

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

St. Andrew To Welcome New Senior Pastor

The Staff Pastor Parish Committee is excited to announce that St. Andrew By-The-Sea will be welcoming Rev. Jonathan Tompkins as our new senior pastor in July.

Jonathan grew up in a small town in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York but quickly adapted to southern living when he moved to Columbia, SC after graduating college in 1998. He taught seventh grade English at Crayton Middle School for three years, then felt called into youth ministry, serving Shandon UMC as Youth Director from 2001-2006. It was during his time at Shandon that he joined the United Methodist Church, met Rebecca Neal, who grew up at Shandon and who would later become his wife, and where Jonathan ultimately felt God's call into ordained United Methodist ministry.

Two weeks after their wedding, Rebecca and Jonathan moved to Atlanta, GA, where Jonathan attended Candler School of Theology, Emory University from 2006-2009. He was ordained an Elder in Full Connection with the SC Annual Conference in June 2011. Jonathan served as Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach from 2009-2013 and then went from the coast to the mountains, serving Travelers Rest UMC since June

2013, and after ten years, is excited to come back to the coast!

Jonathan has a passion for worship, preaching, teaching, and equipping others for ministry, and enjoys running, biking, fitness, reading, music, strong coffee, and doing all of these things along with

Rebecca and their family: Edward, a rising 8th grader, Mary Elizabeth, a rising 6th grader, and Penny, a 1-year-old mutt who will be very excited to meet you at the Blessing of the Animals.

Rebecca is the CEO of Forest Acres Payroll, specializing in providing payroll services for churches and non-profits. Edward is a talented baseball player and is STOKED about the saltwater fishing opportunities that lie ahead. Mary Elizabeth has already Googled where the best dance studio is on the island as well as where to find the nearest peppermint mocha and boba tea.

The Tompkins family is looking forward to becoming part of the St. Andrew By-The-Sea family, and asks for your prayers in the coming months as they leave one wonderful community of Methodists to join another one!



ST. ANDREW BY-THE-SEA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY April 2
9:00 + 11:15 AM
In-person
Communion 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
April 9

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

Journey through Holy Week *by Rev. Frank Lybrand*

Easter is almost here! You should receive this during Holy Week, the most important week in the Christian calendar. Holy Week begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The gospel writers walk us through the daily events of Holy Week, with the key moments being the Last Supper, Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, his crucifixion and burial on Friday. All of this leads to Easter Sunday and Christ's resurrection!

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we will make our own journey through Holy Week. I hope you will join us for the Palm Sunday celebrations and the final session of the Lenten study, The Way, meeting on Tuesday evening. We will remember the death of Jesus and celebrate Holy Communion at our noontime Good Friday Service. The Rev. Scarlett Hester, pastor of Bluffton UMC will be our preacher. You won't want to miss our annual Easter Sunrise Service at Coligny Beach, at 7:00 am Easter morning. We will continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ at our 9:00 and 11:15 am Easter services in the sanctuary. You will find

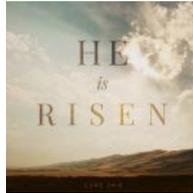
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more information on our website and the weekly Thursday email.

Albert Schweitzer ends his book *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* with words that I pray will become true of us this Easter:

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill in our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.



May this Risen Christ be alive in us this Easter season and always!

Family Activities at St. Andrew By-The-Sea Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

- ✂ **Easter Egg Dyeing** – creating colorful eggs (and fingers!) 10:30 to 11:00. Look for us outside the doors of the Education Bldg.
- ✂ **Palm Procession** – Our traditional “waving of the palm branches” at the beginning of 11:15 worship service. Kids gather in the chapel at 11:00
- ✂ **Easter Egg Hunt** – following the 11:15 worship service at approx. 12:15. BYOB (bring your own basket!)



St. Andrew Music Ministry

Bell Choir

We are looking for more Bell Ringers! You do not need any musical background nor do you have to read music. All you need to do is to be able to count to 4! We are a fun group and would like to expand to include new members. There will be a meeting at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary on Wednesday, April 12 for those wanting to know more. Rehearsals are normally on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Please join us and learn about bell ringing.

Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir has grown considerably over the past year but new members are always welcome. You do not need to read music to join. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 in the music room.

Children's Choir

We are small but mighty and we would love to see our choir grow. We rehearse after the 11:15 service on Sundays. All children kindergarten age and up are welcome to join us.

Contact Bruce Gale at bruceghiumc@gmail.com for more info.

