we take this time of Lent to renew ourselves and allow God to clean our hearts and prepare us to serve Him in all ways. May we take some time to follow Jesus' example of forgiveness and grace as we declutter our lives.

2. Spring Training--I love baseball and really enjoy following

spring training in the MLB. It is a lot of fun to watch the pros play, but I also enjoy watching them practice the basics that all players need to be effective. During this season of Lent may we go back to the basics of our faith. May we take time to pray, read scripture, fast, and work together as the community of faith to build God's kingdom during this time, even during COVID.

3. Prescribed Spring Burns--Growing up on farms I learned very quickly the importance of prescribed burns when it comes to farmland and pastures. In order to ensure new growth, controlled burns were extremely important during the spring season. May we take the season of Lent as an opportunity to be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit and renew and refresh our hearts for Jesus.

Our church offers many opportunities to grow in faith. I challenge you to use them to clean, train, and burn in the next 40 days.

A Message from SPPRC

In case you did not see this in a letter that went to the entire congregation within the last two weeks, please be advised that Senior Pastor Neil Yongue has informed us of his intent to retire at the end of June following more than 40 years in the ministry, including the last 14 here at St. Andrew By-The-Sea church. Neil and Imogene have been a blessing to this congregation in many ways over these years and we will want to show our appreciation before they leave us.

To that end, let me announce that Bill Putnam has agreed to chair the committee to plan ways that the congregation can gather safely to honor these two wonderful people who have come to mean so much to all of us. He will be joined by Lynda Castle of SPPRC, Director of Administration Lois Chandler, and others from the church. The one concrete step taken so far has been to reserve Honey Horn for **Sunday, June 13 for a Celebration of Ministry**. Final arrangements will be heavily dependent on CDC guidelines and other safety protocols. Stay tuned for additional information.

Lastly, we have met with the district superintendent, our liaison to the bishop who will be appointing a successor to Neil, and we are highly confident that an excellent choice will be made for our new senior pastor. An announcement will be made later this spring when this becomes known to us.

Bruce Siebold, Chair
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)

NEW LENTEN SERMON SERIES AT BLUFFTON

A LYRICAL LENT: SET LIST

NEW SERMON SERIES THROUGH LENT.

BEAUTIFUL THINGS
HOW MARVELOUS
JESUS PAID IT ALL
THERE WAS JESUS
AMAZING GRACE
LESS LIKE ME



During the World Day of Prayer on March 5 and again during Holy Week, March 28 to April 3, an outdoor prayer labyrinth will be in place at our Hilton Head campus parking lot (behind the Celebration Center) for all to use. As a way to encourage quiet prayer and meditation - or just a time of slowing down, you are encouraged to take a gentle walk into, then out of, the labyrinth, allowing time and space for personal reflection and spiritual pondering.

Labyrinths have been used for centuries to facilitate meditation. Many Christians and churches are rediscovering this ancient prayer practice. A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point, the quiet center. It is not a maze; you cannot get lost; there are no dead ends. The point is not disorientation, but orientation – hopefully finding a new or renewed path to God.

Our youth will assist in creating the labyrinth as a way for them to participate in the Lenten Love Challenge. The prayer labyrinth will be available for anyone to use during daylight hours. More than one person at a time can walk the labyrinth – simply make quiet accommodation for the other as you pass on your walk. No need to make reservations, just come as the spirit leads.

40 days of *love*

lenten love challenge

The 40 days of Lent are the ideal time to do acts of kindness for church family, friends, neighbors and strangers as an offering, a sacrifice to God during this season...a Lenten *love* challenge, if you will.

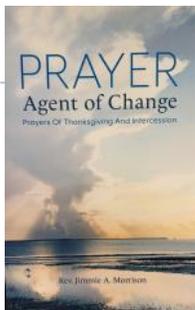
Google "acts of kindness" and you will find hundreds of ideas of how to show God's *love* to someone. It could be cookies for the neighbors, a donation in someone's name, buying coffee for the person in line behind you...you probably already have some great ideas. If you'd like to leave an anonymous note for someone, send an encouraging scripture or message, or leave a recipe with the casserole you dropped off, feel free to use the attached notecards or postcards. If you need more, we have them in the church office during the week.

