

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

Notes from Tim *by Tim Reynolds, Director of Music*

WE MADE IT! Welcome back to in-person worship. Our ReGathering efforts have had a few bumps and hiccups, but it is wonderful to look out from the chancel on Sunday mornings and see smiling eyes and, I assume, smiling faces under those masks. I received the following communication from a Presbyterian colleague and I think it sums up what many of us are experiencing and hope to achieve as we return to in-person worship while keeping our online presence in place as well.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place" (Acts 2:1). So begins the account of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church in the book of Acts. As we approach the day of Pentecost in the year 2021, we understand that it may not be possible for the members of our congregation to be "all together in one place" this year. While some restrictions are being lifted in some places and for some people, the ongoing threat of the COVID-19 global pandemic will require that we return to church in a way that is measured and mindful of the needs of the most vulnerable among us. While some may begin to attend public worship in person, we know that some will need to continue to worship at home for some time.

We give thanks, then, for the promise of our faith—that the Lord God will bless and keep us, the risen Christ is with us, and the Holy Spirit connects us with believers near and far. We take comfort and inspiration from the example of the earliest believers who 'spent much time together in the temple' and 'broke bread at home ... with glad and generous hearts' (Acts 2:46). As we anxiously track the news in these times—with numbers of new cases, numbers of persons who have died, and numbers of those who are recovering—we remember the good news of the gospel: 'And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved' (Acts 2:47).

As this congregation begins to resume public activities, please know that we will do so through a careful process of discussion and discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, upon consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, in the spirit of constant prayer, and with full trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We may make mistakes along the way. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. There will be times of frustration, disappointment, and grief. We will have countless opportunities to exercise the spiritual gifts of



BLUFFTON RE-LAUNCH

We are so excited about the Bluffton Campus Re-Launch! From our Children's Ministry to our worship space, we have adapted well to the changes. Our leadership teams have done an amazing job making sure people feel welcome and safe

when they walk into our space. It is so very exciting to have an opportunity to Re-Launch church and build momentum and a church family! We are very thankful for God's guidance through this process and the grace of our people as we continue to move forward as a faith community!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



**BLUFFTON
CAMPUS
RE-LAUNCH!**

patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

But there will also be blessings. There will be wonderful surprises, great celebrations, and moments of deep satisfaction. We will get to see glimpses of the new thing God is doing, even now. We will have opportunities to savor the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, generosity, and faithfulness.

Let us be faithful, then—to God and to one another—as we receive the gifts and work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and world. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus."

SEE you (in person or online) in church,

Tim

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

La Pandemia in Panama

Report from Rhett Thompson,
St. Andrew supported Missionary



- March 7 (2020): The Canterbury Med Team arrived for a week-long mission to Cienaguita.
- March 8: We had a joyful worship service at La Resurreccion. Though no COVID-19 cases had been reported in Panama yet, we had finally broken the habit of greeting with hugs and kisses. Afterwards Chalino drove us to Chiriqui in the big blue bus.
- March 9: We had an exceptionally large number of patients the first day of the clinic. At dinner that evening, we heard that the first case of COVID-19-19 had been reported in Panama City.
- March 10: Another big crowd at the clinic. We gave orientation about COVID-19 to folks as they waited to be seen by the docs.
- March 11: In early afternoon, we got word that the national health system had gone into crisis mode. All large public gatherings were suspended, including the medical mission.
- March 12: We made an early return to Panama City so that the team could fly out of Panama a day early. We still had no idea what was coming. Within a week, the Tocumen International Airport suspended all flights to and from Panama.
- March 13: Our Child Development Center closed along with all public and private schools nationwide.
- March 15: We held our last worship in our sanctuary.



Just a few days later, Panama went into lockdown. All the planned UMVIM missions were cancelled. We were in total quarantine for three months. During that time, the level of infection in Panama remained relatively low. However, restrictions were eased slightly at the beginning of June, and

people began visiting family members they had not seen in months. That was enough to light a conflagration that has not yet been brought under control.



On March 22 we held our first worship service via Whatsapp. At 11:00 am on Sunday mornings, we worship together as prerecorded prayers, scripture readings, hymns and a sermon are sent one at a time. Different members participate in the prayers and readings each week. On Good Friday, each of our lay preachers contributed a meditation on one of the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. On Grandparent's Day, the children recorded

special videos as a surprise for their grandparents. Later we added a fellowship time before and after services via Zoom, and now people can participate in worship through either format. We use Zoom for Adult Sunday School, Bible Studies, as well as our Saturday Children's Ministry.

