

THE FISHERMAN

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And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." MATTHEW 4:19



Living a 5G Life - Groups

by Rev. Robin Dease, Senior Pastor

As we continue with the 2022 theme of Living a 5G Life at the Hilton Head campus, in the month of May, Pastor Frank and I will focus on GROUPS in our Sunday teaching.

The Methodist movement did not begin as a church at the start, rather as small groups. Small group ministry has its foundation in both the Bible and church history. Jesus and Paul did significant ministry in small groups and John Wesley developed a system of discipleship by gathering people together to share how they were doing in their walk with God.

The early Methodists offered three types of groups to help Christians become better followers of Jesus. They were not to replace, but were in addition to regular church attendance.

The Society Meeting: Methodists gathered for instruction and preaching from Wesley and Francis Asbury.

The Class Meeting: Small groups gathered together to answer the question, "How is it with your soul?"

The Band Meeting: Small groups of five or six persons would gather to share their sins and struggles, successes and failures.

As Methodists who have a history of small group ministry, **we believe there is no significant transformation in one person without another.**

Small groups are gatherings of singles, men, women, couples, mixed, etc., who are shepherded by a leader to share with each other, grow in faith by examining today's challenges, and praying for each other.

Small groups usually meet each week in homes, at the church, out in nature, or in restaurants. A small group offers many things: a haven, confidentiality, learning and living of the Christian Word, growth in faith and growth as a disciple, outreach to others in support, uplifting of joys, sorrows, fears, and prayer for each other, for the church, and for the world.

We were created for authentic relationships, and our lives are enriched by sharing them with others. We are better together when we study and grow together. When we learn more about who God is and how God works in and through us, we become the people God has created us to be.

If you are interested in leading or participating in a small group or have an idea for creating a new group, please contact Connie Borgianini at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com, or any of the pastors.

On this journey with you,

Pastor Robin



BLUFFTON WORSHIP "At the Movies"

spring sermon series at our Bluffton Campus!

Yes, you heard that right...join us Sundays as we look at "where is God in all of this?" using carefully chosen movies to bring out biblical truths and principles.

Sundays at 9 + 10:30 am

Kids' programs at 10:30 service



Please send us the name of your 2022 graduate, their degree, future plans, and school from which they are graduating. We will be publishing their names in the June Fisherman and future bulletins and weekly email Blasts - we want to honor them all and don't want to miss anyone!

Email all information to standrewbythesea@gmail.com. *Please note that by submitting grad information, you agree that this information may be shared in various St. Andrew publications.*

BLUFFTON VBS

“Music At The May River”

Save the Date

June 6-9, M-TH

Evenings

Oyster Factory Park, Bluffton

It was a busy first quarter of 2022 for the **BUILDING COMMITTEE**. After our setback at the end of 2021, the committee refocused our efforts in two areas – obtaining the necessary permits and planning for a capital campaign. In late December 2021, the project engineer, Ryan Lyle, applied for an extension of our Jurisdictional Determination (JD) with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The JD is used to distinguish the building site from the surrounding wetlands and is necessary to establish areas that can support structures. On March 30, our extension for the full site (slightly over 10 acres) was GRANTED! This five year extension initiates a cascade of activity that takes us through the remainder of the permitting process with the state and local authorities.

While waiting for the JD, the committee began planning for the capital campaign. The first step in the process is to get help – help in the form of a campaign consultant. The committee screened six potential consulting firms specializing in capital campaigns for churches. We narrowed that list to three for interviews. After requesting proposals, researching the firms, and interviewing three we selected Generis to be our campaign consultant (to learn more about Generis visit their website at Generis.com and you can request a copy of the minutes from the interview). Generis will provide us with two experienced consultants, Rusty Lewis and Don Linscott. The first planning meeting with the consultants was held on April 27, with e-blasts and announcements sharing the progress.

Finally, the committee is preparing to take the next steps in the Buckwalter site development process. We will begin by soliciting bids with local contractors to begin site development using the money that we have on hand, but that money will not be sufficient to complete the entire Phase 1 (land development) plan. Once we begin the development process, our development plan with the Town of Bluffton is valid for two years but can be extended as work progresses.