Then the best part -- tell us your stories. What did you do? What happened? What did God teach you through this? We want to hear and celebrate with you how God's *love* was shared in our world and community and how it impacted your life too.

Email your stories to standrewbythesea@gmail.com before Easter and we'll compile an anonymous list of what our church family did in the name of Christ as an encouragement to us all.

May this Lenten season be a blessing to others and you as we focus on Jesus' *love* and sacrifice for all of us.

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you LOVE one another. John 13:35



Why Should We Pray?

Jesus often prayed and urged the disciples to do the same. For example: *The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.* (Psalm 145:18)

Prayer enables us to stay focused. *Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and*

find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 19:12-13)

We pray to sense the Presence beyond us that gives us a deep peace. Prayer rehearses all that we do, think, say or feel, and recognizes that life and life's blessings are gifts from God. It affirms our faith that there is the presence of a creative, loving God. Therefore, prayer begins by offering thanksgiving. As Paul would say, *"In all things give thanks."*

Through prayer, we are continually reminded that God wants good things for us. Remember: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

Prayer helps us to capture the truth that there is hope when we feel discouraged, defeated, deprived, or in any way disabled. In a sense, it is a meeting of the ordinary with that great mystery of God's Presence. Prayer is the devoted attention, waiting to hear what will be revealed.

A Prayer for Wholeness

Psalm 147, Mark 1:29-39

God of hope and healing, we believe that You have brought us into life and have been with us throughout life. We have come to this sacred space and time filled with hope: hope that our life will continue to be made whole.

We come with afflictions, with physical pain from illness or injury, emotional pain from sad, scary, scarred lives. Mental pain from personal and spiritual hurt.

And here in this sacred place we are confronted with a strange reality: the very power and spirit of Christ is here and we ask, "What does this mean for us?" We who are wondering whether we can ever be more than ordinary at best, and always touched more by physical and spiritual turmoil, rather than the radical idea that our life can be whole. Can we truly be freed from bonds of doubt, fear, small faith, damaging attitudes, dislike and hatred of others, and the many demons which inhabit us?

Then the truth of Christ in our presence shakes us to our core; the power of your love frees us to move beyond physical health to inner peace and acceptance of all that we are.

From the afflicting spirits that trouble and constrain us, Jesus commands them to be no more. Truly we are

Palm Sunday Procession

All children are invited to participate in our Palm Sunday Procession being recorded on Saturday morning, March 27 at 10:30. The children will gather outdoors then enter the sanctuary waving palm branches to help remind us all of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We ask everyone to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Following the brief procession, the children are invited back outdoors to dye Easter eggs in anticipation of Resurrection Sunday. Families are then encouraged to share their colorful eggs with someone who could use a front door act of kindness as part of our Lenten Love Challenge.



Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays through Zoom at 10:00 am

with focused sharing topics

Some of our recent topics included:

- ◆ Share a travel destination that impressed you the most.
- ◆ How do you spend your personal devotional time?
- ◆ Two recent guests were Rev. Yongue and Rev. Jim Morrison.

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.

freed when we bring all that we are into the relationship with this God of healing and hope.

Therefore, with Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession for all, we move beyond being tormented to jubilation, because our unflinching belief in the very real presence of the Spirit of Christ — dead, buried, risen and present now — speaks to us and hears our prayers for one another.

In this very moment, when we pray as Christ taught us, we sense a renewal of the grace within our lives. So we pray strengthened and renewed, "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*.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

DO YOU KNOW... a family who is struggling to pay their bills each month and may be facing eviction? Do you know a family who, although the parents may be employed, cannot find affordable housing, or they have found housing but need help with the security deposit or first month's rent? Do you know that Family Promise of Beaufort County has a *Get on Track (Diversion and Prevention) Program* that addresses these very issues?



COVID-19 has affected everyone in some fashion, but imagine the possibility of losing your home through no fault of your own! Our *Get on Track Program* addresses the issue of homelessness by preventing families from being evicted. Our case manager works with families to address the underlying issues, helps to create and live within a budget, navigates community resources based on their specific needs (as no two families are the same), and provides rental assistance on a short-term basis to prevent the family from becoming homeless.

