

# 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

## What's Next? *by Pastor Robin Dease, Lead Pastor*

Visions and plans can create a lot of enthusiasm when they are initiated. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." But you and I want more than "not perishing." Surviving is better than perishing to be sure, but thriving is what God wants for us. And, if we want to thrive, then...you guessed it, it's going to take time, talent, and resources.

Beginning in July, I attended a host of "Meet and Greets" with parishioners who showed radical hospitality by opening their homes for members and me to gather. I was so blessed by the ways you all welcomed me and were willing to share your hopes, dreams and concerns for St. Andrew. After 14-15 visits and still one to complete this month, some of the overarching themes from our conversations were: the need for transparency, (i.e., what is happening behind the scenes in the life of St. Andrew financially and spiritually), the need for small groups to build community and caring relationships, ministry to children and youth to solidify St. Andrew's future, building a bridge between both campuses, the return of Fall Festival, updates on the future of the UMC, and more hands-on mission opportunities.

After the meet and greets, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee asked me to develop a simple first-year ministry plan. Ministry plans are created by pastors and congregations to provide direction, to gauge what direction, we are headed. For this first year, my plans are as follows:

- Assembling the right team to discern, design and create a vision that addresses the spiritual needs and hopes of the church at large. For this to come to fruition, committee members must be equipped trained according to United Methodist Book of Discipline (polity) so that they function efficiently and effectively. Trainings will be led by various leaders in our annual conference. Most of the trainings will happen Sunday afternoons. In the spring, the staff and church leadership will take part in a retreat to assess gifts and graces and gain a clearer understanding of their role at SABTS.
- Building ministry through discipleship models of ministry i.e., more small groups "on and off" campus
- Transparency around the financial state of the church by growing in giving and stewardship
- Developing the Buckwalter land in Bluffton
- Creating a strong virtual presence
- Organize a Fall Festival committee made up of those who are committed to the work



The St. Andrew Church Council approved the recommendation of the Buckwalter site building committee to move forward on the initial phases of site development. The approval releases funds to begin clearing the 10 acre property. Early phases of the project will include clearing, grading and preparing the site for a building and parking lot, as well as the development of a water retention pond.

The newly formed Buckwalter site building committee, consisting of church members from Hilton Head and Bluffton, have begun meeting on a regular basis to discuss and plan next steps in the site development process. The committee is excited to be working with Aspen



Bluffton congregation members at the Buckwalter site.



The Buckwalter Parkway Site, highlighted in yellow.

Group, a church design/build firm to begin development of our site, located in a rapidly developing area in one of the fastest-growing communities in South Carolina.

The members of the building committee invite church members to join us on this journey. If you have questions or

comments regarding the site development process please, email to [standrewbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:standrewbythesea@gmail.com) and include "Buckwalter site" in the subject line. Your questions and comments will be directed to the building committee. Look for Prayer Points weekly in the Blast.

**St. Andrew  
BUILDING  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE**



- Updates on the future of our denomination as it relates to impending schism.

Friends, these are not lofty goals for my first year. Remember, we are called to exist as a family of believers UNITED to share our faith in Christ, to equip believers to live their faith, and to express our genuine love to God and all people so that GOD will be glorified. We pray that you walk this faith journey with us by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and witness.

May It Be So,

*Robin Dease*

## Happening in Bluffton...

At the end of October we had the opportunity to take some of our children to Jekyll Island for our annual UMC Kidz Quest weekend retreat!

It was a beautiful weekend filled with the Holy Spirit. Our children and adult chaperones were among 230 other participants from the area. We had so much fun worshipping together, dancing and singing, praying, hanging out, and playing at the beach!



Our Bluffton Campus Youth Intern, Sarah Jones, has been working very hard on a new ministry project for our youth. Sunday October 24 we launched a new partnership with First Zion Church. It is our prayer that our young people develop relationships with one another so that we can worship and praise monthly.

## Thanksgiving Offering + Year-End Giving

*Sarah Coffin, Council Chair*

It's that time of year when money is a topic of conversation. We're wrapping up 2021 and thinking about 2022. In the past we would have held "Consecration Sunday" about now. And, another year without the Fall Festival has us thinking about how to re-build our Missions coffers. So, you will probably have received some communications recently related to money.

