

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

News for the New Year

by Pastor Frank Lybrand

Welcome to the New Year! A friend said to me on New Year's Day, "Well, nothing's changed. It still feels the same." In many ways, the turning of the calendar doesn't change a thing. For me, however, I never expected to be serving in the role of Interim Pastor. I was pleased to be your Associate Pastor, serving under Pastor Robin's leadership. Neither was Pastor Robin expecting to find herself packing, moving to Atlanta, and suddenly becoming known by us as "Our Favorite Bishop." But with the calendar change, so many things have changed for us at SABTS. Welcome to the New Year!

I will be serving as your Interim Pastor until our next Senior Pastor is appointed and arrives on July 1. I accept this opportunity with joy and anticipation as we prepare for another year of ministry and service in the divine work of our calling at St. Andrew.

Several members of St. Andrew, along with Sherry and I, will be traveling to the Holy Land from January 25-February 4. Some of us will continue our pilgrimage in Egypt for a few days. This group will return on February 9. Our favorite Bishop will be with us on this pilgrimage. Keep us in your prayers as we travel, learn, and walk where Jesus walked.

While I am away, Wesla Fletcher will be handling the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Wesla is an ordained UM minister and wife of the former Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, HHI, Rev. Doug Fletcher. Wesla recently retired as an instructor at USCB. She has also held the position of Dean for the Arts and Sciences and the Technical College of the Lowcountry. He holds a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and has served congregations in Colorado and Oklahoma. Wesla will also be assisting in worship and pastoral care while I am serving as your Interim Pastor. Welcome, Wesla!

As you know, our Strategic Planning team has been diligently at work, soliciting your input as we pray and ponder the best way into the future at St. Andrew. Your ideas, suggestions, and thoughts have been amazingly insightful and helpful in their work. You will continue to hear about their work on our behalf in the near future. Pray for them as they seek to be open to

For God so loved the world...

Random Acts of Kindness

Throw Kindness Around Like confetti for "Random Acts of Kindness Week"

The week of Valentine's Day is **Random Acts of Kindness Week**. Because our culture associates Valentine's Day with love, it affords us a perfect time to show kindness to our neighbors.

As Christians, we believe followers of Christ should lead the way in showing kindness. Scripture tells us to put on kindness (Colossians 3:12) because one of the chief marks of Christian love is kindness (1 Corinthians 13:4). Better yet, **our random acts of kindness can serve as an arrow to the gospel.** God's kindness is meant to lead people to repentance (Romans 2:4). Showing kindness allows us to talk about the One who has shown us all great kindness by giving us seasons of joy and abundance (Matthew 5:44-45; Acts 14:17).

Such random acts of kindness are *not a replacement* for sharing the gospel message, but they can be a powerful tool used by the God to inspire conviction of sin (Romans 12:20-21) and lead people to glorify God (Matthew 5:16). These acts of kindness also provide creative opportunities to start spiritual conversations.

Google "random acts of kindness" or "kindness week" and find the perfect way for you to share love this February.

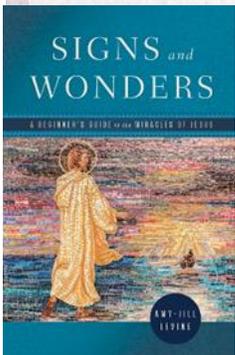
where God is guiding us on the next step of our faith journey together.

The famous saying, *it takes a village to raise a child*, is not only valid for children. It is equally or more true in making disciples. Disciples of Christ aren't born. They're made. We have been divinely appointed to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It takes a village, a church family to make a disciple. You are an essential part of that life-long process. We need each other. I hope to see you not only on Sunday mornings but during the week in various ministries and missional opportunities as we shape each other into followers of Christ.

