

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

Why No Pledge Campaign?

by Pastor Robin Dease

Many members of St. Andrew have moved from pledging to simply giving. In the last few years, we have had more non-pledged givers than pledged. Therefore, it can no longer be the indicator for setting an annual budget. Our work as pastors, staff and leadership of St. Andrew is focusing on stewardship: faithful givers who tithe and make sacrificial offerings to God.

Stewardship is an act of faith; a discipline we embark upon not out of obligation or need, but because of our relationship with God. In his sermon "The Use of Money," Methodist founder John Wesley gives us three concrete steps for biblically sound, Christ-centered stewardship:

- (1) **Gain all you can** through diligent and honest work, so long as it is not at the expense of life or health, either our own or a neighbor's.
- (2) **Save all you can** by avoiding idle expenses and unnecessary indulgences. Wesley articulated caring for the needs of oneself and family, but warned about the dangers of superfluous or expensive pursuits.

- (3) **Give all you can.** Wesley articulated caring for the needs of oneself and family first, then doing "good to them that are in the household of faith," and then "as you have opportunity, do good unto all people."

You can still make a pledge! Please pledge to God! The pastors, staff, leadership and I hope you will intentionally consider how God is calling you to step out in faith with us. As we look at the stewardship of God's resources, we know it is reflected in how we use our time, talent and treasure. We ask you to go before the Lord to discern if God is calling you to give of your time in a different way, to serve in a different way and to contribute financially in a different way.

As we invest together, prayerfully consider giving for the first time or increasing your giving by at least TWO percentage points of your income. If we each did that every year, we could do more of the ministry God has called us to do.

Beloved, God is doing so many wonderful things here and lives are being changed. Your investment in St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church is making that possible!

With Bright Hope for Tomorrow, I am,

Pastor Robin

Did you know we have 4 types of memberships...and you can have membership at 2 churches at once?

FULL MEMBER: A full or part-time resident desiring to join the United Methodist Church by Profession of Christian Faith, or by Transfer of Membership from another United Methodist Church, or a church of another denomination.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: A membership available to a member of The United Methodist Church residing temporarily for an extended period of time in a community distant from his or her home church. Such a membership does NOT affect your membership in your home church. This is a perfect option for our snow-birds who are already United Methodists.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A church membership available to a member of **another denomination who resides temporarily or for an extended period of time in our community.** Such a membership does NOT affect your membership in your home church or denomination; great for part-timers who are not United Methodists.

CONSTITUENT MEMBER: Attends St. Andrew regularly, but retains membership in a home church. All the ministries and programming of the church are available, including pastoral care.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sundays, January 23, 30 + February 6

3:00-4:00 pm / In-person and via Zoom

Discover what we believe, how we govern ourselves, expectations of members, and much more! Even if you are a current member and want to learn more about the Methodist Church, you are welcome to attend.

To RSVP for the classes email to
standrewbythesea@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Discover your church

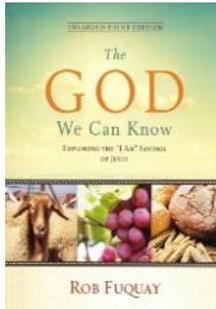


New Single Women's Group

The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus by Rob Fuquay

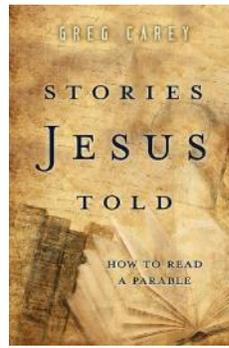
Start date: Wednesday, January 19
10:30-11:45 am

C111 (Hilton Head campus) + Zoom
Led by Karen Kirby and Christine Eagle



We invite **single women of all ages** to become part of a newly forming group. It's for women who have recently become "on their own," or women who have been on their own for a good while, or women who have always been on their own. The goal of the group is to build relationships, support one another, and help to nurture one another's faith. Initially, the group will meet weekly.

The group will start with the book, *The God We Can Know*. This 7-week study is designed to help participants explore each of those sayings and will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"



Stories Jesus Told – How to Read a Parable

Thursdays, January 20 - February 24
11:00 am - 12:15 pm
C111 (Hilton Head campus) + Zoom
Led by Kerry Tilden

We love stories. That's why we go to movies, read books, and listen to friends recount an experience. That's also why teachers use the technique of storytelling to make a difficult concept easier for us to process. Jesus told stories, or parables, for that very reason—and to help us understand how God wants us to live life.

Sometimes, however, stories like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son can be interpreted in more than one way. Even Bible scholars are divided on their meanings. In *Stories Jesus Told* by Greg Carey, we'll explore six of Jesus' parables to learn how to read, interpret, and live them in our daily lives.