While straightforward, they do not give sufficient context for our communications. As we approach the seasons of Thanksgiving and sharing of gifts, these letters are really addressing three current needs:

- (1) a simple request for you to prayerfully consider what you will set aside for God's work through St. Andrew in 2022 – this is in lieu of our traditional initiatives leading up to Consecration Sunday. You would have received that postcard early in October.
- (2) an "ask" similar to last fall to share what you would have spent at the Fall Festival to enable our missional efforts to continue next year, and
- (3) a "nudge" to ask you to fulfill the pledge commitments you made for 2021 so we can strive to close out 2021 with a balanced budget.

In the Financial Section below you will see the YTD contributions vs plan. While expenses are 3.5% below plan, that is insufficient to make up for the contribution shortfall. Please consider all of these requests prayerfully!

## A presentation by the authors of



# GULLAH DAYS

HILTON HEAD ISLANDERS  
BEFORE THE BRIDGE

1861 - 1956

THOMAS C BARNWELL, JR. CAROLYN GRANT EMORY SHAW CAMPBELL  
WITH CHRISTENA BLEDSOE

Saturday, November 13

10:00 am to noon

St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC

This **FREE** in-person and livestream event is hosted by Bridge Builders

Limited seating is available by reservation only  
To RSVP, please email to [standrewbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:standrewbythesea@gmail.com)  
Live streaming available at St. Andrew's website  
[www.hhiumc.com](http://www.hhiumc.com)

**A Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series Event**

### GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - September 2021)

	Pledge Contributions	Non-Pledge/Loose Plate Contributions	Total
Actual thru 9/30/2021	\$589,249	\$244,646	\$813,895
Budget thru 9/30/2021	\$619,750	\$318,750	\$938,500
Variance	(\$50,501)	(\$74,104)	(\$124,605)
	=Below Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

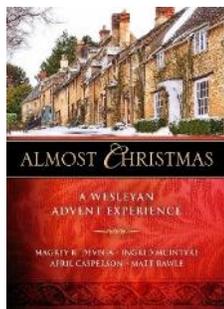
### Income and Expenses (January - September 2021)

	For The Year Actual	For The Year Budget	Variance
Income	\$1,036,935	\$1,123,938	(\$87,003)
Expenses	\$1,089,433	\$1,128,853	(\$39,420)
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The deadline for the **DECEMBER** edition of **The Fisherman** is **Monday, November 15**

Please submit your articles and photos to:  
[standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com](mailto:standrewbytheseanews@gmail.com)

Almost Christmas  
 November 17, December 1, 8, 15  
 (Wednesdays)  
 10:30-11:30 am  
 Leader: Kerry Tilden



Make our Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas. In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, we will explore how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

In addition to the study book, online videos are available through Amplify Media. Call or email Connie Borgianini to sign up. A limited number of books are available from the church (\$12), or feel free to get your own copy from your preferred vendor.

## Sunday Mornings for Children Hilton Head campus



Sunday School at 10:15 to 11:00  
 in the Education Building

In November, we will learn about the Ten Commandments, then transition to events that led up to the birth of Jesus. In addition, Children's Church is offered 11:30 to 12:15 following the Children's Moment of the 11:15 worship service.



St. Andrew By-The-Sea Church will be observing Pastor Appreciation Month during November. We would be grateful for a huge show of appreciation for Pastors Robin, Daniel and Frank with a note or card, a sweet treat, plant or flowers, or any other token of thankfulness you can dream up for our spiritual leaders. This can be an individual act or something from a church group with which you are involved.

Thank you for participating in this simple demonstration of care for our pastors!

*Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee*

### The Prayer Quilt Ministry



The Prayer Quilt ministry is in need of people with sewing experience, quilting experience not required, who have the desire to create lasting mementos of beautiful, soft quilts.

Prior to distribution to those in need, the quilts are tied by loving hands, while offering prayers for the recipients.

Beginning in January, we will resume meeting several times a month at the Hilton Head campus. If interested, please contact Janis Agnew at [janis.agnew12@gmail.com](mailto:janis.agnew12@gmail.com) or Bess Philip at [sphilip@hargray.com](mailto:sphilip@hargray.com)

### *Our sincere condolences...*

☞ To Julie Chalpan (M), Roma Holmes (M), and their family at the passing of Julie's dad, Don Holmes on October 23, 2021 in Indiana.

