

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

Coworkers in the Gospel of Christ by Rev. Frank Lybrand

The newly appointed pastor was getting to know his members when he stopped at Gary's house. Gary and his wife had been married for sixty years. They were both still active in the church. His wife, Marge, loved to cook and sew. Gary found his joy in growing vegetables for the church's food pantry. When the pastor arrived, he found Gary in his garden. Together they walked through the rows of peas, corn, and other soon-to-be table food. The pastor complimented Gary, "You and God have created an amazing food supply for the needy with this field." Gary proudly replied, "You should have seen it when God had it alone." Gary never considered himself a theologian, but his response proved otherwise. He understood God seldom works without the assistance of human beings.

Think of where the church would be without individuals who give their time, skills, knowledge, and passion to its ministries unselfishly. Saint Andrew By-The-Sea serves its members and our community in extraordinary ways because we know we are co-workers with God. One of our members comes to the church on Wednesday mornings to sharpen pencils and order the Bibles, hymnals, and other items in preparation for Sunday

morning. It is time-consuming but necessary for Sunday morning worship to move forward smoothly. This one member is a single example of the many behind-the-scenes ministries taking place each week at SABTS. Of course, there are many visible ministries our lay folks are engaged in, such as our weekly Men's Bible Study, our Soul-Tending group, the Children's Choir, Creating for Good group, and the Environmental Justice study presently taking place, to name a few.

The Apostle Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians he sent Timothy, "our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ," to encourage them in their faith (1 Thessalonians 3:2). Timothy was more than a motivator or cheerleader for the people of God. He was working alongside God to encourage them in their faith. His work of encouragement was divine work.

We don't say it enough, but each act of ministry is a cooperative ministry with God. We have something to give, a place to serve, and a ministry to perform. Celebrate your place in the church. Rejoice in the work you are doing for the gospel of God. Trust that God is blessing your efforts and using them for God's glory, whether your ministry is seen or unseen!

HOLY WEEK 2023

St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

PALM SUNDAY April 2

9:00 + 11:15 AM *In-person*
Communion at both services
{11:15 AM *Livestream*}

10:30 AM Easter Egg Dyeing
11:00 AM Children's Palm Procession
12:15 PM Easter Egg Hunt

GOOD FRIDAY April 7

12 Noon
In-person + Livestream
Communion

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunrise Service

Coligny Beach, Hilton Head
7:00 AM

Sanctuary Services

9:00 + 11:15 AM *In-person*
{11:15 AM *Livestream*}

Flowering of the Cross

Coins for Lent Continues



Small change, BIG difference

UMCOR WASH (Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene)

Clean water is an ongoing challenge in many areas of our country and around the world. Access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation and hygiene facilities remains out of reach for billions of people worldwide.

Global Ministries believes that access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services is a basic human right and is committed to improving health and wellbeing in underserved and marginalized communities.

In collaboration with both Methodist and ecumenical partners, Global Ministries increases access to clean and safe water; revitalizes sanitation facilities and shares knowledge on sanitation and waste management; and helps to reduce infection from preventable, water-borne diseases by enhancing the quality of care in health facilities.

Bring your coins to the pickle jar every Sunday during Lent – let's make our pocket change count!

Restaurant Week at Soup Kitchen

In October 2022, the Soup Kitchen initiated a new monthly program called Restaurant Week. Every second Friday a south island restaurant or country club provides complete hot meals which our volunteers then serve our guests. This has become a monthly highlight for everyone.

Sea Pines Resort kicked off our program by graciously providing delicious resort meals in September and October, and Annie O's provided a wonderful and filling Thanksgiving meal in November. The SERG Group has joined the Restaurant Week program by committing to five months! We expect other south island restaurants to fill out the year and then hopefully repeat again next year. We have already seen how this outreach by south island restaurants has fostered a wonderful community feeling of friendship, appreciation, and hope. Sincere thanks to Sea Pines Resort, Annie O's, and the SERG Group for your generous contributions.

This month we plan to transition to hot lunches on Tuesdays as well as Fridays. Volunteers are always needed, so please contact the church office if you'd like to join us.

Thank you, as always, to our generous St. Andrew and community supporters and volunteers.



