

THE FISHERMAN

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

It's That Time of the Year!

by Pastor Frank Lybrand, Associate Pastor

The month of June is an anxiously exciting time for United Methodist congregations in South Carolina. Early in the month, our Annual Conference session was held, where the Bishop announced the pastoral appointments for the coming year. Many congregations will be saying goodbye as their pastor prepares to move to a new appointment. Tears will be shed. Memories will be shared. After offering appreciation for their pastor's work among them, the congregation must pivot and welcome a new pastor to be their spiritual leader. Congregations find themselves grieving and celebrating as they move through the emotions of loss and gain.

It is a ritual that has occurred among United Methodist congregation many times through the years. I suggest it is a ritual because the reappointment of the pastor is a part of our life together as United Methodists. You understand why this is an anxiously exciting time for many congregations. Will you join me and pray for those congregations across South Carolina who will be facing the transition of pastoral leadership at the beginning of July?

Last year we were one of the congregations that said goodbye to our former pastor, Rev. Neil Yongue, and welcome to Rev. Dr. Robin Dease. We quickly learned to call her Pastor Robin. We have also learned, after years of not having a change in pastoral leadership, the effort these transitions require. But here we are a year later, having moved through the transitional hiccups toward successful and positive changes. As United Methodists, we believe God works through the appointment-making process. In that spirit, we believe Pastor Robin is here among us for such a time as this. July 1 will be her first anniversary as our pastor. Welcome, Pastor Robin, to your second year of ministry at St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC! We are glad you are here!

July 1 also marks the 10th year Pastor Daniel Burbage has been appointed as an Associate Pastor at St. Andrew. For eight of those years, Daniel has served as the pastor of the Bluffton campus. We celebrate your reappointment, Daniel, and appreciate your years of service to St. Andrew!

We are grateful for our pastors appointed to serve among us and with us. I hope you will join me and make a special effort during the month of July to let Pastor Robin and Pastor Daniel know how much we appreciate their ministry at SABTS.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Frank*

God is Incredibly Good!

by Pastor Daniel Burbage, Bluffton Campus Pastor

At the Bluffton campus we kicked off our summer with Confirmation Sunday on Pentecost, and what a wonderful day that was! We welcomed into membership 19 confirmands: 17 from the Bluffton campus and two from the Hilton Head campus, and all were in attendance with their families to celebrate. Not only was it a very special Sunday for them, it was a time for us to remember our own commitments to the church and to affirm our responsibility to nurture these young people. One of the greatest joys in life is to be a part of the life-long faith journeys of confirmands. As a reminder to us all, here are the vows for the church:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Just because the summer is here that doesn't mean church is on vacation. Instead, we have embraced the awesome summer opportunities to be in ministry in the community. In Bluffton we had VBS at Oyster Factory Park at which we had 15 youth helpers serve during the week. It was beautiful to see our kids encounter God through music, Bible stories, big games in the field, and snack creations. We plan later this summer to join with First Zion Missionary Baptist Church for a community VBS ministry.

Our small group ministry is thriving, and we are excited to place more people into groups this summer.

In May and June, our sermon series was "At The Movies" which creatively helped us dive deeper into the Bible and grow our faith stronger. Each week we chose a fun movie and used scripture to expound on a biblical theme, looking to see "Where God is in all of it."

At the end of June, we started a new series called "Small Things, Big Difference" which helped us focus on what we are doing to impact the Bluffton community at large. We talked about our vision for the future and growing the Bluffton campus to further God's kingdom.

As the summer unfolds and we look toward the fall, we know BIG things are on the horizon. The property on Buckwalter is approaching Phase One. Our youth ministry is flourishing, and students are excited about Jesus; the momentum and motivation of our congregation is at a high even though it is the summer months, and our Sunday morning attendance continues to rise. *God is incredibly good!*



For 15 ways to PRAY FOR YOUR PASTORS, visit:
umc.org/en/content/15-ways-to-pray-for-your-pastor

NON-PROFIT

Spotlight

In the next few Fisher-
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we will be highlighting
non-profit organizations that St. Andrew members are involved
with. If you would like to submit a short article about a non-profit
you are a part of, please email your submission to standrewbythe-
seaNEWS@gmail.com by the 15th of each month for consideration.
This month we are featuring Hopeful Horizons at which St. Andrew
member Rebecca Jones is a lead volunteer.