Blessings, Frank

Our Condolences

- ☞ To Karen Kenneweg and family at the passing of her mother and our Christian sister Edith Rhomberg on January 11, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held on March 14, 2023, at 4:00 pm at The Bayshore. Interment and Memorial Service will be at Mt. Vernon UMC in Bethpage, TN. Memorial contributions may be made in Edith's name to St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC.
- ☞ To Nancy Robinson and family at the passing of her husband and our Christian brother Bill Robinson on January 13, 2023. A private family memorial service will be planned for a later date.
- ☞ To Charlene Elder and family at the passing of her husband and our Christian brother Don Elder in December 2022. A family memorial service will be held in the Spring.
- ☞ To the family and friends of our Christian brother Jim Sims who passed away on December 27, 2022. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 am at St. Andrew.
- ☞ To the family of Bill Jones (former member) who passed away on December 22, 2022.
- ☞ To the family of our Christian Sister Lucy Coleman who passed away on December 18, 2022 in GA. No service details available.
- ☞ To the family and friends of Peggy Knowlton (former member) who recently passed away in NC. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Knowlton. They were both members from 2006 until Dick's passing and Peggy's move to NC.
- ☞ To Emmette and Karen Taylor at the passing of Karen's brother, Burgess M. Waller on November 18, 2022, in NC.



SUNDAY MORNING STUDY Signs and Wonders

by Prof. Amy-Jill Levine
Sundays, February 5 to March 19
10:15-11:00 am
C106/107

Leaders – various members of
the Seekers Class

In *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus' words and actions.

A limited number of books are available (\$13). Contact Connie Borgianini to sign-up (if not already on the roster of the Seekers Class) conniebhhiumc@gmail.com

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - December 2022)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Commitment Contributions	\$1,173,556	\$1,300,00	(\$126,444)
OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January - December 2022)			
	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$1,420,965	\$1,525,700	(\$104,735)
Expenses	\$1,355,001	\$1,525,700	\$170,699
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$65,964	\$0	\$65,964

LENTEN STUDY

The Way - Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by Rev. Adam Hamilton

Tuesdays, February 28 to April 4

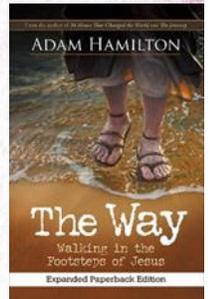
Leaders – Frank Lybrand + Kerry Tilden

6:30- 7:15 pm, C106/107

Cost of book - \$10

Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought.

To reserve your copy of the book and/or to sign up, email to conniebhhiumc@gmail.com. Participants are asked to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to the first class.



FELLOWSHIP DINNERS DURING LENT

February 28 to April 6

5:30-6:15 pm, Celebration Center

Cost – your donation is gratefully appreciated
Please bring your favorite covered dish (side, salad, or dessert) to our weekly dinners during Lent. Meat, beverages will be provided. **Please RSVP by Monday noon each week** so that we can be properly prepared.

Everyone is invited to join in the food and fellowship whether you plan to participate in the Lenten study or not.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

“BRAINSTORMING”

Sunday, February 26, 10:15-11:00 am

Celebration Center, no RSVP required

The Focus Groups and Capital Campaign Survey gave us a great list of strategies/tasks/programs people want to implement in the next 3-5 years. Organized into 5 goal areas, we want to share what we have, and “brainstorm” additional ideas with everyone. For example, more fellowship opportunities like Church-wide Pot Luck meals quarterly. Come share your ideas and thoughts.





Coins for Lent

BY KEVIN JOHNSON

During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and offering a serving heart to our neighbors. These past few years have been challenging when trying to find ways to serve our neighbors while remaining physically distant. This time has also reminded us that we need to demonstrate compassion to others now more than ever. Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need.

One way to involve the whole family is to collect coins during the season of Lent and then following Easter, donate the money. Follow our **Coins for Lent Giving Calendars** below as a guide. Simply collect loose change and give whatever coins you have for each item. Make a container to collect the money. Use a plastic tub, jar, or a coin bank that you aren't currently using in your home. Decorate it and place it where the entire family can see it (and contribute to it).

Items on the daily guide will remind us of all we have and how little others may have. Each Sunday, pray as a couple or family for the project and the people who will benefit Wednesday and concludes with Holy Saturday.

Our Missions/Outreach service team will determine the global project we donate our coins to. Look for reminders in the weekly Blast and on Sundays during the Children's moment in worship during the coming Lenten season.

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
19	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday A coin for every lamp.	23 A coin for every light switch.	24 A coin for every candle.	25 A coin for every flashlight (include your smartphone).
26 Pray today, thanking God for the gift of light. Pray for those who live in darkness.	27 A coin for every box of cereal.	28 A coin for every can of soup.				