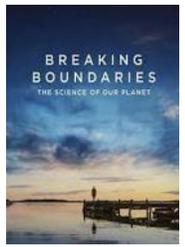
Breaking Boundaries

The Science of Our Planet

Thursday, March 31

7:00-9:00pm, Celebration Center

Dave DesJardins, presenter



Scientists tell us that Earth's environments are at a critical moment in human history. Breaking Boundaries presents recent advances in science that help us understand how close we are to passing the earth tipping points of nine key interrelated environmental systems (such as ozone holes, ocean acidification, loss of biodiversity, chemical pollution).

After presenting the serious environmental challenges that are before us, Breaking Boundaries provides a vision of "planetary stewardship" – a rethinking of our relationship with our planet – and plots a new course for our future.

Join us to watch this compelling documentary film (narrated by David Attenborough) and be part of the discussion following the movie. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

RSPV to standrewbythesea@gmail.com or call the church office at 843.785.4711.

Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and

what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.

—Martin Luther King



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MINISTRY.

The needs for care are greater than ever before, and many in our congregation need the care of a loving Christian friend. Chances are all of us know someone who is going through a difficult time and would welcome a Stephen Minister.

St. Andrew is joining several other churches in the area to train a new class of Stephen Ministers beginning shortly after Easter. To learn more about being a Stephen Minister and the SM training experience, visit stephenministries.org or contact Bill Putnam at 843.683.7800 for more information.

Family Activities at St. Andrew By-The-Sea

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

✂ **Palm Procession** – Our traditional "waving of the palm branches" during the beginning of 11:15 worship service. Kids gather in the chapel at 11:00

✂ **Easter Egg Dyeing** – creating colorful eggs (and fingers!) 10:30 to 11:00. Look for us outside the doors of the Education Bldg.

✂ **Easter Egg Hunt** – following the 11:15 worship service at approx. 12:15. BYOB (bring your own basket!)



GIVING AT A GLANCE (January 2023)

	January <u>Actual</u>	January <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Contributions	\$108,632	\$123,000	(\$14,368)

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January 2023)

	January <u>Actual</u>	January <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$110,330	\$123,650	(\$13,320)
Expenses	\$95,563	\$103,115	\$75,552
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$14,767	\$20,535	(\$5,768)

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).

If you missed this latest event of the Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series, we invite you to view it at hhiumc.com/bridge-builders. If you'd like to know more about Bridge Builders, please contact Maddie Tucker at maddietucker19@aol.com

Church
Council
Update

Church Council held its initial 2023 meeting on January 30. In an effort to expand our communications, highlights of the meetings will be shared by Sarah Coffin, Chair.

We ended the 2022 fiscal year nearly \$66,000 ahead of expenses after being negative late in the fourth quarter. We thank ALL who stepped up to close the gap! The 2023 budget was adopted and stands at \$1,007,750 with expenses and contributions balanced.

Much of the meeting was devoted to a report from our Strategic Planning Committee. Under Kerry Tilden's leadership and with great feedback from the Focus Groups, the team has developed a Purpose Statement and five goals. The goals were adopted at the meeting and will be developed further with specific strategies and objectives – stay tuned for an update soon.

Kim Likins and SPPRC will meet with our District Superintendent to share attributes important in the selection of our next Senior Pastor. In the past this has been well received by the Conference.

Julie Chalpan has developed a very comprehensive set of communications vehicles for internal and external messaging about St. Andrew, we want everyone to hear about us.

Rebecca Jones has formed an Outreach Team Council with leaders of all of our mission initiatives. We are expanding our efforts, partnering with local non-profits and making a difference.

Michael Tucker reported on all the Trustee work underway. The most exciting is the new lift that has been installed and will be usable very soon. We are renewing our focus on safety and security for our campus, members and guests...more to come on this.



Communications Corner

St. Andrew's Communications Committee kicked off the year with a review of the many church vehicles of communication, including:

- ◆ The Fisherman – The monthly printed and online newsletter, with around 400 printed - 200 mailed, 200 in the sanctuary;
- ◆ The E-Blast – Weekly communication email to a list of over 960 contacts with a phenomenal open rate of 62%;
- ◆ Frankly Speaking – Email message by Rev. Frank;
- ◆ Bulletin – Another vehicle of getting the news to members and visitors each Sunday;
- ◆ Website – www.hhiumc.com;
- ◆ Wednesday Morning Devotional – YouTube/Facebook at 7:00 am with Rev. Frank and online anytime;
- ◆ Narthex News – Slideshow on the big screen Sunday mornings, and
- ◆ Video Updates – started late last year with Sarah Coffin, church council chairperson.