Church Council Update

Cliff Notes from Council Chair Coffin

Church Council met March 6, 2023. Pastor Frank led our Special Charge Conference. The motion to split the current capital campaign Building Funds 50/50 with the New

Bluffton Worship passed unanimously, as did the motion to approve an annual gross compensation for our new senior pastor in the range of \$80,000 to \$100,000. The After School program is starting small but is running smoothly under Bev Ohemeng's leadership. Epworth Children's Home has begun working from the Sandbox to recruit and counsel foster families. The Strategic Planning Fair was a success with nearly 70 participants that appeared enthusiastic and excited to be part of the process. The Strategic Planning Committee is summarizing and condensing all the ideas and will bring to the next Church Council meeting. The Purpose that is supported by our five strategic goals was approved (see below). Our finances are positive at this point, driven by good expense management. SPPRC has been informed of our new pastor and the appointment was announced when the SC Conference communicates all the rotations. Outreach/Missions is very busy – attend their monthly meetings (published in the bulletin) to learn more about where you could get involved! Trustees have reached an agreement with Beaufort County to purchase the Buckwalter property and are optimistic the deal will be closed by the end of April at a favorable price. Efforts are underway to meet with Starbucks as the opening nears and we can better understand the implications to traffic in our shared drive. Pastor Frank expressed the enthusiasm and positive feeling that he is observing across SABTS with all that is going on currently.

OUR PURPOSE

To grow a welcoming community where people of all ages and stages on their faith journey can come to experience the love, grace and compassion of Jesus Christ. Provide various worship and other spiritual growth opportunities communicating the Gospel to inspire and encourage a deeper understanding of God while developing relationships with each other, leading to service locally and beyond.

Social Singles

An organizational meeting of all interested single men and women in our church family will take place on April 23 at 10:15 during the coffee hour. The purpose of this group is social interaction - dinners out, movies, events at the Arts Center, meet at the beach - any activities that the group chooses!

Look for the meeting table in the Celebration Center. If you can't attend this meeting, but are interested in being part of this group, feel free to call Karen Kirby (843.816.5659) or Pam Denlinger (843.422.4972).

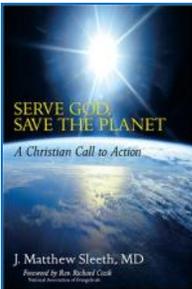


WITH SYMPATHY



Condolences to Marv & Jane Giddings at the recent passing of their son, Jeff.

And to Jean Shaff at the passing of her daughter, Phyllis, on March 17.



Serve God, Save the Planet

Sundays, 10:15-11:00 am

C108/109

The Environmental Justice Class has started a new study - *Serve God, Save the Planet* by Matthew Sleeth. Not an alarmist call of despair, but this book is a hopeful invitation to re-imagine the way we live. The author shares the joy of adopting a less materialistic, healthier lifestyle, stronger relationships, and richer spiritual lives. Through this study, we will consider the urgency of current environmental issues coupled with a hopeful faith that the Church is ready to join God in healing the wounded world.

Video components will be part of the weekly class discussions. Class participants that would like to read the book during this study are asked to obtain their own copy. Visitors and new members are encouraged to attend.

Bible Stories for Grown-Ups

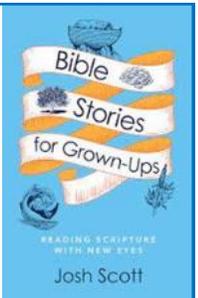
Sundays, 10:15-11:00 am

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In *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes*, Pastor Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience.

Join the Seekers Class for this six-week Bible study, which will consider stories many of us read as children: Noah's Ark, the binding of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaeus, Jesus healing a blind man, and the parable of the talents. This study (with DVD segments) reimagines these stories and opens new visions for readers to understand well known pieces of Scripture in our current cultural environment.

Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of the book. All are welcomed to join the class at any time.



Children's Ministry Update

Beginning April 16 and throughout May, our children will continue to learn important Bible stories and faith using our Celebrate Wonder curriculum during Children's Church (11:15 service).

During the time between services (10:15-11:00) children will grow in their faith through various hands-on Mission and Service activities. Each week we will live out our faith through a new or on-going project. Look for Miss Connie or one of our Parents-in-Charge in our Children's Gathering Room to get involved and make a difference.



Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in person + via Zoom

Our next in-person meeting will be Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00 am in the Wesley Room.

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. FF Co-Chairperson Jay Graves will be glad to send you directions for how to do this.