March						
T	W	T	F	S		
5 Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.	6 A coin for every ball cap or hat.	7 A coin for every pair of shoes.	8 A coin for every pair of jeans or pants.	9 A coin for every coat.	10 A coin for every t-shirt.	11 A coin for every sweatshirt.
12 Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	13 A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment.	14 A coin for every electronic video game.	15 A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	16 A coin for every television.	17 A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	18 A coin for every board or card game.
19 Pray today, thanking God for how you can enjoy home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.	20 A coin for every box of band-aids.	21 A coin for every bottle of vitamins.	22 A coin for every box of tissues.	23 A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer.	24 A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.	25 A coin for every cough drop in your house.
26 Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.	27 A coin for every room in your home.	28 A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	29 A coin for every chair in your home.	30 A coin for every desk (virtual work school) in your home.	31 A coin for every bathroom.	

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 A coin for every bed.
2 Palm Sunday Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night.	3 A coin for every Bible.	4 A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home.	5 A coin for every cross in your home.	6 A coin for every prayer you say today.	7 A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell.	8 A coin for every person in your family.
9 Easter Sunday Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.	10	11	12	13	14	15

Visit umcdiscipleship.org/articles/coins-for-lent-2023 for a few more details or to print individual calendars.

St. Andrew Scholarships

In order to recognize outstanding United Methodist students, the Scholarship Committee of St. Andrew awards yearly scholarships with amounts determined by the committee, usually \$500-\$1500.

The Scholarship Committee welcomes contributions from individuals, memorials, and other private donations, as well as free will offerings from the annual Scholarship Sunday, and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

We believe that outstanding academic performance should be rewarded. Our scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic/personal achievement and financial need.

To apply for scholarships from St. Andrew and/or the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, please visit the following websites:

◆ hhumc.com/scholarship - St. Andrew By-The-Sea Scholarship fund (now known as the Neil + Imogene Yongue Scholarship Fund).

The application deadline is May 31, 2023.

◆ umhcf.org/scholarships
United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

Be sure to check all eligibility requirements and deadlines.

Any questions, please contact Jim Reeves at 724.263.3342.



WHAT TO DO

- Sign up by emailing standrewbythesea@gmail.com. Tell us by Friday, February 10 how many people in your group and if you are bringing soup to share.
- On February 12, bring your soup in a crockpot to the Celebration Center (CC) kitchen before either service and we'll keep it warm until lunch.
- Have lunch together in the Celebration Center after the 2nd service.

St. Andrew will provide paper goods, crackers and bread, and beverages

ON 'SOUPER' BOWL SUNDAY WE WILL BE ACCEPTING FINANCIAL GIFTS FOR THE FOOD MINISTRIES OF ST. ANDREW'S SOUP KITCHEN AND DEEP WELL.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 22 | 6-7:30pm | Celebration Center



Fun for everyone...kid's activities, Mardi Gras beads and masks, King Cakes, trivia, Holy Land Highlights – photos and reflections from our folks who recently traveled to this sacred area of the world, and of course, lots of yummy pancakes!

>> NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED <<

The cost is your generous donation to the St. Andrew Scholarship Fund

This event is hosted by the Scholarship Committee, Family Ministries, and the Soup Kitchen Team.



St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

February 19, 2023

A special offering will be taken at both services





Our Music Ministry has been busy! The Chancel Choir started rehearsing a Christmas Cantata, called "Carols," by Heather

Sorenson in September which we shared with the congregation on December 18. The cantata involved a great deal of congregational singing of favorite Christmas carols. The response was overwhelmingly positive and since there was only one service that Sunday, there were many people in attendance to participate and enjoy the cantata.

Christmas Eve was a busy time for all involved in the Music Ministry. All of the children in the Christmas Pageant learned two songs to sing during the 4:30 pm family service. The Chancel Choir sang at the 7:00 pm service and the Bell Choir played at the 9:30 service.

