

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

Exploring Stewardship by Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

October brings Fall with it--cooler weather, changing colors (sort of?)--and tends to make me appreciate God's creation anew each year. According to our Creation story in Scripture, God gave us stewardship over the world and entrusted us to take good care of all that God had made.

This month, we'll have opportunities to explore stewardship in multiple ways:

Sunday, October 1, is World Communion Sunday, and during our worship service that morning we will come to the Lord's Table along with Christians from all over the world, reminding us of our inter-connectedness as stewards of God's world.

Sunday, October 8, we will host the South End Youth for a Youth Olympics night at 5:00 pm. This is a quarterly gathering for young people from many of our neighboring churches, and we are privileged to be able to host this because of your stewardship of our wonderful facilities like our Celebration Center.

Sunday, October 15, we will offer our Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 pm—bring your pet for a blessing and a treat, and bring donations for our local Humane Society. This time of worship and fellowship outside in creation will remind us that we are stewards of 'all creatures of our God and King.'

Sundays October 15—29 will be Stewardship Sundays during worship: we will continue exploring John Wesley, Methodism's founder, and look to him for financial stewardship guidance with our series 'Earn. Save. Give: Wesley's Wealth Wisdom.' That series will culminate on October 29 with Pledge Sunday: we will encourage you to turn in a financial pledge card for 2024 and will gather in the Celebration Center for a covered-dish lunch following the service.

These are just the Sunday opportunities to practice stewardship this month—there are 6 other days each week to do so as well! Read on to see the many opportunities for you to welcome, worship, grow, and serve with St. Andrew by-the-Sea! Grace and peace, *Jonathan*



Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Celebrate the meaning of Thanksgiving with a free **FREE TO ALL!** community Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, served family style. Come alone or bring the whole family. It's always a place to meet new and old friends.



**Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, Nov. 23**

11 am ~ 3 pm

Hudson's Seafood House on

Sponsored by St. Andrew By-The-Sea, Hudson's, Providence Presbyterian, HH Community Church, and Island Rec. Center.

Donations are gratefully accepted and benefit Deep Well, Bluffton Self Help, and Second Helpings of Hilton Head and Bluffton.

Call 843.505.1370 for more info, to serve, or for a ride that day.

You may also visit


CommunityThanksgiving.com



**Monday,
October 24
7:30 pm
Sanctuary**

This will be an in-person meeting only

**CHARGE
CONFERENCE**

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 pm

A service blessing animals is a witness to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. Bring your favorite creature with fur, feathers, scales or fins to the doors of our sanctuary to receive a blessing and a treat by the pastors. Participants and their people are asked to gather outdoors for a brief liturgy and prayer prior to the blessing of each animal. Donations for the Humane Society will be received .




There are a number of brothers and sisters in our congregation experiencing a difficult time in their life: serious illness, loss of


income, loneliness, loss of a loved one, marital issues, for example. They are fervently praying that God will relieve them of their struggles, and help them to get beyond their pain and grief. In his book "Why," Adam Hamilton says that one of the primary ways God answers prayers is by sending people; God created people to do His will and to help each other. So often when we see or hear about someone who needs help, we think *someone else will step up* or *I'm not qualified, what can I possibly offer that could be of help, or I'm too old to get involved.*

We are presented opportunities each day to be used by God, to be the hands and feet of Christ in the lives of others, to be the answer to their prayers. This is part of God's plan and God's will for each of us. When we invite God to lead, guide, and use us, we are inviting Him to help us pay attention, to *look for and see* these opportunities, and ultimately to say yes in those moments when our life could be a part of God's larger redemption story. Often, the call is to be a Christian friend, to simply be *present* with someone and *listen* to their story.

If you are willing to become the answer to someone's prayer, please talk with Bill Putnam about Stephen Ministry at 843.683.7800 or williamlputnam1@gmail.com. A class of new Stephen Ministers is now forming and will begin in January 2024. The need is great; the reward is even greater.