Sound End Youth Gathering at Providence Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 30 at 5:00 pm

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT + PIZZA

Youth in 5th through 8th grade

St. Andrew By-The-Sea will join several churches near the south end of Hilton Head Island are joining for quarterly gatherings. These churches are working together to organize Christian youth social events 3 or 4 times a year. These get-togethers would simply be times for youth to build relationships in a safe and encouraging environment...while also having some good fun!

Our first event will be a Photo Scavenger Hunt held on the campus of Providence Church, located at 171 Cordillo Parkway. Look for more details to come!

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January-February 2023)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Contributions	\$187,675	\$215,000	(\$27,325)

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January-February 2023)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$199,182	\$216,300	(\$17,118)
Expenses	\$178,664	\$188,541	\$9,811
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$20,518	\$27,759	(\$7,241)

It has been with great interest that I have continued to follow the outstanding work of the Bridge Builders committee, and I enjoyed watching the March 4 lecture series program online from Williamsburg, VA, where Janet and I now reside. My book Prayer: Agent of Change, a compilation of some of the Sunday morning prayers I prayed as an associate pastor at St. Andrew, came about because of the encouragement of Dr. Julius Scott. In his honor, it was with great pleasure a few months ago to designate the remaining net proceeds from the sales of the prayer book to the Bridge Builders to assist in supporting the Dr. Julius S. Scott lecture series. Congratulations to the Bridge Builders for creating and hosting such a meaningful program with Dr. Millicent Brown. -- Rev. Jimmie A. Morrison



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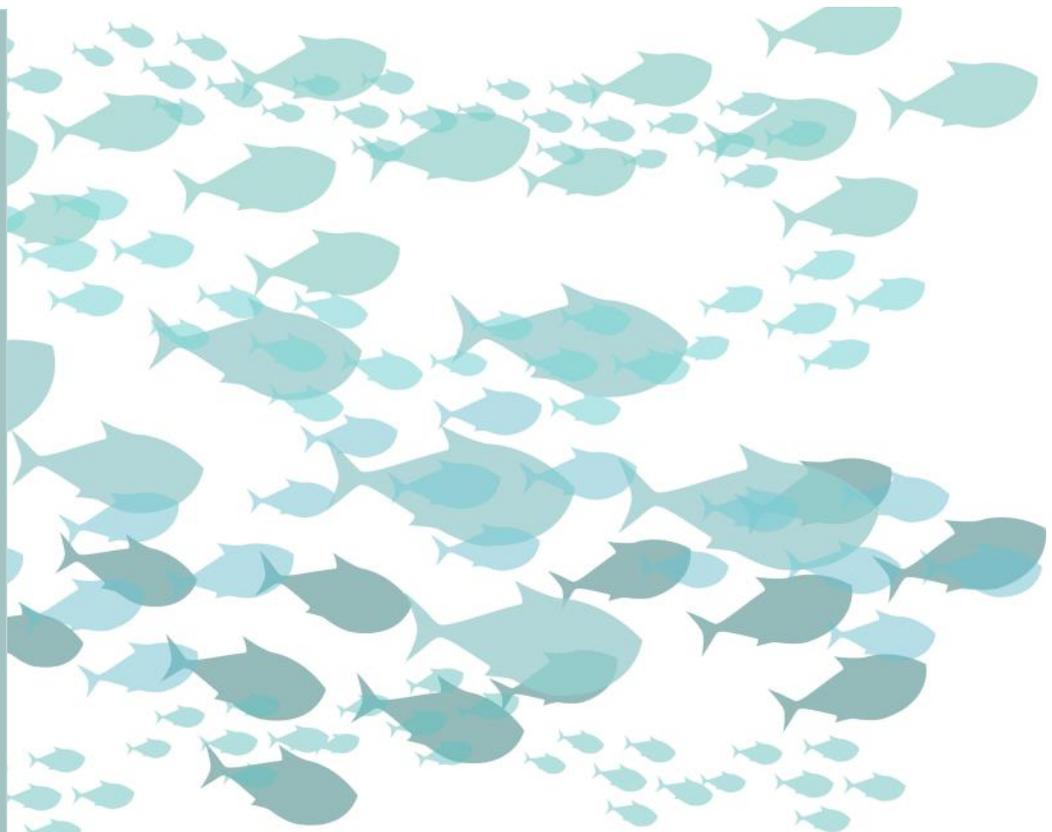
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Church Office Hours
M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand
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*St. Andrew By-The-Sea is an open, nurturing body of Christian believers
seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*