We are looking for new members to join the Children's Choir, and all children aged kindergarten and up are welcome to join us. The Chancel Choir has grown considerably since May, however there is always room for more and we encourage you to try it out. You do not have to know how to read music to join the choir. Weekly choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

The Bell Choir is also looking for more ringers. Again, no need to read music or know how to play to join. We are looking to start a class for new bell ringers in the near future. Stay tuned for more on this soon. Bell Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

We are also looking for instrumentalists. If you play any instrument and would like to participate in St. Andrew's Music Ministry, please contact Bruce at 843.785.4711 or email to bruceghiumc@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour + Fellowship has returned to St. Andrew!

Between services, generally around 9:45-10:30 am, please come to the Celebration Center and enjoy some coffee and conversation. You are bound to meet some new friends and maybe reconnect with some old ones! We even have name tags so we can all get to know each other better.



There will be light refreshments, coffee, both regular and decaf, and tea. The snacks are provided by the congregation. The first group to provide snacks on Sundays in January has been a St. Andrew Book Club led by Connie Borgianini called Kindred Spirits. We had two to three people per week provide the work and the goodies. Your goodies do not have to be homemade, you can buy something to share. Treats on the healthy side such as fresh fruit and gluten free options are always appreciated.

Would your church group or friend group consider taking a month? There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. If you want to see how it is done, just come over for a snack on any Sunday and see it in action. Here is our schedule so far:

January – Kindred Spirits

February – Stephen Ministers

March – Fellowship Friends

April – AVAILABLE

May – Chancel Choir

No Coffee Hour during the summer months

September – AVAILABLE

October – AVAILABLE

November – AVAILABLE

December – AVAILABLE

We would be happy to help anyone learn what to do. Please contact Tricia Rawls at trawlsoki@yahoo.com with any questions, and of course to sign up.

Fellowship Friends

Continues to meet Tuesdays
at 10:00 am via Zoom

Different Focused-Sharing Topics Each Week

The next in-person gathering will be
March 14 in the Celebration Center

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. Jay Graves will be glad to send you directions for how to do this.

Creating for Good

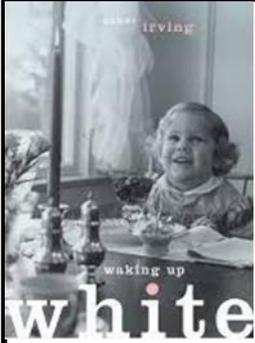
Thursdays

10:00-11:00, B104 (Education Building)

You are invited to join us as we get creative. Come to knit, crochet, paint, and other craft options. Learn a new skill or share your favorite hobby with others. Or, feel free to bring your current project along and just be part of the fun and fellowship.

Our hope is to use many the items that we create to bless others through our outreach efforts or within our church family. Supplies and guidance are provided as needed. Watch email blasts or ask for your name to be added to our group list to be notified of various projects that are offered. No need to sign-up, just come along. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed!

BRIDGE BUILDERS BOOK DISCUSSION



Jane Hilson, a member of Bridge Builders, will lead a discussion of the book

Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debbie Irving

**Monday, February 6
11:00 am**

**St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
Sanctuary**

Everyone is welcome to participate

Invite a friend // No reservations required

Waking Up White is the book Irving wishes someone had handed her decades ago. By sharing her sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, she offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As Irving unpacks her own long-held beliefs about color-blindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, she reveals how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race.

Books are available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon

From the very beginning 13 years ago, our Soup Kitchen has enjoyed a very close relationship with Deep Well. The Deep Well Project was founded in 1973, digging wells to provide clean, safe water for the Hilton Head Island community. Since then, it has been the source of emergency assistance to the local community and is supported by individuals, businesses, religious institutions, foundations, clubs, schools, and various other organizations.



Today Deep Well is currently providing more than 880 pounds of food monthly for our Harvest Table (photo below) distribution every Tuesday and Friday. We are extremely thankful for this support. Our congregation has been very supportive of Deep Well with a monthly collection of food items in the white grocery cart in the Narthex during Sunday services.

Beginning in February the familiar white grocery cart will become the SOUP KITCHEN + DEEP WELL donation spot. It will be in the Narthex every Sunday ready to be gratefully filled with food items and reusable plastic and paper shopping bags. There will be a list of items preferred available with the SOUP KITCHEN + DEEP WELL cart to make shopping easier for all of us. Many of the donated items will also be placed in the St. Andrew Blessing Box located in the parking lot. You may also place items directly in the Blessing Box on your way to church service on Sunday.