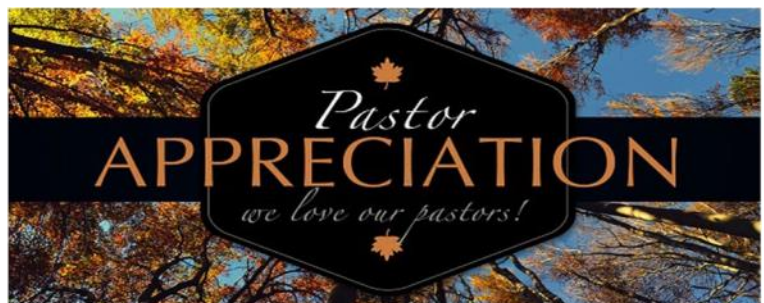
GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - August 2023)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Giving	\$533,329	\$609,000	(\$75,671)
Operating Revenue and Expenses (January - August 2023)			
	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$559,624	\$613,550	(\$53,926)
Expenses	\$571,633	\$588,960	\$17,327
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,009)	\$24,590	(\$36,599)



Deepest sympathy

- ☞ To the family and friends of our Christian sister Jane Hilson who passed away on September 20, 2023 on Hilton Head. No memorial service details available at this time.
- ☞ To the family and friends of our Christian brother William 'Bill' Rhomberg who passed away in Charleston, SC on September 20, 2023. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew on Friday, October 20.
- ☞ To the family of our Christian brother Porter Morgan who passed away August 24, 2023 on Hilton Head. A memorial service was held at St. Andrew on September 16, 2023.
- ☞ To Lynda Castle at the passing of her sister-in-law, Beverly McKinney on August 24, 2023 on Hilton Head. A memorial service was held at St. Andrew on September 16, 2023.



October is pastor appreciation month. The Staff Pastor Parish Committee along with the congregation want to thank our special pastors Reverend Tompkins and Reverend Lybrand for being our loving shepherds. Jonathan and Frank, God has chosen you, gifted you and blessed you. We are grateful for the sermons you preach, for the prayers you uplift, for your wise council, for your words of encouragement, for your sacrifice and for your service.

Thank you

From the SPPRC on behalf of the St. Andrew church family



EPWORTH BY THE SEA, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA

Children and adult leaders from all around South Georgia came together at the end of September with dozens of other church groups, learning how to worship, study God's Word, and understand what a relationship with Jesus really means. Amidst beautiful coastal scenery, amazing adult leaders and time away from home -- children, 3rd-6th grade, were given an opportunity to experience Christ in brand new ways! Our St. Andrew students and leaders made a lot of memories and had a fun, challenging and impactful time together.



Our St. Andrew By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen mission to care for and feed our many south island neighbor families continues as we serve lunch 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.



Suds Sunday in September was an overwhelming success! With your generous donations we have stocked the shelves with much needed personal items, house hold cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Thank you for your wonderful response to this need. If you missed Suds Sunday, you are welcome to drop items off anytime at the church office or on Sundays. Look for the grocery cart.

And don't forget about our blue and white BLESSING BOX located in the front parking lot. 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 hhiumc.com/soup-kitchen for current pantry needs.

After School Program Volunteers Needed



One of Bishop Robin's goals when she was our pastor was to utilize our Celebration Center more and be of value to the community. The After School Program (ASP), a partnership between St. Andrew and Beau-

fort County Schools, is one way to achieve both. The ASP is a fully-funded program to help elementary-aged children catch up academically post-Covid.

The group meets M-TH when school is in session from 3:00-6:00 pm. We have need of volunteers who can help 1-4 times a week, especially for the afternoon meal pickup (about an hour of your time). To learn more, contact Program Supervisor Bev Ohemeng (St. Andrew member) at 843.415.6406 or bohmemeng@aol.com.



CHECK OUT OUR PODCAST!

In addition to the worship service each week, we've added new segments: Pastor Frank's Praying Together Online with different ways to pray each week, and Pastor Jonathan's *Getting to Know Saint Andrew* with a new guest each week. Find it on our website, on Podomatic, Spotify, Amazon Music, or soon on Apple Podcasts.

From the Chair

Sarah Coffin, Church Council Chair

Many thanks to Lois Chandler, Paula Refice, Connie Borgianini, Lorena Best, Kerry Tilden, Lesley Kyle, and all the others who helped set up for the wonderful Welcome Back Lunch and Opportunity Fair on September 10. The attendance was great and over 50 opportunities for classes, fellowship, outreach, music, worship, and Bible studies were presented. If you weren't there you missed some great fried chicken, corn dogs and ice cream sandwiches!

Church Council leadership is busy on many fronts: a small team is working on refreshing our website, SPPRC is beginning the search for a Family Ministry position, podcasts of our services are now available, and a purchase agreement between St. Andrew and Beaufort County has been signed regarding the sale of the Buckwalter property.

In the coming months we will be reviewing the 2024 budget, continuing our discussion regarding the Way Forward, reviewing the work of the five strategic planning groups and developing further plans to safely secure our church.

Our



Music Ministry is in full swing! Our Seaside Bell Choir, Seaside Chancel Choir, and Seaside Liturgical Dancers have already enhanced our September services with their music and dance.