Participants for both studies are asked to obtain their own copy of the book through their favorite vendor. Accompanying video segments are available via Amplify Media (streaming service).

If you would like to sign-up to become part of either group and/or need instructions to use Amplify, please contact Director of Christian Education Connie Borgianini at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com.

ADULT STUDIES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Looking for an opportunity to connect with others and grow in your faith? We have two Sunday morning options for you. Both classes meet at 10:15 am in the Celebration Center (and virtually). Feel free to join either class at any time!

Joy Class

The History and Development of Early Christianity

This class will continue the compelling study of The History and Development of Early Christianity. Specifically, this class will consider the books written in the first and second centuries which were not included in the Bible.

No study book is required; resources will be provided by class leaders Wes Warren and Mike Howell.

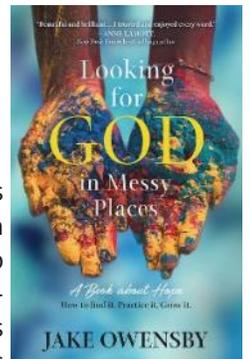
*Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet,
and a light
unto my path.*
Psalm 119:105

Seekers Class

New Study starting on January 2

Looking for God in Messy Places: A Book About Hope

When something breaks, it usually leaves a mess. The same is true with our broken lives. When we compare ourselves to others, stress becomes too much to handle, or when life in general overwhelms us, it's hard to find hope inside the mess of our brokenness. Without hope we lack the courage to face adversity, the strength to tackle everyday problems, and sometimes, the will just to get out of bed in the morning. *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby is a book for anyone who has ever been frozen in place by loss or regret or endured suffering, cruelty, or rejection. Quite simply, it is a book about hope. How to find it. How to practice it. How to grow in it. How it makes life worth living. Because when we look for God in the middle of the mess, we find hope.





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LIVE HEALTHY.**

St. Andrew By-The Sea United Methodist Church

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*Wednesdays at 9:00 am
Beginning January 12, 2022
Celebration Center*

**Starts
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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FEEL GREAT!



The Lowcountry Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a free organ concert featuring

Dr. Carol Williams
Friday, February 11
7:00 pm

In the sanctuary of St. Andrew By-the-Sea UMC

Dr. Williams is originally from England and then moved to San Diego, CA, where she was the organist at Balboa Park for 15 years. She plays *The Flight of the Bumblebee* with her feet. This will be a concert you will not want to miss. Carol is the ultimate entertainer.



**SPECIAL
THANKS**

A special thank you to members of the Chancel Choir, as well as Bill Putnam and SPPRC, for the "send off" to retirement on December 12th between services. It has been a privilege and blessing to serve for the past 16+ years as the director of music at St. A. I wish only the best to those involved in ministry

through music here, as well as the entire congregation, as you move into a new year and beyond. I'm not leaving Hilton Head so I'll look forward to running into folks at Harris Teeter or the mall! Blessings, Tim Reynolds

As we finalize the financial year reporting for St. Andrew By-The-Sea, please review your 2021 pledge to make sure that it is complete. Consider mailing or dropping off any balance on your commitment to the Hilton Head church office. At your earliest opportunity. Any gift given in the offering plates through Sunday, December 26 or postmarked by December 31 will be accounted for as a 2021 gift. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Any questions may be directed to
Paula Refice, Finance Administrator
paularhhiumc@gmail.com or 843.785.4711

COMMUNION SUNDAY

EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

At the Hilton Head campus
Beginning January 2, 2022

Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
via Zoom

Different Focused-Sharing Topics each week.
Everyone is invited to join in!

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.

There is someone in our St. Andrew congregation who needs

to be given a huge THANK YOU, and that is Julia Buzzard. You have heard her play her flute throughout most of the pandemic and she has continued to play whenever asked. Our collaboration began when I needed help restringing the harpsichord whenever a string would break. We then began practicing flute/harpsichord duets and she is constantly looking for new music for us to perform. Julia was a real asset in helping me provide music for the July 4th service which was Pastor Robin's first Sunday.

When you see her next, please give Julia a big thank you for all of the volunteer talent she provides for the glory of God and for the congregation of St. Andrew.

~ With gratitude, Debby Graves, organist



Purls of Wisdom Knitting Group

COVID-19 may have kept our group inside and apart, but boy, were we busy clicking away on our needles for The Deep Well Project and Christmas Grace.

The Deep Well Santa Shoppe offers warm coats as well as toys to families, so we concentrated on children's hats to go with the coats. When we tired of knitting the same hat again and again, we changed to hat and scarf sets for the moms. Deep Well sets aside a boutique area in their Santa Shoppe that offers handmade items for the moms. This year our little group provided over 200 items to the Shop.