Also, we have a growing presence on social media! Click the icons to visit and like us on Facebook and Instagram:



In addition, we have expanded our media relations efforts with press releases and calendar items to the local press, as well as the South Carolina Advocate. And, thanks to Pink Magazine who gifts us a monthly ad.

We are a growing committee, with special thanks to Lorena Best and Lesley Kyle, as well as Lois and Rev. Frank and the entire staff of St. Andrew. All of St. Andrew can help by sending photos from events and activities, letting us know about upcoming activities, and sharing and liking us on social media. Email us at standrewbythesea@gmail.com and let's spread the word about St. Andrew!

Blessings, Julie Chalpan, Communications Chairperson 2023

Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Our next in person meeting and via Zoom will be
March 14 in the Celebration Center.

Our Focused-Sharing Topics in March will be centered
around Lent and the Easter Season

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



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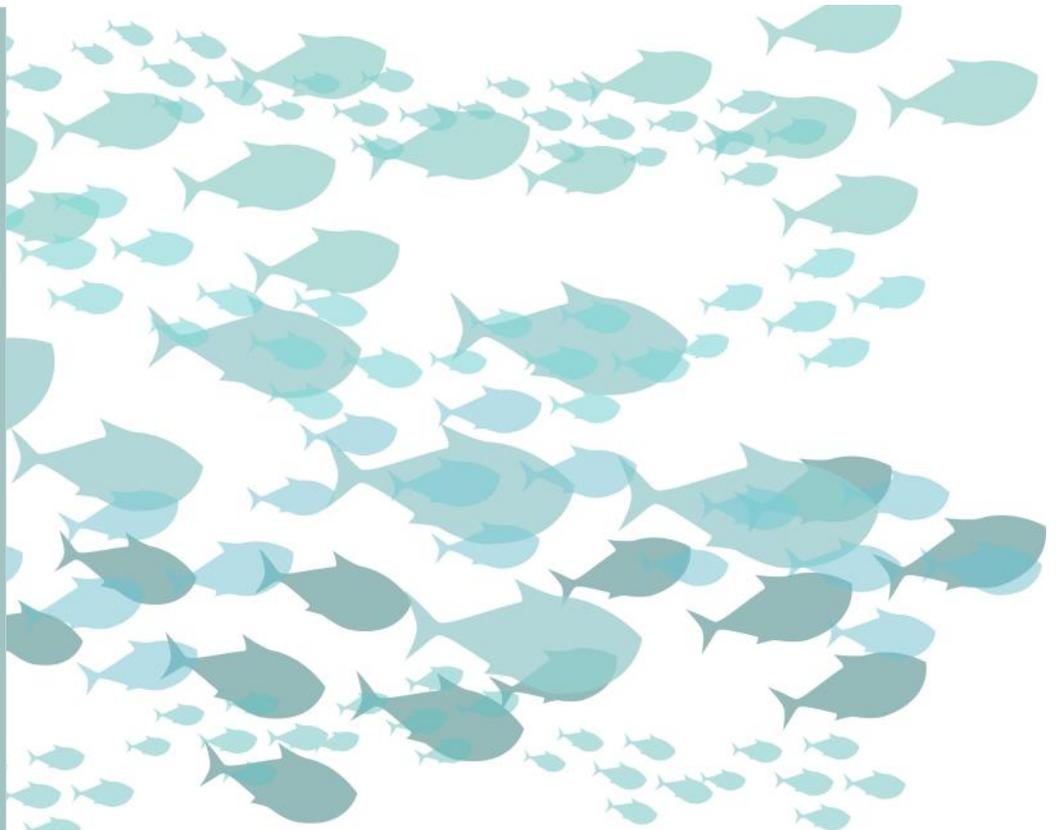
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Church Office Hours
M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Sunday Worship
In-person services at
9:00 am + 11:15 am
LIVESTREAM at 11:15 am

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand
Interim Senior Pastor

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