LITURGICAL DANCERS - We have added a new group to our ministry. We now have nine liturgical dancers who graced us with their talent for the first time on September 10. My hope is to have the dancers participate in a service once a month. We welcome new members anytime.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED - We are currently 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 in the sanctuary. Please consider joining us.

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS - Our Chancel Choir has grown considerably over the past year. We always welcome 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 in the music room. We sing most Sundays from September through May as well as for special services throughout the year.

YOUTH CHOIR - We have a very small but dynamic Seaside Youth Choir. We would love to see the choir grow. We rehearse after the 10:00 service on Sundays. All children kindergarten and up are welcome to join us.

INSTRUMENTALISTS - As we explore alternative music for our services, we would like to have a larger variety in instrumentalists. If you play an instrument, please reach out and join our Music Ministry.

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

trustees



Trustee Tidbits

- ◆ The county continues to pursue zoning changes for the property on Buckwalter. They are working with a consultant to expedite the process. All sides are excited to see this happen. We are still looking at a first quarter 2024 settlement date.
- ◆ The air conditioning system for the left side of the Sanctuary is in the final stages of manufacturing and will arrive next week. Installation is expected in late September or early October and will take a week to complete.
- ◆ All the fire system inspections have been completed. We are in the process of finalizing some punch list items to complete the inspection requirements.
- ◆ We are in the final stages of finalizing the Multi-Peril Insurance for the church. It has been difficult to find an underwriter but we feel we have found an excellent insurer although the premium has gone up substantially including an increase in named storm deductible.
- ◆ A long-range equipment maintenance and replacement plan is being finalized. It includes all assets greater than \$2,500 and shows potential capital outlays for the next 20 years.

OPEN GYM

MEN'S OPEN GYM
MONDAYS, STARTING IN OCT
6:30-8:30 PM

DETAILS

- Bring friends
- Basketball
volleyball + more
- no sign up required

LOCATION: ST. ANDREW BY-THE-SEA UMC CELEBRATION CENTER

Indoor Olympics
South End Youth Event
Sunday, October 8, 5:00-7:00pm
20 Pope Avenue, HHI

Grades 5 & up
All are welcome

Sponsor churches:
St. Andrew By The Sea UMC
Providence Presbyterian
First Baptist

RSVP - conniebhhiumc@gmail.com

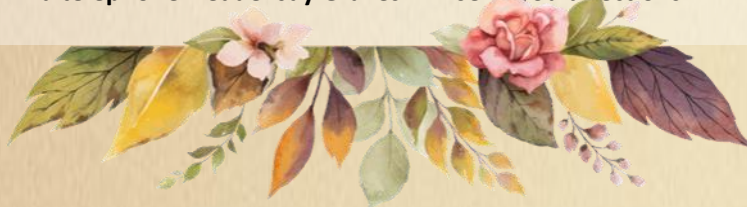


Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends continue to meet Tuesdays via Zoom with new focused sharing topics each week

Everyone is invited to join in!

Email jaygraves@hotmail.com for an invitation link. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate via telephone. Leader Jay Graves will send you directions.



Meet the STAFF

This is monthly column will help familiarize you with the people who serve as staff at St. Andrew By-The-Sea. This month, please get to know Connie Borgianini.

Connie Borgianini serves as the Director of Christian Education. Connie has been with St. Andrew for 27 years, starting as a volunteer, then a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator, then both Children & Youth Director two years later. During her time with the youth at St. Andrew, her husband Steve frequently assisted and mentored, enjoying all the excitement and experiences that came with that time of ministry. She has served in her current position for the last 20 years.



Prior coming to South Carolina, Connie was a middle school science teacher early in her career before managing the office and handling the marketing when her husband, Steve, now a professor at USCB, had an environmental consulting firm. Connie is a graduate of Stockton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science as well as The College of New Jersey with a Master of Arts in Teaching Science K-12. She also holds a certification in Christian Education.

Connie grew up in a large family on a small farm in a small town in southern New Jersey. (The town of Hedding is named after a Methodist Bishop.) Connie is a life-long Methodist. The couple moved to Hilton Head Island in 1995 in search of warmer winters, where they raised their daughter, Torri, who was at that time in middle school.

For fun, Connie likes to "play" with watercolors, toss bocce balls with friends, ride her bike, and relax at the beach. The Borgianini family enjoyed many years sailing locally and taking sailing vacations with extended family and friends. Now they spend most of their time on land with their feet in the sand, often with their sheltie, Autumn.