St. Andrew Fellowship Friends group has provided toiletries every year for the moms who come to the Christmas Grace Santa Shoppe. This year our group knitted face cloths which were then wrapped

around scented soaps. In the absence of a free-standing shop this year, these special items were slipped into the toy bags given out as a special treat for moms. On the day we sorted, counted, and packed up the items, we asked Pastor Frank to bless them as we sent them on their way.



Our group will be starting back up in January, meeting on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am in the church library. If you have any interest in joining us for good conversation and fellowship, bring any project you may be working on in any needlecraft medium. We have a lot of fun!

Contact Pam Denlinger at pameladenhhi@gmail.com or Linda Haleks at lindah2945@sbcglobal.net for more info.

Sunday Mornings for Children – HH Campus



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

Celebrate Wonder engages children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love through Bible stories, videos, crafts, and other kid-friendly activities. In January, we will learn about the early life of Jesus – including a time when he wandered off from his family.

Children's Church – 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, following the Children's Moment of the 11:15 worship service
Nursery care is available on most Sundays, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm

Church Members Volunteer to Welcome an Afghan Refugee Family



Volunteer with Refugee & Immigration Services

A group of St. Andrew By-The-Sea church members will be volunteering in 2022 to welcome an Afghan refugee family to the Savannah

area. The group will be working through Lowcountry Immigration Services and *Inspiritus* of Savannah, a Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Services organization. The volunteers are called "First Friends" and will be helping this Afghan family in many ways including meeting the family at the airport, providing a first meal in their new home, helping acquire household items and furniture, setting up the family's home, visiting the family, and helping them assimilate into their new environment.

Each refugee family is also assigned a social worker through *Inspiritus* that helps them obtain necessary documents, register children for school, and helps them to obtain work opportunities and attend ESL classes. *Inspiritus* has already welcomed 47 Afghan refugees to the area and anticipates welcoming a total of 150 refugees through 2022.

The SABTS volunteers have all completed their orientation training and are looking forward to being a needed friend to an Afghan family. If you would also like to work with this group and be a friend to an Afghan refugee family, or if you can donate household goods or furniture, please contact Michelle Deis at mdeis56@gmail.com or 614.562.5065.



The deadline for the FEBRUARY edition of The Fisherman is January 15

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

Giving At A Glance (January-November 2021)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 11/30/21	\$677,519	\$332,112	\$1,009,631
Budget thru 11/30/21	\$757,473	\$389,583	\$1,147,056
Variance	(\$79,954)	(\$57,471)	(\$137,425)
	=Below Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

Revenue and Expenses (January-November 2021)

	<u>For The Year Actual</u>	<u>For The Year Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue	\$1,288,718	\$1,370,184	(\$81,466)
Expenses	\$1,303,543	\$1,373,653	(\$70,110)
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$14,825)	(\$3,469)	(\$11,356)



The Joy of Giving..... Christmas Grace 2021

The Christmas Grace Committee: Ken Kroupa, Sue Kroupa, Laurie Jones and Sue Yearwood started organizing the Christmas Grace 2021 program in June. The first consideration, in light of the pandemic, was how to safely provide Christmas to the parents whose children are in the Back Pack Buddies program in Hardeeville, while still providing the spirit of warmth and grace. In the past, the medical annex of Coastal Carolina hospital had been turned into a Christmas Toy Shoppe wonderland.

Last year and this year, the program was designed to minimize in-person contact by having the parents pre-order the toys from a catalogue and drive-up to the hospital annex entrance where they were warmly greeted by volunteers. At this point they received toys, gift cards for children 12 and up, and special gifts for the mothers (beautifully wrapped toiletries, items hand-knit by the women of the church, and a food voucher). Once they received their gifts, they drove a few yards further where Rev. Daniel Burbage and Rev. Robin Dease presented them with a family gift, a Bible, but more importantly, offered uplifting words of comfort and prayer.

In addition to Hardeeville Elementary School, the program was expanded to include Mercy Mission, St. Stephen's Food Pantry and First Zion Missionary Baptist Church for a total of **66** families as part of the formal program. Additionally, by utilizing toys left from prior years, we were also able to bless an entire classroom of third graders in Hampton County, as well as Antioch Educational Center. This year we are very grateful to have provided toys to **267** children.