If you have questions or comments for the committee, please email standrewbythesea@gmail.com

**St. Andrew
BUILDING
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Holy Week 2022 at our Bluffton Campus



 **American Red Cross**
CPR/AED TRAINING



FREE 1-hour classes

- Wednesday, May 11
9:30 - 10:30 am
- Thursday, June 2
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Training offered and taught by

Hilton Head Fire Rescue
at their facility located at
40 Summit Dr. HH, 29926



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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

**EXALT THE LORD
WHO HAS
ESTABLISHED US**

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

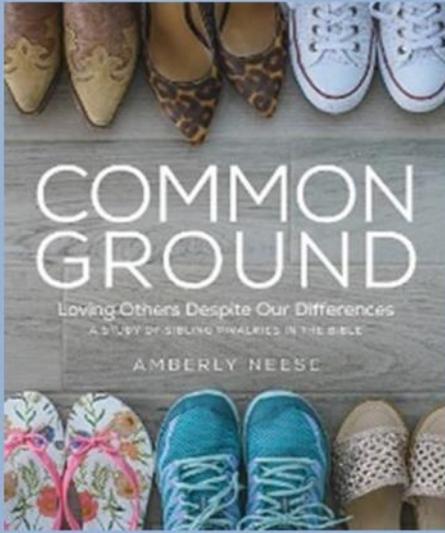
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

To learn more visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org/about

NEWSLETTER

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

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



A Maymester Study for Women

COMMON GROUND – Loving Others Despite Our Differences

May 5 - 26, Thursdays

11:00 - Noon

Admin. Bldg. Conference Room (B106)

Connie Borgianini, leader

Conflict has always been part of our lives, but these days disagreements seem ramped up, don't they? Whatever the discord may be over, it feels as if we're constantly having to choose sides. *Common Ground*, a four-week study for women, shows us that the Scriptures hold the key to living at peace despite our differences. Through stories of sibling rivalries from the Bible, along with personal experience, humor, hope, and our love of God's Word, we will better understand how to nurture peace and reconciliation in all of our relationships—with the reassurance that it's possible to find common ground with everyone—despite our differences.

Contact Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com to sign-up. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of *Common Ground* by Amberly Neese. *Hard copy is recommended to accommodate responses to questions throughout readings. It is requested that participants read the first chapter prior to the class on May 5.*

Single Women's Group Re-gathers

Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life

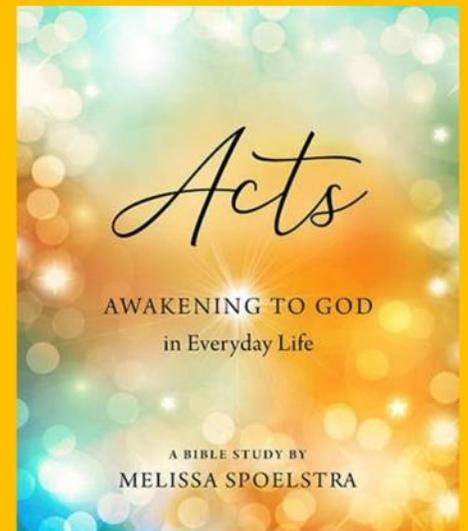
April 27– June 1, Wednesdays / 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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Karen Kirby + Christine Eagle, leaders

In *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life*, a six-week study of the book of Acts, we will journey with the first followers of Jesus and witness the birth and growth of the early church through spiritual awakening to the power of God's Spirit. From their experiences we will help own spiritual hearts to experience God's presence, hear God's voice, and see God at work all around.

For signup and book purchase information, please contact the church office at 843.785.4711 or standrewbythesea@gmail.com or hhiumc.com/studies



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hilton Head Campus

June 13 to June 16, 2022, Monday through Thursday

Evenings – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Through our Daily Specials, children (chefs) will learn of God's great goodness through Bible stories, games, crafts, songs, and of course food! Family meals will be provided each night with a real food truck on Thursday night.

We can accommodate children 4 years and up, but older siblings are welcomed to register as



helpers. Children are invited to have their own special time with us at our Food Truck Party VBS. However, this year families of participating children are encouraged to join us for family supper at the start of VBS each evening. Monday through Wednesday dinner will be served at our indoor food truck. On Thursday, we will have a real food truck in the parking lot for our end-of-VBS celebration picnic. VBS cost M-W (includes meals): \$20/child or \$50/family (parents and children). Each family pays for their own meal on Thursday.

Together we will learn how great God is and how he always cares for our needs – just as he did for people in our Bible stories. All of our activities and fun will grow out of a very familiar prayer:

**God is GREAT! God is GOOD! Let us THANK GOD for our food.
By GOD'S HANDS we all are fed; give us Lord, our DAILY BREAD.**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Visit our website at

HHIUMC.COM/VBS

or scan this QR code with your smart phone to find more details and to register your child or family for our Food Truck Party.





Be A Partner of Hope

In Epworth's foster care program, a family has been caring for a young boy, Jake, for a few months. Jake's situation was unique, as he had previously been placed with a kinship placement with his younger brother. After Jake had been with his Epworth foster family a short while, the kinship family caring for his younger brother was so impressed with how well Jake was doing that they asked that his little brother, Will, also be placed in the foster home. The boys were ecstatic to be together again.