When asked what she loves most about her current job, Connie

CELEBRATE DEER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings for kids

Growing together in our faith every Sunday morning!

Sunday School – 9:15 to 9:45 am / Education Bldg., Children's Rooms B104 & 105

Grades K-5 (youth invited as leaders)

Bible story, crafts, and activities that help us learn about our faith.

Children's Chapel – 10:00 am worship service / Christ Chapel, Grades K-3 (during Pastor Jonathan's sermon)

Learn about worship from a child's perspective and curiosity

Nursery Care – available as needed / Education Bldg.

For little ones younger than three years

Please email conniebhhiumc@gmail.com with any questions or to volunteer. hhiumc.com/children



Creating for Good

**Thursdays, beginning October 5
10:00-11:00, Education Building
Photo of cards**

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. Feel free to bring your current project along and just be part of the fun and fellowship. Our hope is to use the items 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 sign-up required. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed! Contact Linda at jhorwitz104@gmail.com for more.

says, "I never know what the day is going to bring. There are some great opportunities that come up throughout the day that are what I believe to be "God nudges." Over the years, I have been blessed to work with wonderful and caring people, both our staff and congregation, that have inspired me to be a better person."



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November 5	<i>All Saints Sunday</i>
	<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>
November 23	<i>Community Thanksgiving Dinner</i>
November 23-24	<i>Church Offices Closed</i>
November 27	<i>Free Trimming Party (Hanging of the Greens)</i>

The Fisherman Newsletter
will be on vacation for the
month of November.
Look for the
December issue after
Thanksgiving.

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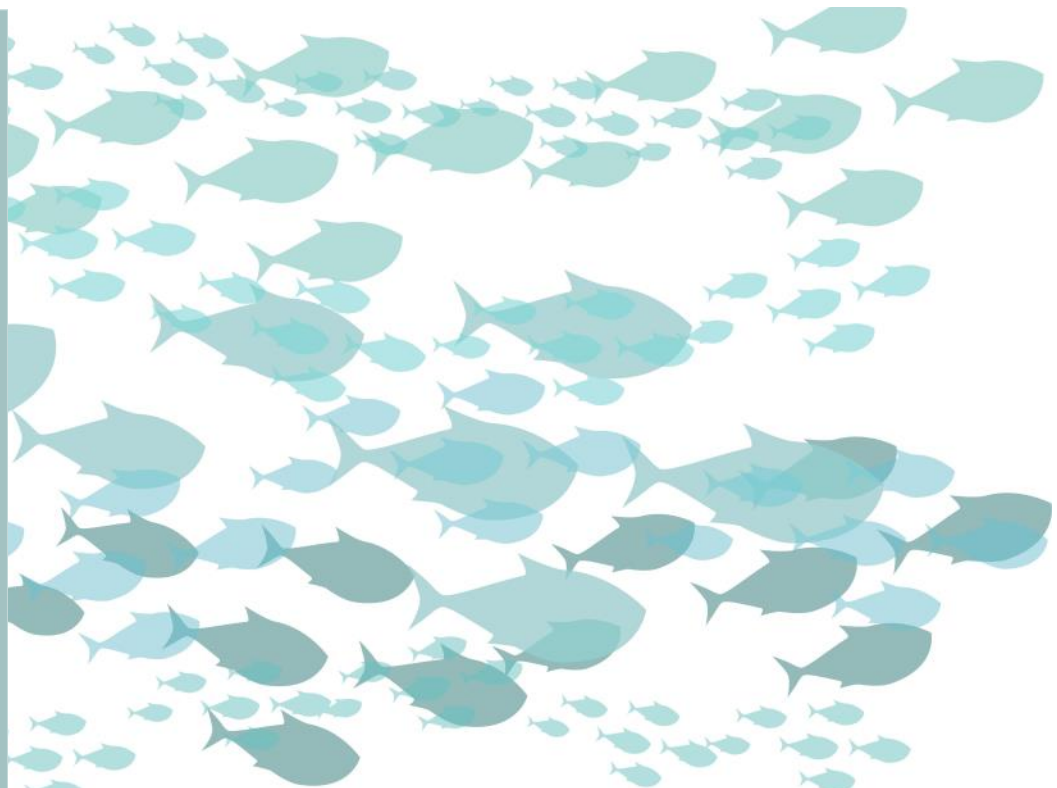
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Church Office Hours
M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
SUMMER WORSHIP
One Service at 10:00 am
In-person + Livestream

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Rev. Frank E. Lybrand
Associate Pastor

Find us on all your
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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.*