Furnish A Future - Helping Families Begin Again

Furnish a Future is a special outreach program for Hopeful Horizons, led by a dedicated volunteer group. The program creates safe and joyful spaces for women who are starting a new life after fleeing domestic violence. These women begin their journey with Hopeful Horizons by calling our Support Line. From there, they typically spend time in our emergency domestic violence shelter. Hopeful Horizons' housing team works with them to find transitional housing as the next step in their journey. In 2021, Hopeful Horizons helped 78 women and their children move into transitional housing (apartments and rental homes).

In many cases, women and their children need to rebuild from the ground up. Furnishing their new home with love provides them with a positive start on their journey. Furnish a Future steps in and collects furniture, linens, décor and other items specific for each family.

Want to read the rest of the story? Visit the most recent Hopeful Horizons blog at www.hopefulhorizons.org/blog-1 to see how Rebecca and her associate, Amanda, use their skills and compassion to make a difference and how you can help if so inspired.

*And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.*
Jeremiah 3:15

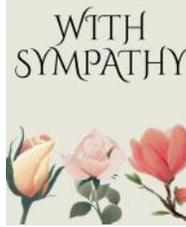
Pastor Robin, with grateful hearts we celebrate your one year anniversary at St. Andrew By-The-Sea. Thank you for your passion to give fully of yourself in service to our church family and our community.

— The SPPRC and St. Andrew community of faith

As we seek to grow in our faith, it is important to take time to be alone with God for prayer and study. A regular practice strengthens us in the difficulties of life and helps us focus on our blessings.



If you are not sure how to begin, or are looking for some ways of enhancing your practice, visit umc.org/en/ways-we-grow/tools-for-your-spiritual-journey/devotionals. Here you will find sources for daily prayers and meditations to feed your faith.



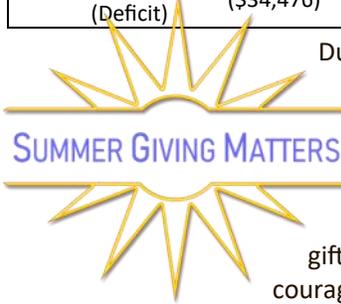
Our condolences to Tripp and Kaitlyn Nicol and their family at the passing of their father, William "Nick" Nicol on June 12, 2022. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 15 at the Hilton Head campus.

Giving At A Glance (January—May 2022)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Commitment Contributions	\$510,579	\$585,000	(\$74, 421)

Operating Revenue and Expenses (January—May 2022)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$525,282	\$598, 485	(\$73, 203)
Expenses	\$559,758	\$625,750	\$65,992
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$34,476)	(\$27,265)	(\$7,211)



During summer, many of us can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, and we might not be as faithful as we normally are in our financial support. But it's easy to make those gifts even when you're away. We encourage you to consider automating your

regular donations.

To set up online giving or recurring gifts and tithes, visit hhiumc.org/donations or scan the QR code. If you need assistance, please contact Paula in the church office at 843.785.4711.



To give online scan the QR code with your smart device which will take you directly to the giving page on St. Andrew's website.

Or you may text the word "GIVE" to 843.773.4070. You will receive a one time reply containing a link to give to St. Andrew By-The-Sea. Please be aware that message and data rates may apply. For help, reply "HELP" or "STOP" to cancel.

Thanks for remembering your church!

Fellowship Friends
Tuesdays via Zoom at 10:00 am
with a different Focused-Sharing Topic or special guest each week

Everyone is welcome 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. Call Jay at 843.342.6322.



HILTON HEAD VBS

Bluffton VBS + Confirmation

Thank you for praying for both amazing weeks and thank you to our wonderful volunteers at both campuses!

