

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

Inspiring Worship *by Rev. Jonathan Tompkins, Senior Pastor*

One of the things I was pleased to find when I arrived here was our 5-Point Strategic Plan that had been completed by our leadership, based on feedback from the congregation, and that #1 is 'Inspiring Worship.'

The Inspiring Worship Committee formed from this and determined to *'make worship more inviting through an intentional creative process which will lead to modern musical arrangements, lay worship leaders, services at various times/days with different styles, etc.'* and I feel I fit in well with this strategy!

Worship is #1 for me as well: I believe that what we do at church on a Sunday should form us to *be* the church for the rest of the week. I love to plan and lead worship; I love to be creative with worship; I love the vast array of styles and varieties of worship that our Christian tradition has gifted us over the past two millennia and will continue to in the years to come. I believe worship should inspire us to grow closer to God and to each other as we follow Jesus Christ together into the world.

My experience with worship here at St. Andrew so far has been wonderful. Combining the services into one for the summer was a great way to bring everyone together; it has brought energy and enthusiasm and fuller pews to the sanctuary; and it has allowed me to worship with my new church family in a unified manner.

The Inspiring Worship Committee has recommended that we keep the one, 10:00 am service schedule through the Fall, and I and our staff feel this is a good way to proceed temporarily for various reasons:

- The afore-mentioned energy and enthusiasm, fuller pews, and unified feeling, which helps lead to:
- A more hospitable and welcoming environment for first-time guests who might feel more at-home and less conspicuous with more worshippers in attendance
- It is easier to find folks to serve in various roles, such as Acolytes, Ushers, Readers, Liturgists, Tech Team, Children's Church leaders, etc.
- A choir/musicians every Sunday, as opposed to having to rotate services each week
- Better stewardship of our monetary resources as the sanctuary lights, air, *et al* will be needed for a shorter time each week.

We will offer Sunday School Classes before the service at 9:00 am (or classes have the option to meet after the service if they would prefer). Following the worship service, we will continue

with our Lemonade in the Shade fellowship time (and need folks to help serve each week). We will also be introducing several new groups, studies, and special events for adults, youth, and children that will meet weekly or monthly to continue taking what we do on Sunday out into our week and into the world.

Let me assure you, this is only temporary. We plan to resume a two-service schedule in January. It is our hope that during the Fall, we will continue to grow worship attendance, and we will be able to intentionally plan for the other service to resemble what the Strategic Plan listed: worship that is a little different, a little more 'modern' in style, while keeping the same Scripture, sermon, and liturgy that our more traditional service offers as well. We will keep you updated throughout the Fall as to our progress, and would love for any of you with musical or creative abilities to let us know how you might want to be a part of worship, either style!

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, due to an injury, I've had to adapt my workouts. I've had to find new and different ways to move while maintaining some of my old workout routine, all so my injury can heal while my body can continue to stay healthy. We as the Church, the Body of Christ, are also called to adapt, to find new and different ways to be the Church while maintaining some of our 'old' routines as well, all so the Body of Christ can continue to heal and continue to stay healthy.

Grateful to be part of the body along with you! — Jonathan



Welcome
home
SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
One Service at 10:00 am
Fellowship Lunch and Volunteer Fair
to follow in the Celebration Center
St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC

Has it been a while since you've been to church? Have you been meaning to get back? Been away for the summer or traveling? We hope you will join us for a special day to celebrate the blessings of being part of God's family.

No matter who you are or how long you've been away, welcome home!

Visit hhumc.com or scan the QR code for details



SEPTEMBER

Children's Ministry



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

Please let all of our children and youth know that you are happy to have them present as part of our family of faith.



Children's Chapel – We're making some special plans for younger children. Starting on September 10, we will modify our Christ Chapel into a Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings. Children (grade 3 and under) will be invited to go to Children's Chapel during Pastor Jonathan's sermon time. Becky McCorkendale, who is working

on her MDiv degree, will coordinate this effort. Our Children's Chapel will allow children to experience worship using their own curiosity. A team of 4-6 volunteers (each volunteer serving once a month) is needed. Becky will lead an orientation session for volunteers prior to September 10. For more information, contact Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com to volunteer.



Sunday School for all kids will begin on September 17 at 9:15-9:45 am in the Education Building. Bible stories, activities, crafts, and church donuts will be offered. Our terrific youth are invited to come along to help lead activities with the children.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 15
Save the Date!