This Mother's Day, Jake and Will will celebrate their birth mom and their foster mom with gratitude. Thanks to your generosity to Epworth, our staff is able to help facilitate these family connections and restore hope and healing to children and families in a variety of really tough situations. Your generosity also allows Epworth to continue to expand our mission through new programs and services to meet the needs of children and families.

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.

Use the envelope provided at both campuses on Mother's Day Sunday or give online at hhiumc.com/donations



Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022
Watch for more details coming soon

WITH SYMPATHY

☞ To Tania and Sydney Owen, and Carol Smith at the passing of their family member, Michael Whitmer, who passed away in Ohio after a brief illness on April 19, 2022.



☞ To the family of our Christian brother Bill Green who passed away on HHI on March 26, 2022. He was predeceased by his wife, Joann, who passed away in December of 2021.

☞ To Rick and Sarah Coffin and family at the passing of Sarah's mom, Phyllis "Jodie" Robinson, on April 4, 2022, in Ohio.

☞ To David and Chris Martin and family at the passing of David's father, Gene Martin on HHI on March 25, 2022.

Giving At A Glance (January—March 2022)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Commitment Contributions	\$355,819	\$380,000	(\$24,181)
Operating Revenue and Expenses (January—March 2022)			
	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$368,117	\$381,425	(\$13,308)
Expenses	\$336,766	\$367,692	\$30,926
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$31,351	\$13,733	\$17,618

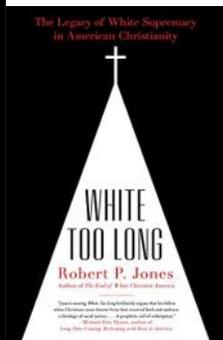
But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus
 Philippians 4:19

An Invitation from Bridge Builders

Barbara Edwards of First Presbyterian Church, and a member of Bridge Builders, will lead a discussion of the book **White Too Long** by Robert P. Jones.

This ecumenical discussion of Christianity's role in racism will take place on **Monday, May 2, 2022 at 11:00 am**

At the Hilton Head campus of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
 Everyone is welcome to participate; feel free to invite a friend
 No reservations required



As the nation grapples with demographic changes and the divisiveness in America, Christianity's role in racism has been largely overlooked. But white Christians—from evangelicals in the South to mainline Protestants in the Midwest and Catholics in the Northeast—have not just been complacent or complicit; rather, as the dominant cultural power, they have constructed and sustained a project of protecting white supremacy and opposing black equality that has framed much of the American story.

Books are available at Barnes and Noble (\$17), as well as Amazon (\$14), or electronically.



Steve Alm

Steve Alm's hometown is Pittsburgh, PA, where he also earned his BA from the University of Pittsburgh. He is retired now after living in many places and being employed in about 50 jobs, as he chuckles, "so far." However, there is *one* thing he is truly passionate about: volunteering in Stephen Ministry. Steve says he became a Stephen Minister because "it was time to move up from talking the talk about lending a hand and helping people to walk the walk." He shared that he has been inspired by "discovering that there are so many of us willing to join in this caring endeavor." Steve enjoys writing and listening to music in his spare time.

BeJe Anderson



Some of the best Stephen Ministers have experienced deep losses. Such is the case for BeJe Anderson. "I became a Stephen Minister in 1998 after losing the special needs foster child of my oldest daughter who had been murdered by his dad. St. Andrew's pastor at the time, Doug Bowling, helped me guide my daughter and the rest of the family to get through the horrible experience." When BeJe was on her way home two weeks after the child's death, she remembers that Doug called her and said, "You are going to be a Stephen Minister and training starts in five days!" For BeJe, it was a new beginning.

A native of North Carolina, BeJe has lived on Hilton Head for 28 years. She was a real estate broker for 31 years and helped many find their perfect home as well as staged sellers' homes to get the best price. She also knows the priceless value of someone to walk beside you. "I was given a care receiver that had been given three months to live. I told her "goodbye" on several occasions; however, her faith in God was so strong that she lived 11 years. She even became a Stephen Minister herself so that she could help others who were given a cancer diagnosis. We became best friends and when my husband, David, was ill and passed away, she was at her strongest and became *my* Stephen Minister." BeJe is not only a trained Stephen Minister, she also serves as our church's Stephen Ministry referral coordinator. *If you or if someone you know might benefit from a one-on-one relationship with a Stephen Minister, call BeJe at 843.384.9638.*

Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends is honored to welcome Jessica Brodie to our May 3, 2022 meeting.