SPECIAL THANKS

Big thanks to One Hot Mama's, Holy Tequila, Giuseppe's Pizza, Captain Woody's, and our own Jay Graves for all the wonderful food, and generous discounts and donations that made the HH VBS food truck theme super delicious and extra special this year. **We couldn't have done it without your support!**

2022 SC Annual Conference Report

Submitted by Bill Putnam, Delegate

The SC Annual Conference was, once again, held in a virtual setting focusing on the conduct of essential and necessary business of the church. Matters such as the approval of the budget, the acceptance of various reports from committees and affiliated organizations such as colleges, seminaries, and extension ministries, and ordination of candidates for ministry, were approved. Through the use of technology, all delegates were able to vote very efficiently during the Annual Conference.



The in-person activities were limited to a service of ordination for nine Elders and two Deacons, and a memorial service for pastors lost to us including a very moving message delivered by our very own Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robin Dease.

The St. Andrew lay delegates were Bill Putnam and Sue Yearwood, and our Pastors Robin, Frank, and Daniel.

The 2023 Annual Conference will be held in Florence, SC, in early June.

Newsletter DEADLINE

Mon., Aug. 15

for the **SEPTEMBER** edition of **The Fisherman**

Submit your articles

and photos to: standrewbytheseaNEWS@gmail.com

Scholarship Report

Submitted by Jim Reeves, Scholarship Committee Chair

The Scholarship Committee, which oversees the **Neil and Imogene Yongue Scholarship Program Fund**, met on June 16 to review the scholarship applications for this coming 2022-23 school year. We are pleased to announce the following recipients for this coming fall and winter semesters:

- Keegan Bouzamour**, Anderson University
- Carson Chandler**, The Citadel Military College
- Benjamin Jones**, Belmont University

Each student will receive \$2000 per semester or \$4000 for the academic year. None of these awards would be possible without the generosity of St. Andrew membership. Donations are gratefully accepted anytime throughout the year.



Christmas Grace

Right now most of us are thinking about how hot it is—but it's actually time to start thinking about the cool weather of December and, specifically, Christmas Grace.

Christmas Grace is a very special St. Andrew ministry that allows parents to choose Christmas gifts for their children. For the past two years, because of Covid, we couldn't physically open a Toy Shoppe but these disadvantaged families still needed our help to provide Christmas for their children. Through the hard work and ingenuity of a lot of St. Andrew volunteers, a Christmas Shoppe "catalog" was developed which allowed parents to choose gifts for their children and receive them pre-packaged curbside. We were able to provide Christmas for 267 children!

2022 is an exciting new year offering lots of potential to go back to the more traditional Toy Shoppe where families can shop in person and experience the love and support of our wonderful St. Andrew volunteers. There will be adjustments to be COVID safe, but we are excited to offer this wonderful ministry once again.

There are many ways to support Christmas Grace. First, we need your prayers for our families and for our congregation's support of them. Second, we need new Leadership—a team of 3 people who share the responsibilities is ideal. It could well be one of the most meaningful missions you have ever been a part of. Finally, on July 10 there will be a special offering to support Christmas Grace.

Please call Sue Kroupa (843.505.0636) with any questions and to explore an interest in chairing Christmas Grace this year.

ST. ANDREW CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our newly formed Children's Choir sang for the first time on June 12 at the Hilton Head campus and they were awesome! We have a small group of very enthusiastic children and we are hoping that even more kids will become a part of our fun group.

JOIN US!

No musical training is needed - all children grades Kindergarten and up are welcome!

Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings after the 11:15 service in the Music Room at the Hilton Head campus.

Email Bruce Gale, Minister of Music at brucegale104@gmail.com to join or for more info.



BUCKWALTER PARKWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Earlier this year, Beaufort County amended the Buckwalter Parkway Access Management Plan. The plan includes new access roads and traffic lights on the Buckwalter Parkway. One of the access roads runs along the eastern boundary of the church property, connecting the traffic light at the Publix entrance to a new traffic light at the northern end of the church property. Entry to the planned parking lot will be from the access road rather than from the very busy Buckwalter Parkway, a much safer and less costly option. The access road will give us the opportunity to modify the site development plan, including the orientation of the athletic field, parking lot and building pads. The access road will also cut across the end of the proposed lagoon, so it will be redesigned. Following the revision of the design, we will review the new plans with the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County.