Since the inception of the *Get on Track (Diversion and Prevention) Program* in mid-2019, we have assisted 29 families comprised of 92 individuals (64% of whom were children). Without our support, these families may have been evicted and been in need of our *Shelter Program*! *We are happy to report that 100% of these families remain safely housed!*

We are always in need of Food Lion gift cards, in small denominations, for the families in our *Shelter Program*. You can drop them off between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday, 181 Bluffton Rd, D101, Bluffton, SC 29910.

You can also donate by check made payable to Family Promise of Beaufort County and mail to the same address.

Another option is to donate by credit card on the FP website: familypromisebeaufortcounty.org/donate-confirmation

Questions? Contact Jerry or Elaine Tavolaro, St. Andrew Family Promise Coordinators, at jereltavolaro@gmail.com.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ~ March 5

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome. It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world. Learn more at <https://wdp-usa.org>

UMCOR SUNDAY

Special Offering
Sunday, March 14

UMCOR Sunday is one of six special offerings in The United Methodist Church that supports ministries shared by all churches in the denomination. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

For example, through the "Sheltering in Love" campaign, and in collaboration with health professionals, missionaries, disaster management coordinators and faith leaders, UMCOR and Global Ministries responded globally to the COVID-19 crisis.

From the Philippines to Pennsylvania, Brazil to Burundi, UMCOR worked to meet people's daily needs such as health care, food, hygiene and job security.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities, to respond to those left most vulnerable during this challenging time.

And UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR cultivates relationships and helps communities rebuild, often for years after the disaster.

UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive today join with those of millions of United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.

Please give generously.



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



1971 The church building is begun after much fund-raising including shrimp dinners, oyster roasts, even plane rides. It is slated for completion that same year. Groundbreaking ceremony is held March 7, 1971. It is completed in October and the first service is on October 24.

2003 A Consecration Service and celebration brunch for the Celebration Center are held on March 23, 2003 with 500 in attendance.



Please circle **Sunday, June 13** in red on your calendar as we say farewell to Pastor Neil and Imogene at an outdoor event for the whole church.

More details coming soon!

With Gratitude

Dear St. Andrew Church Family,

As you know, Pat (Priddy) lost her courageous battle with cancer on December 19, 2020. I will forever be grateful to all of you, her church family. She loved being there and being part of the choir and Stephen Ministers. She thought of others always before herself and loved many of you.

To those of you who drove her to appointments, repeatedly visited, called and sent cards, thank you. Those connections were vital to her. Please accept my thanks and gratitude for being a loving, giving, vital part of Pat's life and family.

Blessings to you all,
Cheryl Thomas



- ◆ To Keith Dodson and family at the passing of our sister in Christ Sarah Dodson, who passed away February 18, 2021, in Greenville, SC.
- ◆ To Steve and Janet Hahn and family at the unexpected death of their granddaughter Taylor Elizabeth Marie Hahn, 23, of Beaufort, who passed away February 13, 2021, as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.
- ◆ To St. Andrew's former director of music, Larry Mercer and family, upon the unexpected death of Larry's daughter, Jessica Hipp-Mercer Munyon on February 10, 2021, in Spartanburg County.
- ◆ To Andi Argast at the passing of her sister, Mary Jackson Baker on February 5, 2021.
- ◆ To the family of our brother in Christ Dwayne 'Nels' Nelson, who passed away on January 25, 2021. Nels had been a resident of the Veterans Victory Home in Walterboro, SC. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean Nelson, in 2018.

Giving At A Glance (January 2020 v January 2021)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 1/31/2021	\$102,421	\$33,677	\$136,098
Actual thru 1/31/2020	\$165,219	\$27,340	\$192,559
Variance	(\$62,798)	\$6,337	(\$56,461)
	=Below Prior Yr	=Above Prior Yr	=Below Prior Yr

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



Food speaks to us all in many and varied ways. For me, the taste of fresh raspberries and I am a child again, transported to my grandmother's garden on the farm.

Food also reminds us of friends who have left us and the special times we spent together. This month we feature a couple of recipes from St. Andrew ladies who are no longer here but never forgotten, Pat Priddy and Barb Mundy. Perhaps think of them as you enjoy this bit of St. Andrew food history.