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MINISTRY.

Has Anyone Seen Jesus In Me?

Earlier this summer, Rev. Frank shared an inspiring and challenging sermon entitled *"Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"* Below are excerpts from that sermon:

"Often Jesus comes to us as a stranger. St. Francis of Assisi was abhorrently afraid of lepers. One day while riding his horse near the town of Assisi, Francis met a man afflicted with leprosy. Filled with horror and fear, surprisingly Francis dismounted his horse and kissed the leper. He also placed some coins in the leper's hand. After mounting his horse again, Francis looked around but did not see the leper anywhere. At that moment, he realized he had kissed Jesus. Jesus was the leper, the stranger in front of him.

Jesus said, "You will see me." But it's not enough to see Jesus in the people around us, in the stranger and those in need. The question we must answer as Jesus' disciples is, has anyone...the stranger, those in need, the persons we live beside and do business with...has anyone seen Jesus in me? It is one thing to see Jesus in others. It is another for someone to see Jesus in me." Stephen Ministry is one of many opportunities to let *"the light of Christ shine through us, and by God's grace, others will see the light of Jesus in our imperfect selves."*

A new class of Stephen Ministers is being planned to begin in January 2024. If you have felt the call of Christ to serve in this capacity, prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister and call David Peterson at 843-816-1762.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, please visit www.stephenministries.org.



Music Ministry Musings

Although the weather is still very summery, we are beginning to plan for the Fall and Christmas seasons and am hoping to expand our Music Ministry. We have a vibrant music program, however, we always welcome new members to our musical groups.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED – We are looking for more Bell Ringers! You do not need any musical background nor do you need to know how to read music. All you need to do is to be able to count to 4. We are a fun group of people and would like to expand our group to include new members. Our rehearsals are Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Consider joining us.

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS – Our Chancel Choir has grown considerably over the past year. We are always welcoming new members to join us. You do not need to be able to read

music or audition to join. Our rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Music Room. We sing most Sundays from September through May as well as for special services throughout the year. We will begin regular rehearsals on September 6.

YOUTH CHOIR – We have a small but dynamic Seaside Youth Choir. We would love to see the choir grow. We will resume our rehearsals after the 10:00 service on Sundays beginning September 10. We will rehearse every other Sunday. All children kindergarten age and up are welcome to join us.

INSTRUMENTALISTS – We are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance our services. If you play an instrument, please reach out and join our Music Ministry.

Contact Bruce Gale at bruceghhiumc@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join our wonderful Music Ministry!



St. Andrew Partners with Epworth Children's Home Foster Care Program to "Design on a Dime"

St. Andrew By-The-Sea is proud to have an Epworth Children's Home Foster Care program location on its property. As many know, this building was formerly The Sandbox Children's Museum.

In May of this year, the office officially opened and is one of six Epworth Children's Home Foster Care program offices in South Carolina. Epworth's foster care program began in 2016. Olivia Hooker is the Foster Care Director and Pam Wilson is the Intake Coordinator for Epworth working from the Hilton Head Island location and serving Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties.

Recently, Rebecca Jones, St. Andrew's Outreach Chair, and the committee met with the team at Epworth and has embarked on an inspiring project called "Design on a Dime." The group had its first meeting in late August and is open to more members who have an eye for design or a passion to shop for bargains. The goal is to design and furnish the Hilton Head Island office to promote a joyful, nurturing, and peaceful space to welcome children in the foster care system, as well as foster families, according to Connie Boswell-Smith, St. Andrew's point person for the project. Olivia and her team are excited to have help from St. Andrew members to brighten up the place and give it a needed facelift!

According to Olivia, there are over 40 children in foster care in Beaufort County, with an additional 26 children who need homes. The office is working on recruiting foster parents so that every child has a foster home. "Our goal is to license at least 20 families to be foster parents in the coming year in the Hilton Head Island area," said Olivia. "In the five counties we serve, there are 113 children who need foster care now, so the need is great."

In the state of South Carolina there are more than 4,000 children in foster care, with over 1,900 more homes needed to foster kids, according to the Epworth website.

To join the "Design on a Dime" team please contact Connie Boswell-Smith at smithsales1959@gmail.com. For more about the Epworth Children's Home Foster Care Program, visit epworthchildrenshome.org/what/foster-care-program. And, if you haven't already, stop by to meet Olivia and Pam.