We are continuing to pursue all of the necessary permits for access to the property. Currently, the storm water management permits are pending with both Bluffton and the State of South Carolina.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On June 3, the church took the first step in the process of developing a capital campaign. A survey was launched in an email to church members, friends, and staff. The survey ran for three weeks. Results will be analyzed by our consultants, Generis, and presented to church leadership

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BUILDING
COMMITTEE
UPDATE

Join the Chancel Choir!

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

All that is needed is for you to enjoy singing...no musical training necessary, and there are no auditions.

During the summer the choir is on a break. In the fall, rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings.

The Chancel Choir is a fun group of people. We all enjoy music and like making new friends, and the comradery that forms in choirs is amazing. We work hard, but also like to have fun as we work, and we have great social events outside of the church to extend friendships formed in the choir.

It has been said that "singing is praying twice." We enjoy enhancing the services by singing music that inspires the congregation and praises the Lord.

Please consider joining us!

Email Bruce Gale, Minister of Music at brucegale104@gmail.com for more info

St. Andrew's By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen is in its 15th year of continuous operation, providing meals, groceries, and companionship to our many south island families.

Our volunteers, fondly called "Soupers," are currently preparing 50 meals every Friday in the Celebration Center of the Hilton Head campus along with a high degree of collaborative effort with Second Helpings and Deep Well on a weekly basis.

On a typical Friday, our Souper (yes, super!) volunteers arrive at 8:30 am to begin meal prep. The grill is heated, cooking begins, and the lunches are soon ready to be added to the take-out bags which were prepared on Thursday by other Soupers. The chatter and laughter in the kitchen is warming and joyous as everyone catches up on past and coming activities – it is a family of many years.

Shortly, our guest families also begin to arrive with their children. The families enjoy some social time, conversation with the Soupers, and looking through the racks of donated clothing, shoes, household goods, and children's toys. Actually, now our guests are sorting and hanging up our donated clothing each week - everyone helps with a smile.

At 9:30 our Harvest Table volunteers meet the Second Helpings truck in the parking lot. We are the first drop off after their pickup stops on the south end. They graciously provide us with a bountiful selection of meats, dairy, vegetables, fruits, sweets, and bread. This is augmented by canned and dry goods from Deep Well. Fresh garden items from the Sea Pines Heritage Farm are also provided. The Soup Kitchen Harvest table is 40 feet long with very nutritious groceries.

Between 10:30 and noon, 50-60 guests "shop" the Harvest Table and pickup their lunches amid much conversation and social encouragement. Dessert is loads of joyful banter throughout the Celebration Center. By noon on every Friday for 15 years, SABTS Soup Kitchen has fulfilled its mission to provide "body and soul nourishment" to our south island neighbors and friends.

We are always looking for new Soup Kitchen volunteers, clothing, household goods, and children's toys. Please contact Tom Sharp at thomasosharp@gmail.com to join the Soup Kitchen family.

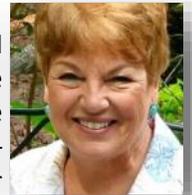
Thank you for your gracious gifts and prayers over the past 15 years.



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Each month, we introduce you to some of our Stephen Ministers so you can learn more about these special people.

Nancy Biel



Nancy Biel hails from Monongahela, PA. She and her husband, Jack, lived for a time in Nashville and Atlanta after they were married, but have resided on Hilton Head for 49 years! Nancy majored in elementary education at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, and for 19 years she taught science to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Hilton Head Prep where she developed a "hands-on" curriculum. However, the lesson plans did not include a snake bite on her hand from a 4-ft. ball python. The constrictor left her with teeth marks and the need for a tetanus shot. Despite the jab, she appreciates the wonders of God's creation and enjoys birdwatching, gardening, stargazing and rock collecting.

When she retired from teaching, Nancy joined St. Andrew's Stephen Ministry where she felt she could grow in her faith while being of service to others.