CRAB TOAST (Pat Priddy, pg.13)

- 1 (7 1/2 oz.) can crabmeat
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. curry (optional)
- 1/3 tsp. salt
- 9 slices light toast, cut in halves

Mix together crabmeat, onion, mayonnaise, cheese, curry and salt. Spread mixture on toast halves and place on a cookie sheet. Bake in 400° oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

BAKED FISH AU GRATIN (Barb Mundy, pg. 123)

- Fine bread crumbs
- 1 lb. fish filets (flounder, tilapia, orange roughy, sole, shrimp, or scallops)
- 1 (14 1/4 oz.) can steward tomatoes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- Black pepper to taste
- 3 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
- Butter or margarine

Grease 1 quart shallow baking dish and sprinkle bottom with bread crumbs. Layer fish on bread crumbs. Pour can of sewed tomatoes over fish. Place onion on top of tomatoes. Put cheese on top and sprinkle with black pepper and dot with butter or margarine. Bake at 350° for 25-40 minutes, until fish "flakes" when pierced with fork. Serves 4.

Note: "I use Pepperidge Farm herb stuffing mix for bread crumbs."



The deadline for the
APRIL edition of The Fisherman
is **MONDAY, March 15**

Please submit your articles and photos to:
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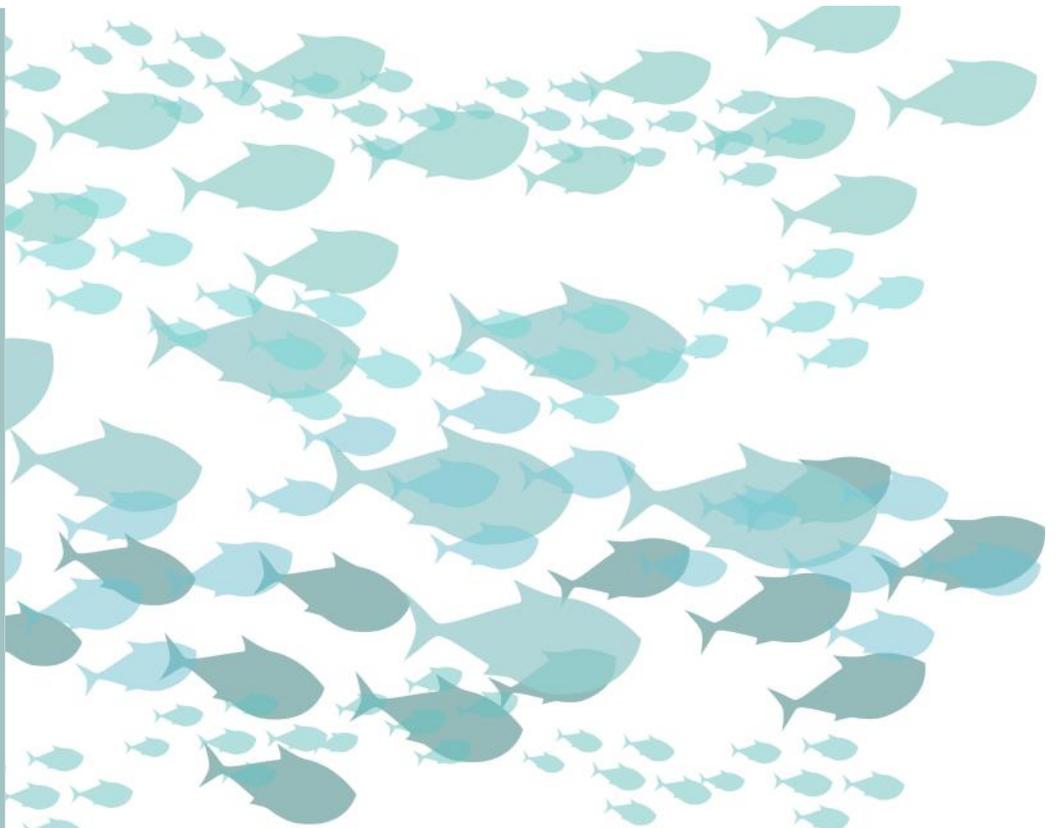
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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*