Jessica is an award-winning journalist, author, blogger, editor, writing coach, and devotional writer with thousands of articles to her name. Since 2010, she has served as the editor of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate, the oldest newspaper in Methodism, which has won 123 journalism awards during her tenure. She is the author of *Feed My Sheep: A 40-Day Devotional to Develop a Heart for Hunger Ministry* (2019) and *More Like Jesus: A Devotional Journey* (2018) and the editor of a number of other books from her newspaper's Advocate Press, which she helped found in 2017.

We continue to meet weekly
Tuesdays via Zoom at 10:00 am
with a different Focused-Sharing Topic or
special guest each week

Please email jaygraves@hotmail.com for a Zoom invitation. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate via telephone.



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

As a result of the generosity of St. Andrew, to date we have received \$7,133.50 towards the *Neil and Imogene Yongue Scholarship Program Fund*, raised on Scholarship Sunday and at the

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers at both campuses. This money is used solely for the purpose of providing scholarships to eligible applicants. The deadline for submitting an application for the 2022-23 school year is **May 31, 2022**. To find out about eligibility requirements, and to access the application form, please visit hhiumc.com/scholarships. You may also contact Jim Reeves at jkreeves9060@hotmail.com with any questions.

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER



We come before the Creator of all to remember those who bravely served our great country and, as a result of their service, were called home by our Lord. Father, we ask for Your blessing upon the souls of those good men and women who gave their last breath in defense of our nation, our freedom, and our children's future. We also ask You to bless us and grant us the strength to rise to the challenges of our time and meet them in full faith that You will always be with us. We pray for peace. May we glorify You in all that we do, Lord, today and every day. Amen.



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9:00 am + 11:15 am IN-PERSON SERVICES
LIVESTREAM at 11:15 am

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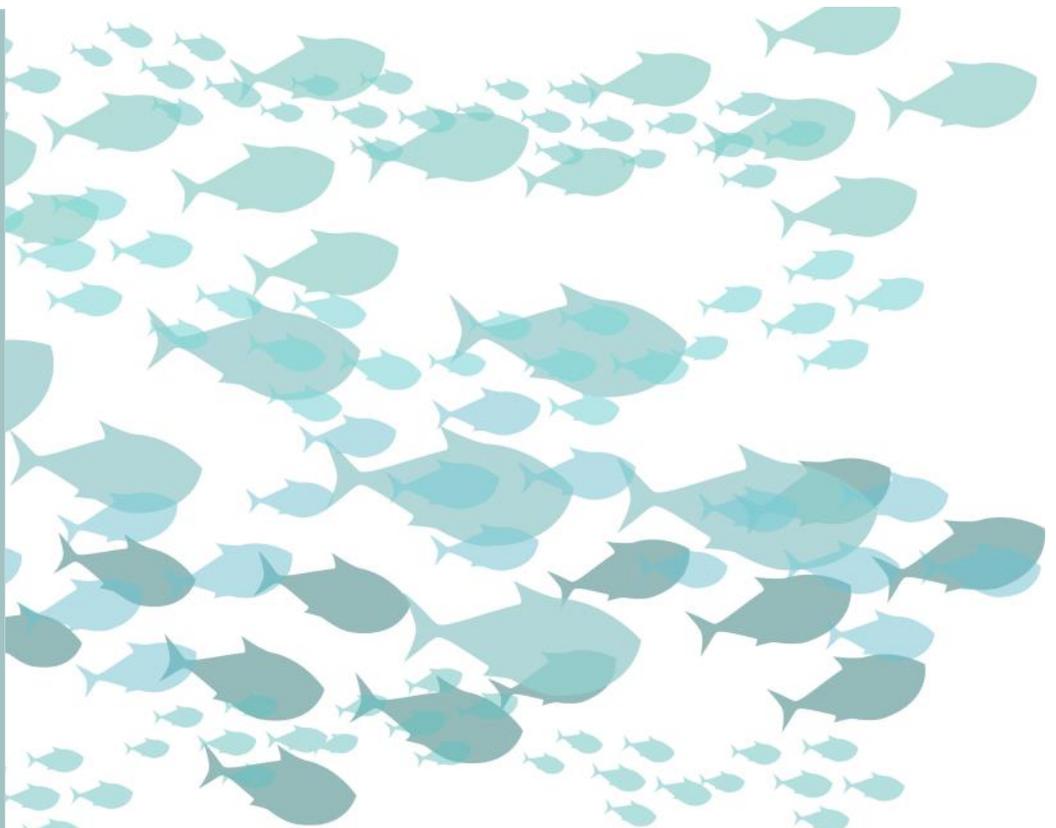
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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*