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. When you make an Epworth Work Day offering, you help provide the activities, programs and services that imbue these young people with vision, ideas and self-confidence. Thank you for supporting Epworth in its mission and for generously using your resources to make a profound difference in the lives of disadvantaged children, teens, and young adults across South Carolina.

Please give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin on September 10.



Trustee Tidbits

August Project Updates

A drop ceiling has been installed in the Celebration Center foyer. A couple punch list items remain to be completed.

A replacement for the 20+ year old water heater in the Celebration Center has been installed.

The County is continuing to pursue zoning changes for the property on Buckwalter. They are working with a consultant to expedite the process. Our lawyer has sent a purchase agreement to the county for the Buckwalter property. We are still looking at a First quarter 2024 settlement date.

A small group met with several sign companies to discuss a new sign for the front of the church along Pope Avenue and building signs for the campus. Work is continuing while we pursue funding for this project.

The air conditioning system for the left side of the Sanctuary will be replaced and is on order. Installation is expected in late September. We continue to cool the sanctuary with the one and a half systems working currently.

Suds Sunday

Sunday, September 24


Each week the Soup Kitchen provides a useful, valuable personal hygiene or cleaning item to our guests. Please consider donating some of these items on Suds Sunday, September 24. A great budget-friendly resource is Dollar Tree.

All sizes of items accepted as long as they are *new and unopened*. Please bring them to the shopping cart in the Narthex at church along with your normal weekly grocery donations.

Items needed

- Shampoo/Conditioner, individual or combination
- Laundry detergent, all types
- Bar Soap, regular size bars
- Toothpaste

Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS

Tuesdays via Zoom, 10:00 am

Watch the St. Andrew email each Thursday to see the weekly Focused Sharing Topics

To join in the Fellowship Friends Zoom or for more information, contact Jay Graves at jaygraves@hotmail.com or call 843.342.6322





Single Women's Bible Study

Create in Me a Heart of Peace

by Becky Keife
Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm
Begins September 27
Admin. Bldg. Conference Room
Christine Eagle & Karen Kirby, leaders

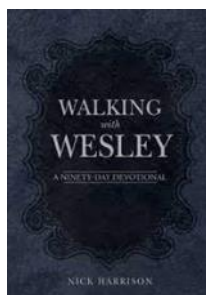
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you." So why are we still wracked with stress and anxiety? Why do we look at our world, our own churches and neighborhoods and see anything but peace? What causes this disconnect between what we read in Scripture and what we often experience in our own lives?

If you would like to participate in this six-week Bible study, please contact Connie at the church office. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of the book and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to the first class.

Walking With Wesley: A Ninety-Day Devotional

Beach Combers Women's Small Group

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in C111
Beginning September 5
Kerry Tilden, leader



John Wesley was always on the go, rarely sick, and had no use for leisure time. He left in his wake a movement that has influenced tens of millions of Christians worldwide. Wesley's writings, including his daily journal, are a rich source of inspiration for believers.

Mining gems from the heart of Wesley's writings, author Nick Harrison presents ninety devotions reflecting on subjects including prayer, stewardship, perfect love, and holiness. These inspiring meditations present the founder of Methodism as a kindred spirit to Christians everywhere, reintroducing his amazing life and ministry while offering daily encouragement on the central issues of personal spirituality.

Participants are asked to obtain their own copy of this book. The plan is to do **5 devotionals per week**. For more details or any questions, contact Kerry at kerry@lovethesea.com

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January-July 2023)

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Giving	\$533,329	\$609,000	(\$75,671)

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January-July 2023)

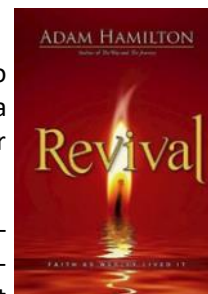
	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenue	\$559,624	\$613,550	(\$53,926)
Expenses	\$571,633	\$588,960	\$17,327
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St. Andrew Social Singles will meet for coffee at "our" Starbucks next to the church on **Monday, September 11 at 10:00 am** to plan for Fall get-togethers. All singles are welcome!