☞ To Josh Tiller (M) and family at the passing of his mother, Rachel Tiller, of Lady's Island, SC on October 12, 2021

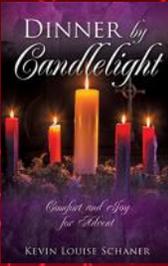
☞ To Kerry Tilden (Affiliate) at the passing of her sister, Leigh Tilden, of St. Marys, GA on October 13, 2021.



# Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am via Zoom

On November 2nd, we will have Kevin Louise Schaner, a United Methodist Woman, retired librarian, and author of *Dinner by Candlelight*, *Comfort and Joy for Advent*, join us on our Zoom Chat to share her experience in writing a book of advent devotions. Kevin lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. For the rest of the Tuesdays in November and December, we will continue to discuss some of the themes in her delightful book.



*Everyone is invited to join in!*

Please email [jaygraves@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



## Advent Wreath Making Hilton Head Campus 10:00-11:00

**Sunday, November 28**

Instead of our usual Sunday School on November 28, everyone (all ages and stages) is invited to join us to make an Advent Wreath to help prepare for the coming of Christ. Not only do Advent wreaths help us to mark the four weeks of this season, but they help us to connect with nature and speak of God's good gifts from creation.

We'll set up outdoors (near the doors of the Education Building) between worship services on November 28 – the First Sunday of Advent.

In addition to the wire form and the fresh greens, we will also provide candles and related readings to use at home. Let us help you prepare your heart for Christmas!

Reservations requested to help us make proper preparations – [conniebhhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:conniebhhiumc@gmail.com).

## Small Group Profile:

Island Cove Residents' Upper Room Study



Each Saturday morning a group of residents at Island Cove Senior Living on Hilton Head Island gather for fellowship inspired by the Upper Room daily devotions. Roma Holmes, a member of St. Andrew and a resident at Island Cove, has led this group for more than three years.

"We are in a unique position here, where we have all gone through major changes in our lives and through Scripture and our commonalities we've established a close bond," said Roma. "The group has become even more important to us when all the other church groups were unable to come in during COVID."

The small group is comprised of people from different denominations. "We have participants who are in different places in their faith journeys who come to enjoy time together to talk about the devotions and personal concerns," said Roma.

As any small group, the conversation can stray from the week's lessons to talking about prayer concerns, the members' faith backgrounds, and even current events. It is an open group, and on any given Saturday there could be people walking by, seeing them in a lively conversation, and sitting in for a short time – or the whole hour. The core group looks forward to this time together each week.

The church provides the Upper Room booklets for the group, and this small group would be easy for any other independent or assisted living community to replicate.

If you would like to start a small group, please contact Connie at [conniebhhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:conniebhhiumc@gmail.com).

# CHARGE CONFERENCE

**The Annual Charge Conference will be  
Sunday, November 7, 2021  
Hilton Head Campus Sanctuary  
4:00 pm, as a Hybrid Meeting  
Email [standrewbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:standrewbythesea@gmail.com)  
to request a Zoom link.  
(Church Council members will automatically receive the link.)**

## Women's Group Update

### Low Country Lydias

This women's group meets monthly, alternating Thursdays at 5 pm on HHI and Saturdays at 11 am (Bluffton). Locations and exact dates vary.

The current study focus is "Which Way Lord?" by Rob Fuquay. For details contact Julie Chalpan at [Julie@focusunlimitedpr.com](mailto:Julie@focusunlimitedpr.com)

## Feeling in the Air

by Rev. Daniel Burbage, Bluffton Campus Pastor

One of my favorite songs (of all time) is by the band Better Than Ezra and it is called "This Time of Year." The song begins with these impactful lyrics:

Well there's a feelin' in the air  
Just like a Friday afternoon  
Yeah you can go there if you want  
Though it fades too soon  
So go on, let it be  
If there's a feelin' coming over me  
Seems like it's always understood this time of year  
Well I know there's a reason to change  
Well I know there's a time for us

I have always found this song to be the perfect tune for the Fall season as it describes all the feelings and changes that bubble up. As the songs describes, there are feelings all around us. These "feelings" come quickly like the weather and as a result of our surroundings changing strong feelings take a hold of us. The fall season also brings with it the beginning of the holiday season. It is natural for us to compare holidays past and the many new changes that this year brings.

Often with change we have the tendency to try to ignore it, but if we are not careful, the intense feelings that come with change can separate us from the things or people that truly matter.

No matter what "feeling in the air" you are experiencing, please know that our Savior is always with you. Jesus said, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." These are powerful words that remind us that He will be with us even during the most sudden of changes.