Other Soup Kitchen items of interest include:

1. Tuesday lunch and Harvest Table food distribution began on January 3, 2023. Sixty meals are served on Tuesdays.
2. Every second Friday of the month a local restaurant donates 60 complete meals for our guests. (photo) to date, Sea Pines Resorts has taken two months, Mi Tierra, and the SERG Group will supply meals from the following restaurants for the next 5 months: Nectar, One Hot Mamas, Holy Tequila, Charbar, and Black Marlin. What a blessing to have this type of neighborly sharing within our south island neighbors and community.



Understanding Why "Somebody Had To Do It"



Photo courtesy of the Charleston News and Courier

First Children in SC School Desegregation

March 4, 2023 - 10:00 to 11:30 am

A presentation to the community by

Dr. Millicent Brown

Educator, Author, Civil Rights Leader & Activist

Dr. Brown is co-founder and Project Director of a national initiative to identify the "first children," like herself, to desegregate previously all-white schools (*Somebody Had to Do It Project*).

A Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series Event

**St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church
20 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head, SC 29928**

This FREE in-person event is hosted by the Bridge Builders Committee

A reception will be offered immediately following the presentation • RSVP to standrewbythesea@gmail.com



3. Second Helpings, the third member of the St. Andrew Soup Kitchen/DEEP WELL/Second Helpings food distribution team is delivering 400 pounds of perishable food items every Tuesday and Friday for the Harvest Table.

The "Soupers" additionally thank you for your financial support, prayers, and volunteer hours. We would love to have you stop by on a Tuesday or Friday morning (8:30 to 11:30) to see Soup Kitchen fellowship and sharing in action.



A Thank You from The New Bluffton Worship

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

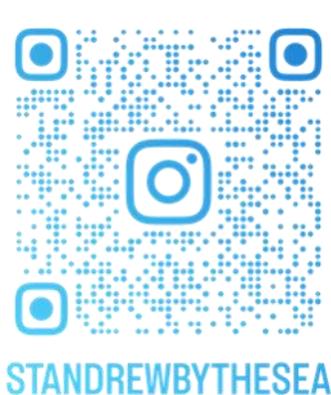
In 2012, St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC extended across the bridge to start a second worship site in Bluffton. At the time, the concept of a multi-site church was an experiment for the South Carolina Conference. The leadership group of St. Andrew, with the Rev. Neil Yongue at its head, believed that the church and its members had been called to start this mission due to the resources in the church, its long-standing commitment to outreach efforts and as a way to serve those steadily moving off the island and into the growing town of Bluffton.

Over the succeeding years, the congregation grew from a small number of St. Andrew members to a thriving community of faith with a contemporary worship style. For ease in finding the Bluffton congregation online, it became known as Bluffton Worship. It grew in both numbers and commitment to serve the community of Bluffton through efforts such as Backpack Buddies, Christmas Grace, Christmas Eve Under the Stars, and a partnership with First Zion Baptist Church.

In 2022, St. Andrew By-The-Sea entered a process for strategic planning, and the committee composed of members from both locations recommended that the time had come for the Bluffton congregation to chart its own course as a church. Bluffton Worship was not given the opportunity to remain a UMC by the SC Conference, but after study, prayer and discernment, the Bluffton congregation decided in December to stay together and go forward as an independent church: The New Bluffton Worship. The congregation is blessed that Rev. Daniel Burbage, Monica Barricks, and our praise band have chosen to continue to lead us on this journey. Through the designated giving of the Bluffton congregation, we have sought to assure we left little to no negative balance on the St. Andrew books for 2022.

It was the faith, commitment, and generosity of St. Andrew By-The-Sea that birthed the Bluffton mission, and St. Andrew should be proud of growth of the church.

Now, as the The New Bluffton Worship, we ask for your prayers of support. We also invite you to worship with us or participate anytime to join us in our mission efforts in the Lowcountry.



Instagram 

St. Andrew is now on Instagram! Scan the code and follow to stay up to date with what's happening at YOUR church.