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). Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to the first study session. **NOTE - This study will complement and enrich Jonathan's sermon series in September and October.**



Our St. Andrew By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen mission to care for and feed our many south island neighbor families has had a very productive summer. We are serving 75 lunches Tuesdays and Fridays for a total of 150 lunches per week. Our grocery Harvest Table provides meat, dairy, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, bakery and bread produce items for 25 families and 15 individuals. We are feeding 150 people from the Harvest Table weekly. The savings from these free food items allow families to direct their income to housing and transportation expenses.

The Soup kitchen is 24/7. Did you know this? Located in the front parking lot is our blue and white BLESSING BOX. The idea is simple: you "GIVE" what you can and others "TAKE" what they need. There are two ways to donate and fill the Blessing Box: #1 put food items directly in the Blessing Box every Sunday or daily during other trips to the church; #2 place grocery bags full of needed items in the Soup Kitchen shopping cart every Sunday. Fill our cart, and we will fill the box! A suggested donation list is available at the Blessing Box, the Soup Kitchen shopping cart, or visit hhiiumc.com/soup-kitchen for current pantry needs.



All our St. Andrew By-The-Sea servers are thankful for the support we receive. For how you can help to contact Tom Sharp at kaysharp123@gmail.com

From the Chair

by Sarah Coffin, Church Council Chair

The July 17 Church Council meeting included both a Charge Conference and regular Church Council meeting. Our District Superintendent gave Pastor Frank responsibility for conducting a Charge Conference to vote on modifications to Pastor Jonathan's compensation to enable him to prove Beaufort County residency. The motion was approved unanimously and there were no changes to the total compensation.

The five strategic planning teams are meeting and striving for some early wins and the completion of their plans by mid-fall. Under Michael Tucker's lead, a first draft of a Safety and Security manual has been completed. The Council decided that Fall Festival is a challenge for 2023 but some fundraiser will be planned for 2024. It's always a great opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie in addition to raising funds for missions. The Communications Committee is very active and beginning work on a new website and logo.

We continued the discussion on our position regarding human sexuality and reviewed a very rough belief statement. The conversation was open, candid and respectful. Many different beliefs and perspectives regarding this complex subject were shared. Pastor Jonathan reminded us once again of John Wesley's statement: "Though we many not think alike, may we still love alike." We will continue this journey.

Meet the STAFF

This is a new monthly column for The Fisherman. Meet the Staff will help familiarize you with the people that serve as staff at St. Andrew By-The-Sea

UMC. This month, please get to know Rev. Frank Lybrand.

Rev. Frank Lybrand, "retired" in June 2019 as Senior Pastor of Carteret Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort. In September 2019, he joined St. Andrew as an Associate Pastor, assisting in worship and providing weekly congregational care and other support functions of the church. Frank has spent more than 39 years serving churches in the South Carolina Annual Conference. We were so grateful that Frank also served us as our interim pastor after Rev. Dr. Robin Dease was elected Bishop and before Rev. Jonathan Tompkins joined us in July.



Frank was born and grew up in Union, SC the youngest of three boys. His parents worked in the textile mills most of their lives. After graduating from high school, Frank served in the US Air Force as an air traffic control operator.

When his four years of service were over, he returned to Union where he sensed a call to pastoral ministry. He graduated from Wofford College in 1983 while serving a local church. Frank's Master of Divinity degree was earned at Erskine Theological Seminary as he continued to serve local congregations.



☞ To Bob Rop and family at the passing of our Christian sister, Mary Rop, on July 26, 2023. A memorial service will be held at Seabrook on September 30, 2023.

☞ To the family of our Christian sister, Freda Thomas, who passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. A memorial service was held on at St. Andrew on August 3, 2023.

YOUTH KAYAKING EVENT

Sunday, September 17, 4:00-6:00 pm

Rowing and Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park

137 Squire Pope Rd, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Youth grade 6 and up are invited to come on our kayak trip where we will explore God's beautiful creation through the marshes of Skull Creek.

Nate Skager of the Island Rec Center (a former local firefighter, NR-EMT, and Certified Red Cross Lifeguard) will help us have a true Lowcountry experience learning about and working with the tides, oysters, and wildlife including dolphins, birds, and anything else we might see on the water.



\$20 per kayaker

Sign up by Sept. 10

RSVP to:

conniebhhiumc@gmail.com

Fishing at the dock and a snack supper is included. Parents are encouraged to be dockhands and enjoy the evening with us!

