

NEW STUDY: REVIVAL - FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT

Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. We will follow the life of John Wesley by exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

Two date/time options:

- Monday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am
Beginning September 11
Admin. Bldg. Conference Room
- Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 am
Beginning September 17
Rooms C106/107(Spirit of Fellowship Class)
or Room C111 (Joy Class)

A limited number of study books are available from the church (\$10). **NOTE - This study will complement and enrich Pastor Jonathan's sermon series in September and October.**

WORSHIP WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

September 13, 20, + 27 / 6:00 -7:00 pm / in the Sanctuary

Join Pastor Jonathan as we explore the Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? of worship. Each week we'll tackle a different question and worship in a different style: traditional, contemplative, contemporary. Light refreshments provided.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER

Children grade 4 and above are encouraged to stay in worship with their families. We'll grow in our faith as we worship God together.

Sunday School for kids will begin on Sept. 17 at 9:15-9:45 am in the Education Building. Bible stories, activities, crafts, and church donuts will be offered.

Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings starts on Sept. 10. Children (grade 3 and under) are invited to go to Children's Chapel during Pastor Jonathan's sermon time. A team of 4-6 volunteers (serving once a month) is needed. If you are interested, contact Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com.

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.

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

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The Work of the People for September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth
in Christian discipleship

GATHERING FOR PRAISE

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. J. Ray
Linda Kramer, guest pianist

RINGING OF THE TRINITY CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Frank Lybrand
Written by Beth Merrill Neal

For the beauty of the summer day,
And the comfort of friends nearby;
For the invitation to love and be loved,
For our God who extends that all;
For time set apart to nourish our soul,
For time to go out into the world armed with love:
For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE - #545** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

***WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT Jody Levitt

***FAVORITE HYMN - #77** HOW GREAT THOU ART
How Great Thou Art

HEARING GOD'S WORD

***SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 20:8-11 ; Matthew 11:28-30
Bill Putnam

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #2128** BEACH SPRING
Come and Find the Quiet Center

SERMON Rev. Jonathan Tompkins
"No Labor Day"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Prayer to Welcome the Sabbath
Found on the back of the Fishing Guide

OFFERTORY *This is My Father's World* arr. M. Meir

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

An Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ as part of this congregation, please see one of the pastors after the service today. They would love to point you to some discipleship opportunities and ways to serve Christ here at St. Andrew.

***PRAYER QUILT DEDICATIONS**

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #534**

FINLANDIA

Be Still, My Soul

***SENDING FORTH**

A Sabbath Blessing by Pete Greig

**May this day bring sabbath rest to my heart
and my home.**

**May God's image in me be restored,
and my imagination in God be re-storied.**

**May the gravity of material things be lightened,
and the relativity of time slow down.**

**May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness
in the arms of God's infinite greatness.**

**May God's Word feed me and His Spirit lead me
into the week and into the life to come.**

***GO IN PEACE**

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always

Celebrate and share the joy Celebrate new life

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always

***POSTLUDE**

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. J. Ray

**Please stand as you are able*

Acolyte today: Edward Tompkins

*The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God
by the St. Andrew Family of Faith*

ILL OR CONVALESCING

Caroline Van Schelven, Claire Wheeler, Sally Hrdlicka, Luis Solis, Kendall Brodie, Ben Klahr, Will Jobbins, Jane Giddings

PRAYER QUILT DEDICATIONS

A Prayer Quilt dedicated this morning is for Melissa Kay who suffered a bilateral stroke and is now in a rehabilitation facility where she is facing a lengthy recovery. May God heal her body and that her medical team be granted compassion and respect. This quilt is requested by Merryl and Bob Dietz.

The second Prayer Quilt is for Caroline Van Schelven, a precious child of God currently recuperating from surgery. We ask that God's presence and His grace be a source of comfort and healing for Caroline and her husband Bob. We pray the many knots on this quilt are a symbol of our concern and caring and ongoing support. This quilt was requested by the St. Andrew Community of Faith.

CONDOLENCES...

To the family of our Christian Brother, Porter Morgan who passed away on August 24, 2023 on Hilton Head Island. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew on Saturday, September 16 at 10:30 am with a reception following. The Paschal candle was present for Porter last Sunday.

And to the family and friends of former member Jack Strong who passed away on August 11, 2023 in Illinois. Jack was pre-deceased by his wife Carolyn Strong in 2022 .

OUR PASTORS WANT TO VISIT YOU

St. Andrew's pastoral staff desires to call on anyone who is ill, home-bound, would like a visit, or to receive communion. If you would like to make an appointment, call the church at 843.785.4711.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

We hope you will join us for a special Sunday to celebrate the blessings of being part of God's family at one service at 10:00 am followed by a Fellowship Lunch and Volunteer/Opportunity Fair. Lunch is provided, but family and friend groups are asked to bring side dishes for 6-8 to share. No RSVPs required. Visit hhiumc.com for details.

EPWORTH WORKDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Epworth Children's Home provides food and shelter for children who have experienced a rough start in life. It also provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. On **Sunday, September 10** our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. We invite you to give generously then to the children who are served by Epworth.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

			In-Person	Online
Monthly Goal	\$71,000.00	Date	Worship	Worship
Actual MTD	\$61,949.08	8.06	143	426
Backpack Buddies	\$5,248.00	8.13	153	-
Other Special Gifts	\$5,369.00	8.20	182	513
(restricted)		8.27	208	348

Visit our website at hhiumc.com/donations or scan the QR code to see several convenient ways for your weekly or monthly giving to continue even when you are away.



A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

Recently our pastoral and church leadership have chosen to remain at one service at 10:00 am through the end of the calendar year, resuming our two services in January. Combining the services into one for the summer has been a great way to bring everyone together; it has brought energy and enthusiasm and fuller pews to the sanctuary; and it has allowed us to worship with our church family in a unified manner. Visit hhiumc.com/hilton-head to view the video announcement made to the congregation on August 20, and to read Pastor Jonathan's more detailed message.

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11 (CEB)

⁸ Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. ⁹ Six days you may work and do all your tasks, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. ¹¹ Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words. Amen!

Navigational Markers (thoughts and ideas to guide you)**Depth Finder** (questions to go deeper)

How can you find a 'sanctuary in time' to practice Sabbath rest? What does 'rest' look like for you? What makes you experience joy and helps you come alive? What are some 'personal Blue Laws' you can establish for yourself to help resist business and busyness? How can you let Jesus carry your burdens and help you learn the 'unforced rhythms of grace?'

Prayer as we Put Out to Sea*Prayer to Welcome the Sabbath*

Lord of Creation,
create in us a new rhythm of life
**composed of hours that sustain rather than stress,
of days that deliver rather than destroy,
of time that tickles rather than tackles.**

Lord of Liberation,
by the rhythm of your truth, set us free
**from the bondage and baggage that break us,
from the Pharaohs and fellows who fail us,
from the plans and pursuits that prey upon us.**

Lord of Resurrection,
may we be raised into the rhythm of your new life,
**dead to deceitful calendars,
dead to fleeting friend requests,
dead to the empty peace of our accomplishments.**

To our packed-full planners, we bid, "**Peace!**"
To our over-caffeinated consciences, we say, "**Cease!**"
To our suffocating selves, **Lord, grant release.**

Drowning in a sea of deadlines and death chimes,
we rest in you, our lifeline.

By your ever-restful grace,
**allow us to enter your Sabbath rest
as your Sabbath rest enters into us.**

**In the name of our Creator,
our Liberator,
our Resurrection and Life,
we pray. Amen.**

from *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*, by Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Enuma Okoro, Zondervan Press, pg. 554