Thank you to the over 30 volunteers and community partners who made the program possible, from the shoppers, packers, movers, interpreters, schedulers, knitters, writers, greeters, coordinators, catalogue designer and photographer. A thank you to Coastal Carolina Hospital for again, very generously giving us the site and Morningstar Storage, who loaned us a truck. A very special thank you to the members of St. Andrew By-The-Sea for the generous financial donations, teddy bears and wrapping paper. Christmas Grace 2021 was a wonderful success!

We also want to acknowledge the leadership, dedication and support of Ken Kroupa, who went to his eternal home on December 12. Ken and his wife, Sue, have been the guiding light behind Christmas Grace and without them, the program would not exist. Thank you, Ken.

~ The Christmas Grace Committee



The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee congratulates

Connie Borgianini

Director of Christian Education
St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC

on the occasion of her
25th work anniversary

Connie has been deeply involved in the ministries of the church for a quarter century, from adult Christian education programs to children's events, including Vacation Bible School, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, and a host of other activities. She has been a vital part of the St. Andrew team through many challenging situations, including the COVID-restricted atmosphere of the past 20 months.

There will be a reception in January to honor Connie for her work over these many years.

Watch for the finalized date very soon!



Farewell to Bob and Amy Rosene

Bob and Amy Rosene, the dynamic duo of St. Andrew-By-The-Sea UMC, have ended their time as the youth ministry leaders at the Hilton Head campus as of December 31, 2021.

The Rosenes led the Upward basketball program that was enjoyed by members and other community families for many years, then three years ago added new responsibilities for leading the church's youth program.

Due to COVID-19 safety restrictions, Upward has been suspended for the past two seasons. At the same time, the Rosenes creatively convened outdoor gatherings of our youth and functioned as best they could during the COVID period.



The church is now moving toward a volunteer-driven model for youth ministries in 2022, so we wish the Rosenes every success in their career and community endeavors, and we thank them for their outstanding service to our church.





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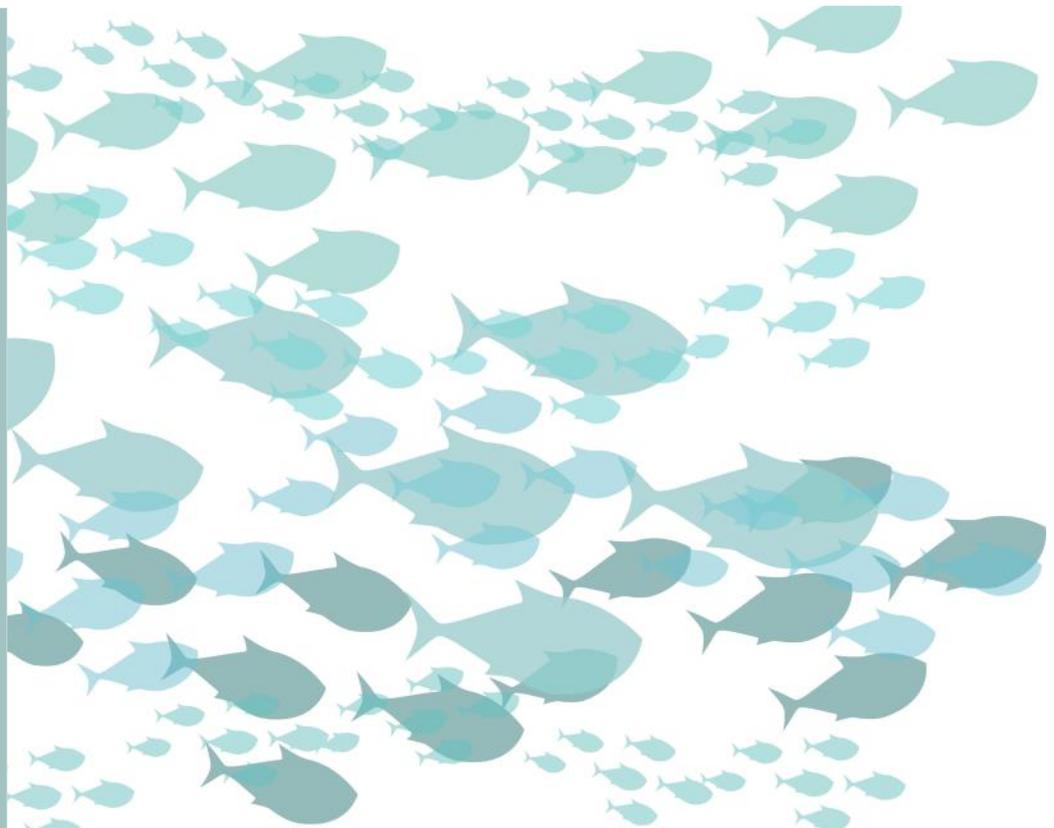
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