"Many of my special moments occurred during hospital visitations. I visited several times with a man in ICU who said that he was inspired to start going to church again," said Nancy. "I spent some precious moments in prayer with an elderly woman who died the next day. Each visit left me with a feeling that God was with me and that I was doing His work."



Karen Bostian

Karen Bostian may seem very quiet, but that's because she's listening! "I have always been one to listen to people and try to be encouraging," explained the retired chemist who uses her listening skills as a Stephen Minister.

Karen's hometown is Orangeville, Illinois. She holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Northern Illinois University and earned an M.S. in Management from Frostburg State College. While working, Karen also lived in Frederick, MD. She has visited all 50 states and in June, Karen bowled in her 52nd consecutive National Women's Bowling Tournament. She is also an avid golfer.

Karen had been approached to become a Stephen Minister and took the training as soon as her schedule fit with the days the Stephen Ministers met. She has had particularly special Stephen Ministry moments with hospital patients. "When people are happy to have a visitor, and converse and join in prayer or scripture, it's a good visit," relayed Karen.

BeJe Anderson 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, please call BeJe at 843.384.9638.*





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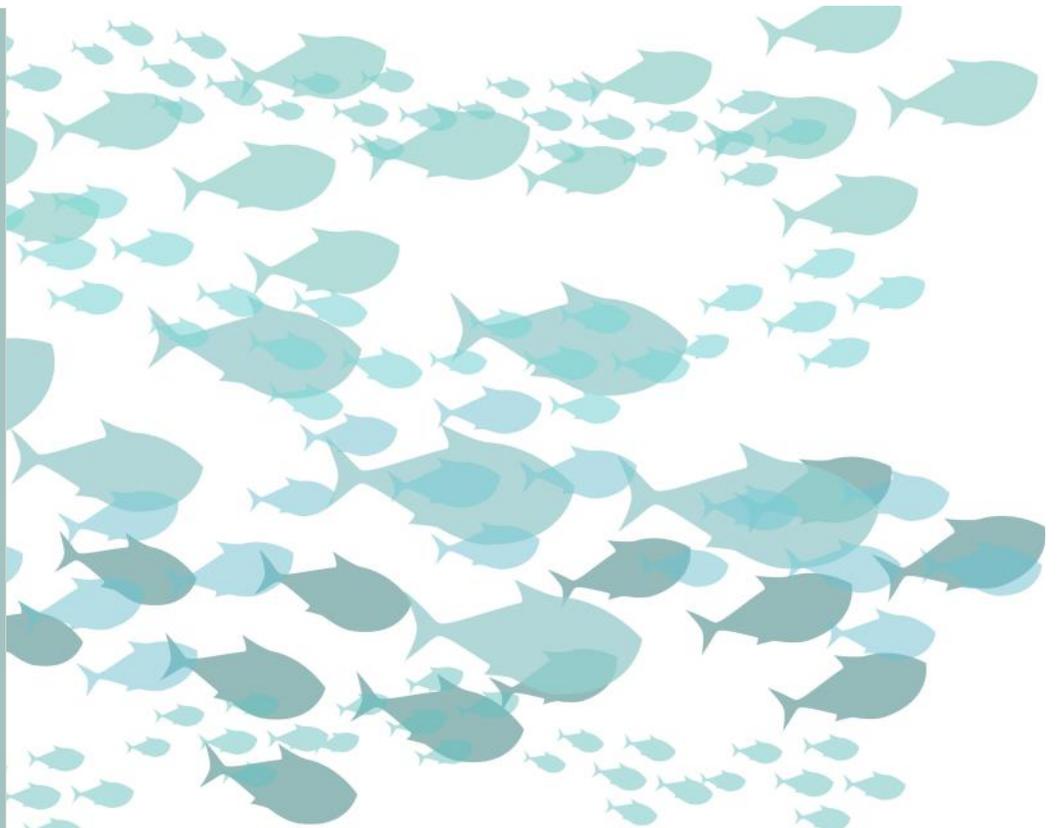
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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*