In 1986, Frank was ordained as Elder in the SC Conference of the United Methodist Church. Most of his ministry, he served as pastor of congregations in upstate SC, until being appointed to Carteret Street UMC, Beaufort in 2015.

Frank is married to Sherry, his wife of 42 years. They have two children. Torey lives in Conway, SC and Taylor, along with his wife, Caroline, live in Greenville, SC. Sherry is a retired public school teacher of 35 years experience.

In retirement, Frank decided to give his time to watercolor painting. He also enjoys reading and watching movies with Sherry.

What he likes best about his role at SABTS is the interaction with the people. Says Frank, "I believe ministry is always people focused. Whether leading worship or the Healing and Wholeness Service, videotaping the Praying Together Online sessions, participating in the administration needs of the church or visiting persons in need, people and their connection to God stands at the center of ministry. If we forget that, our work, however good, will be in vain."



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*Coming up
this Fall*

October	Pastor Appreciation month
October 8	South End Youth Gathering Indoor Olympics
October 15	Blessing of the Animals
October 15, 22, 29	Stewardship Series + Fellowship Lunch
October 24	Annual Charge Conference
November 5	All Saints Sunday
November 23	Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 27	Tree Trimming Party

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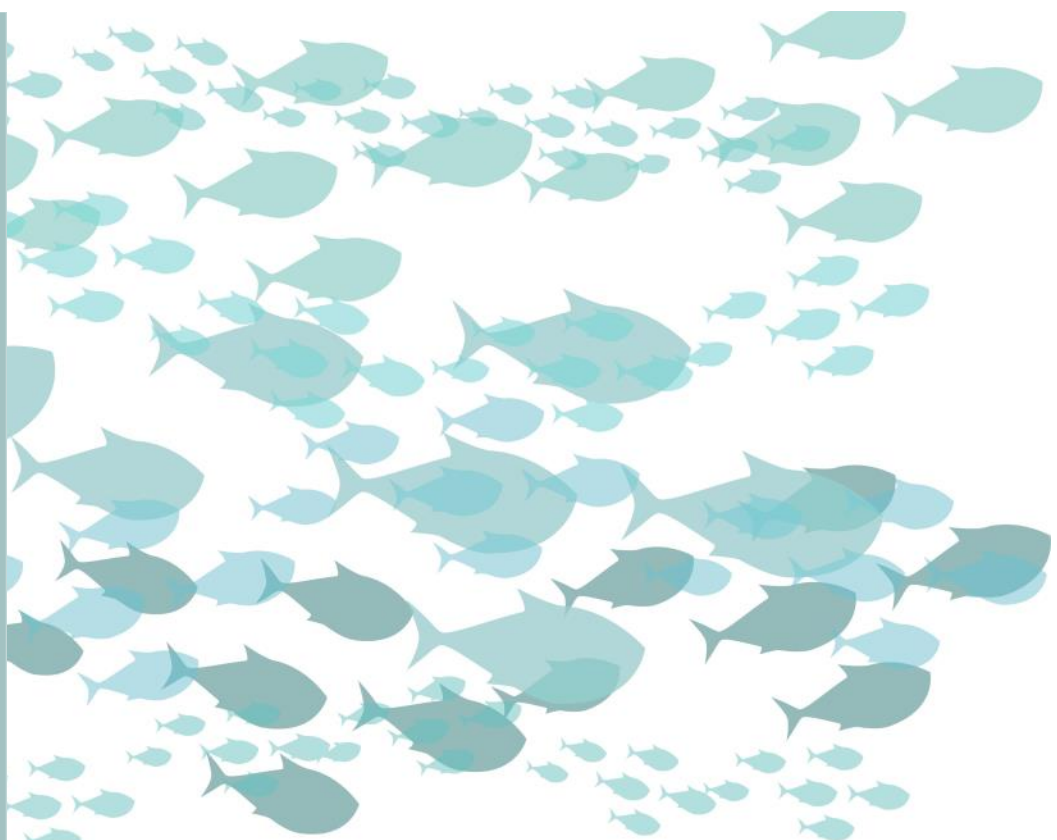
Church Office Hours
M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

SUMMER WORSHIP
One Service at 10:00 am
In-person + Livestream

Rev. Jonathan Tompkins
Senior Pastor

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand
Associate Pastor

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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.*