Our Child Development Center was in the first week of classes when the pandemic hit and had to be completely reinvented. Two Zoom sessions are held with each age group every week.



The teacher also does a one-on-one video call with each child once a week. No schools, public or private, have been allowed to resume onsite learning. Our Youth Outreach Center also had to adapt to circumstances. On several occasions, Center Coordinator Enrique Clark organized distribution of groceries to families in the neighborhood. He also acquired and donated several laptops to students so

that they could continue their studies. The Center has offered numerous online seminars and workshops.



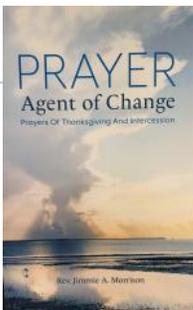
Community Center Coordinator Paula Rodriguez and the folks in Cienaguita are doing well. Both of her parents were infected by COVID-19 and became quite ill but survived. I remain in contact with many of our Ngabe friends. Several of our Health Promoters lost family members to COVID-19. We have not been able to resume building houses, but Paula has coordinated the Sustainable Community Agricultural Project with technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture as food production has become more important than ever.

This was not the way I planned to spend my 35th year of ministry in Panama. For me, lockdown meant that I was only allowed out of my apartment for three hours, twice a week. I worked hard with my partners in mission to figure out how to continue our various ministries. One of the lessons we have learned this year is how interconnected we all are and how much we have taken for granted the simple joy of being able to come together. So, I take a moment to say thanks to each of you for your part in this story. You may have been to Panama with a Mission Team or send financial support to this ministry or to a particular project. Or maybe you have supported us in prayer.



Panama is still in the grips of the pandemic. Last Friday we had our first service in the church since the beginning of the pandemic. But it was a funeral. Another loss to COVID-19. As we enter the Lenten season, we mourn this and other losses. But death does not have the final word. We serve a Risen Lord. So we look to the future with hope to renew many ministries that have been on hold, to continue to share the love of God and

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15



For What Should We Pray?

As has already been noted, prayer is a conversation with God. Therefore, there is nothing that should be excluded from our prayers. What we pray for is determined by all of life's experiences. Sometimes there is a disquietude which we cannot characterize which likely are unspoken prayers for which we have

no words, no clear thought or concept; in such times, we pray for **clarity**.

We pray for **personal peace**. St. Paul reminds us: *The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:6-7)

There are times when it is very obvious that **personal issues** are troubling, unsettling, even harmful. Perhaps there is uncertainty about how we should respond in such situations. There is no better way to gain clarity and to help us manage those occasions than through prayer.

If there is one universal, overriding, satisfying attitude for Christians, it is the desire to help another. To paraphrase the words from Jesus, there are those who are imprisoned by emotion or spirit, who are deaf and blind to possibility, who are impoverished through events or self-inflicted wounds, suffering illness, or experiencing grief. Prayer for **those who are suffering** will affect them (and us, I might add) in unanticipated ways. *...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.* (1 Timothy 2:1)

Prayers are often thought of as a kind of problem solver. But life is much more: it is the joyful recognition of God's gifts. **Thanksgiving** is a requisite for every prayer. *Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* (1 Thessalonians 5:17-19)

Memorial Day Prayer—No Greater Love

John 15:13

Today our emotions rise and fall. While we memorialize all those who have sacrificed, as well as honor those sacrificing still, we celebrate the life-giving spirit of the presence of Your Spirit to change all things. With unfettered thanksgiving for that Presence, and for the witnesses to it we pray that the burning spirit of joy would permeate all human endeavors.

On the one hand, we celebrate the power of Christ to overcome seeming hopelessness generated by confusing and babbling chaos. On the other hand, we recognize that there is an interminable maliciousness claiming the lives of those who give their best to overcome conflict.

By the way we live, we honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our sakes. When in the midst of conflict, voices of reason are raised as evidence of our gratitude. We can never adequately express our indebtedness to the many who protect a way of life so that others may enjoy the accomplishments of

Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays through Zoom at 10:00 am

with focused sharing topics

Some of our recent topics included:

- ◆ How did you celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the past?
- ◆ How have you celebrated Holy Week in the past?
- ◆ What did you do for the church's Lenten Love Challenge?
- ◆ What have you done since you've been fully vaccinated?