One important way to feel God's love is by connecting to the church and the many missions and ministries offered. It is an amazing way to experience and share God's love through God's family. In other words, everything around including ourselves might change but the love of Jesus never will.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Daniel*

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Over the past summer, a small group of St. Andrew By-The-Sea members made Friday their day to work together as a church to help Habitat for Humanity build a home for a local family. Habitat qualifies low income working people on the island and gives them an opportunity to work toward ownership of an affordable home for the/14ir family. Families chosen provide sweat equity in the home, select the paints and colors and work alongside volunteers and Habitat staff to complete the project. Once complete, the home is taken over by a family who repays the mortgage to Habitat.

We have been working in The Glen II, a Faith Build neighborhood off Marshland Road and underwritten by neighborhoods and churches. Three homes are currently in various phases of construction. Seven homes have been completed and the last four home sites will be started in the future.

On October 7, The Martinez Family home was dedicated and the family of five will move in during the coming weeks. SABTS volunteers came to The Glen II on that day to pray with the Martinez family and dedicate their home. Photos are printed with this article. It was a beautiful day that the Lord God made.

St. Andrew's Mission Committee is praying for an opportunity to participate in a Faith Build when the last four sites begin. On November 14, a Habitat representative will meet with church members to share the story of Habitat and its families who become homeowners.

Meet with us at 10:00 am in the Celebration Center to learn more, ask questions and prayerfully consider your part in a Faith Build.





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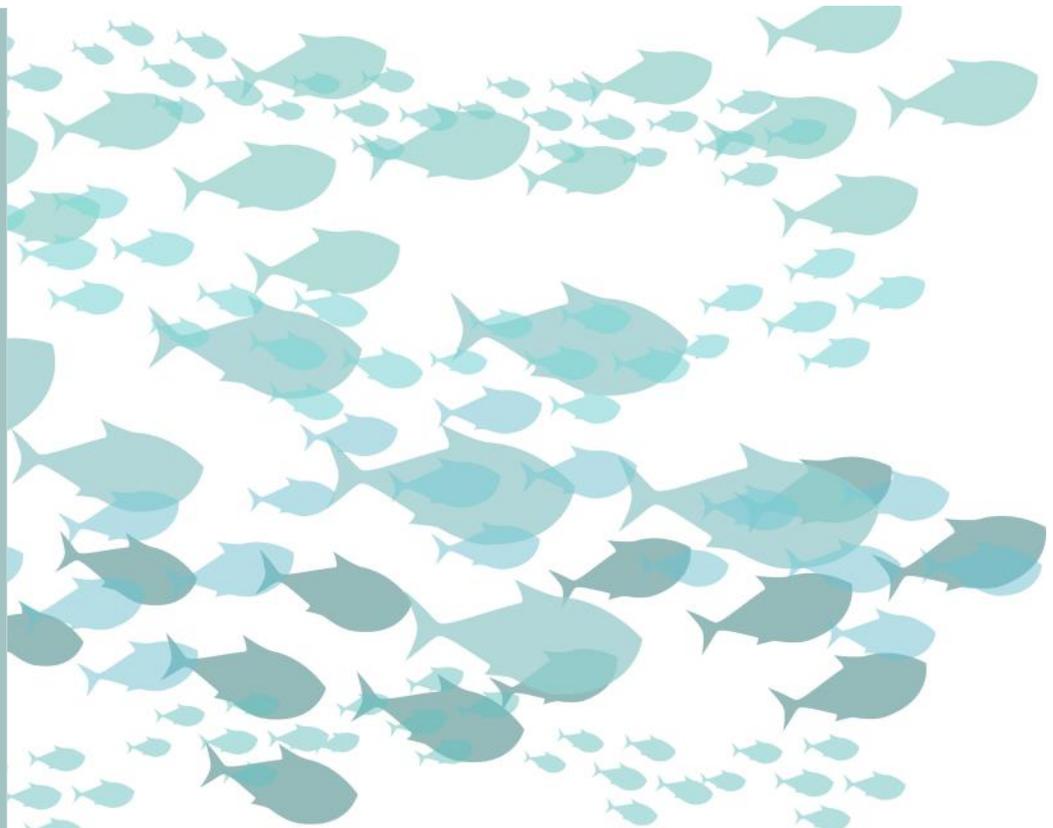
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