LENTEN PRAYER

This year, Lent will be observed from February 22 to April 3, marking the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert enduring Satan's temptations. Prayer is an important part of Lent as it is the main source of communication with God. As we meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus, prayer helps us to verbalize our faith and be in closer communion with God.

Stephen Ministers at Saint Andrew By-The-Sea UMC have a long tradition of offering to pray every day during the 40 days of Lent for those who are experiencing difficulties. If there is someone in your life who is in need of prayer, please complete the special Prayer Request form and include the name of prayer recipient, the prayer concern, mailing address of recipient (optional), email address of recipient (optional) and the name of requester (optional):

Prayer request forms are available on Sundays and in the church office. Place completed forms in the offering plates or drop them in the wooden box in the Narthex. You may also mail prayer request forms to the church address, or email your request with the information to our confidential email address: stephenministryhhumc@gmail.com.

So that we may begin praying on the first day of Lent, please be sure your requests have been submitted by **Sunday, February 19, 2022**.

If requested, a special seasonal card will be sent to each person prayed for during Lent. These requests will be kept confidential and your name will not be listed on the card.

For more information or if you have questions, please email to standrewstephenministry@gmail.com.





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Let your steadfast
LOVE,
O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.
— PSALM 33:22 —

Connect with us!

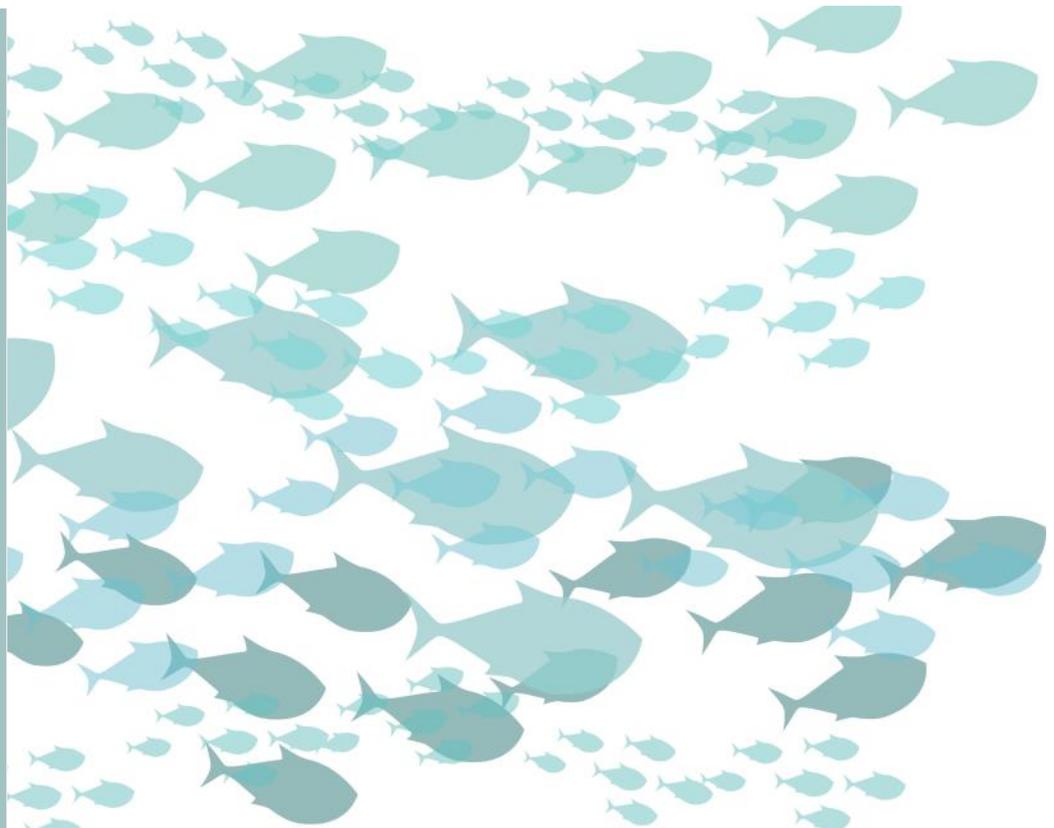
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Church Office Hours
M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Sunday Worship
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9:00 am + 11:15 am
LIVESTREAM at 11:15 am

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