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.

hope that leads to a productive future.

We think of those who are on the front lines, but we must remember those who are supportive: the families, especially the wives, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers who are nervous because of the risk in which their loved ones are placed. Nor can we forget the tragedy of those whose lives have ended at their own hand because they could no longer bear the pain of war's expectation.

How greatly we miss those who have been part of our lives, their tenderness, their touch, and their whispered words of affection. Knowing that we cannot bring them back, we pray that the very Spirit of Christ will bring calm and peace, comfort and healing.

Therefore on this Memorial Day weekend, we call to memory all who have been a part of our lives, our love and our country. Enable us to focus on perpetuating the best from them so we might be living memorials. We pray that our actions, not just words, will affirm what those who were first around Jesus knew: that God intends a radical saving power—that there is a radical reforming Spirit to make the dry bones of hatred, murder and injustices living evidence of God's intention for all people. Remind us again that we are of the Christ family so that if we give ourselves, it is to give as Christ did — for each other and not to diminish another. Set aside our fears so that we truly rejoice in life.

With profound gratitude for Your hopeful Presence, we pray, "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*.





Be A Partner of Hope

Julie was 13 when she arrived on Epworth's campus with her older brother. Both had been removed from their home and each sent to a different foster home. They missed each other and in their grief exhibited behaviors that were not conducive to a prosperous future. They both appeared to give up on a life with a good future.

After some time, a decision was made to reunite them. That is when they came to Epworth to live. After a short period of adjustment, they both began to participate in campus activities, including worship and tutoring. Their grades began to reflect their efforts to learn.

As their stay at Epworth lengthened, they participated in counseling, received family visits, played basketball, and enjoyed shopping trips with their cottage mates and staff members.

One day Julie exclaimed, "My brother and I had almost lost all hope, but now we know we have a future."

Julie, her brother Daniel, and many others are children we United Methodists have "adopted," and with whom have become "Partners of Hope." We form this partnership in order to provide a safe place to live, and to provide food, shelter, clothing, educational, medical, emotional health, and recreational opportunities for our children.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:13-14

Use the envelope provided at the in-person services at both campuses on Mother's Day Sunday or give online at hhumc.com/donations

100% Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget.** Mother's Day is your opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org. Thank you for giving generously this Mother's Day.

Children's CHURCH

...at the Hilton Head campus returns—come join us!



Dear St. Andrew Church Family ~ Thank you for your past and continued generosity. As we move back toward normal and hopefully post-pandemic, our Church Council has adopted a budget that enabled operations to continue through the pandemic, but relied on some reserves to carry us through. As we start to Re-Gather, please take a look at what you might be able to do to help.

*John Trayer, Chair of the Finance Committee
Jeff Herriman, Treasurer*

Giving At A Glance (January –March 2021)			
	Pledge Contributions	Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions	Total
Actual thru 3/31/2021	\$222,010	\$81,114	\$303,124
Budget thru 3/31/2021	\$206,583	\$106,250	\$312,833
Variance	\$15,427	(\$25,136)	(\$9,709)
	=Above Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget
Income and Expenses (January-March 2021)			
	For the year Actual	For the year Budget	Variance
Income	\$386,756	\$385,199	\$1,557
Expenses	\$346,561	\$367,196	(\$20,635)
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$40,195	\$18,003	\$22,192

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

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



1980 The groundbreaking ceremony for the new education building is held on May 4.

2012 On May 27, 50+ pipes, a Zimbelstern and 4 wind chests which were added to our digital organ that month are dedicated in memory of Patricia Graves, mother of our organist Debby Graves. The pipes were purchased in California and trucked across the country.

save THE date

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!



- ◆ To the family and friends of our Christian brother Roger Jackson who passed away on April 16, 2021. A memorial service was held on April 27, 2021 at the HH campus.
- ◆ To the family and friends of our Christian sister Juanita Graul who passed away in Maryland on April 13, 2021
- ◆ To Freda Thomas upon the death of her brother-in-law Ralph Morgan of Dalton, GA, on April 3.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the
JUNE edition of *The Fisherman*
is **SATURDAY, May 15**

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



More good eating from the 1997 edition of *Islanders Cook for Company Again!*

May is Mother's Day month. This month we feature "recipes from Moms" who always wanted us to eat healthy.

BROCCOLI SALAD (*Carlene Kilgore, pg. 63*)

¾ cup mayonnaise
2 T cider vinegar
¼ c. sugar (can use ½ of this amount)

- 1-1/2 bunches broccoli crowns, broken into small pieces
- ½ c chopped red onion
- 1/3 c raisins
- 1 12-oz pkg bacon, cooked hard and crumbled
- 1/3 c chopped pecans

Mix together mayonnaise, vinegar, and sugar. Toss with other ingredients. Let set at least 6 hours before serving. Don't let set overnight (gets too soggy).

STEPHANIE'S 30-MINUTE CHICKEN (*Stephanie Webster, pg. 135*)

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ lb mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium zucchini, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 14-1/2 oz can diced tomatoes with liquid
- ¾ tsp dried basil
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- Grated parmesan cheese

In a greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish, place onion and chicken breasts. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Layer mushrooms and zucchini over the chicken. Combine garlic, tomatoes, basil, and oregano. Pour over vegetables. Cover tightly. Bake at 450 degrees for 30 minutes or until juices run clear. Sprinkle with cheese.

FRESH APPLE CAKE (*Edith Young, now Edith Rhomberg, pg. 168*)

- 1-1/2 corn oil
- 2 c sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 c all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 c peeled and chopped tart apples
- 2 c chopped pecans
- 1 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Mix together oil and sugar. Add eggs and beat. Add flour, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt, and mix together. Fold in apples, pecans, and vanilla. Bake in greased and floured tube pan for about 1-1/2 hours. Let cool in pan before removing from pan.



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“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4

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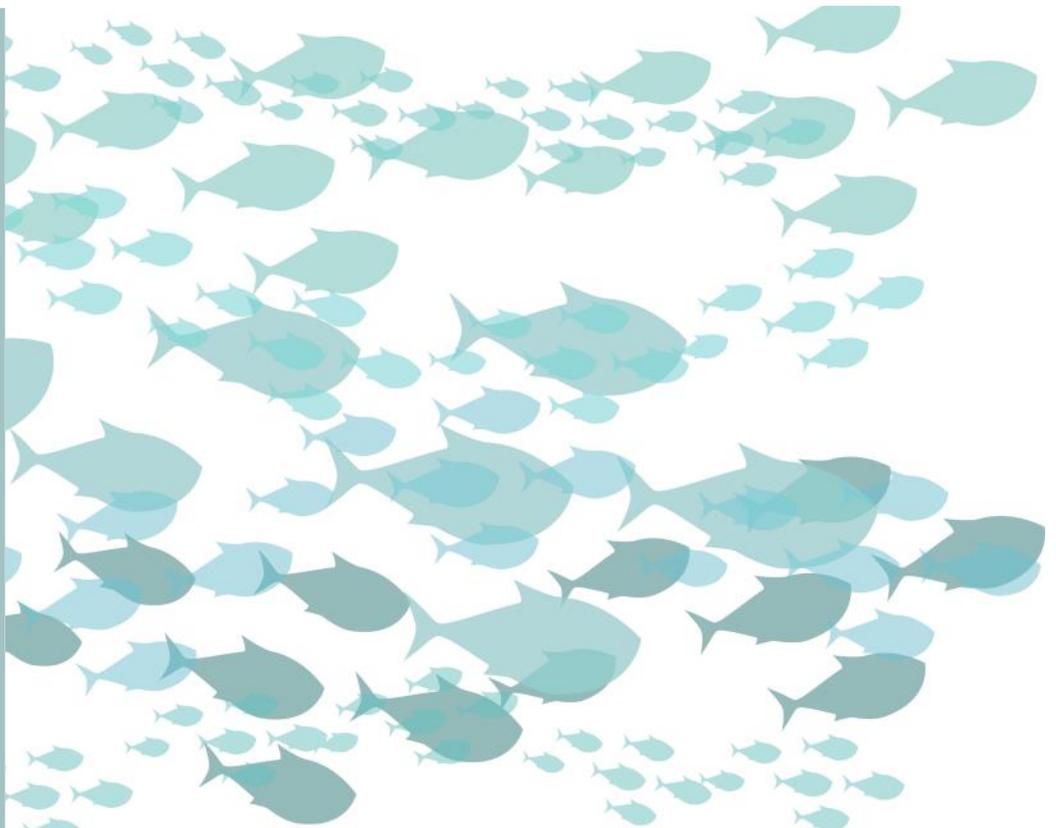
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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*