

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

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Founding Sponsors



Celebrate the meaning of Thanksgiving with a free community Thanksgiving Dinner served family-style complete with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. Come alone and meet new friends or bring the whole family.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Thanksgiving Day, November 23

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks

Off Squire Pope Road on Skull Creek

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Hilton Head Community Church

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Island Rec. Center

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to become a sponsor

The celebration, filled with food (served family-style), fellowship and entertainment, is **FREE TO ALL!** Donations are gratefully accepted and benefit Deep Well, Bluffton Self Help, and Second Helpings, a food rescue

Scan the QR code to donate.

Call 843.505.1370

for more info, to volunteer, or for a ride that day.

You may also visit

www.CommunityThanksgiving.com



Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

PSALM 107:8-9

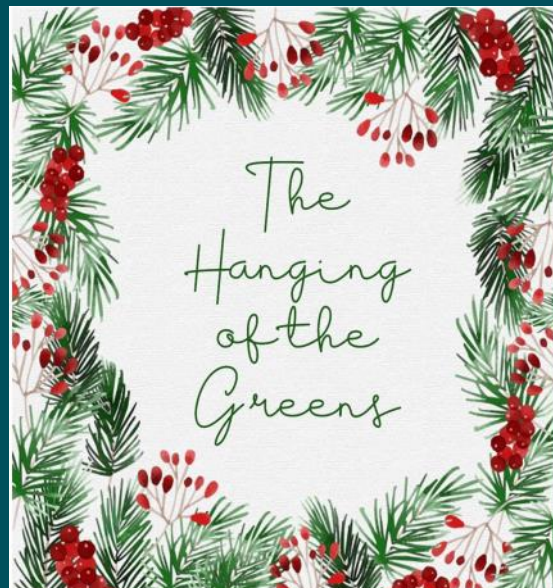
All Saints
SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5, 2023

10:00 am

St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC and Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks will host the 24th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, from 11 am-3 pm. Hilton Head residents and visitors are invited to attend this free traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Hudson's Restaurant (One Hudson Road, HHI). Whether you are alone this Thanksgiving or want to start a new tradition, all are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC, along with Hudson's Restaurant, is a founding sponsor of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Donations will benefit Bluffton Self Help, Second Helpings, and The Deep Well Project. Learn more about this special event and register to volunteer on the website at communitythanksgiving.com. Questions? Contact Lesley Kyle at 914-671-9524 or lesley.kyle@gmail.com



The Hanging of the Greens

DECORATE
prepare the sanctuary for Christmas guests

SING
and enjoy the music of Advent & Christmas

BRING
a holiday treat to share and an ornament or two to add to the trees
cocoa & hot cider provided

MONDAY
NOV 27
6:00 PM

fun for everyone... singles, couples, and families
no RSVP required
bring a friend!

Meet the STAFF

This 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 Bruce Gale.



Bruce Gale has been Minister of Music at St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC since May 2022. Bruce has been a church musician for over 30 years, both as an organist and music director. Prior to SABTS, he served as the Minister of Music at the Gilead Congregational Church in Hebron, CT.

Bruce's first career was owning and operating a music store in Willimantic, CT for 22 years. He sold instruments and musical accessories as well as did a great deal of teaching piano and organ lessons. Bruce was a Hospice volunteer for 12 years. He would take a keyboard and play music for Hospice patients and their families. He also volunteered at the Harry and Helen Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital where he would play piano while patients received chemo and radiation.

Bruce graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor and Master's +30 degree in Education with minor degrees in music and reading. He taught first grade for 24 years. Bruce was a member of American Guild of Organists (AGO), the Connecticut Education Association (CEA) and the National Education Association (NEA). He is currently a member of American Guild of Organists, Lowcountry Chapter.

Bruce lives in Sun City and enjoys music, gardening, travel, and volunteering in his spare time.



FALL FUN BREAK
Tuesday, Nov. 7
Grades K to MS
2:00-3:30 pm
Celebration Ctr.

An afternoon of fun and games! Big Ball Volleyball (and we mean BIG), Gaga Pit, Basketball Shootout, Pumpkin Bowling and more - along with a creative service project. Everyone will get in on the action and choose a prize from Miss Connie's Treasure Chest. Invite a friend to come along!

RSVP to Miss Connie at conniebhhiumc@gmail.com
Wavier form and emergency contact info required at time of drop-off.



Two Study Options to Choose From



Tuesdays, Nov. 28 to Dec. 19

10:00-11:00 am

Room CIII (Celebration Center)

Leader – Rev. Frank Lybrand

It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now.

In Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way.

Participants are asked to read the first chapter prior to the first study session. Video components are available through Amplify Media. A limited number of books are available - cost \$10.

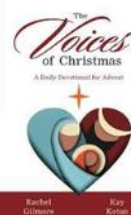
Tuesdays, December 5 - 19

6:00-7:00 pm

Online only (via Zoom)

Leader – Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

Advent is a time to get ready to celebrate the birth of Christ. Amidst the business of the season, you're invited to these three sessions to take time to focus on our HOPE through song, Scripture reading, discussion, and a different spiritual practice each week. These sessions will delve deeper into the theme of each Sunday's sermon (Hope for Healing, Hope for Love, Hope for Peace, Hope for Joy) guided by the book 'The Voices of Christmas' by Rachel Gilmore and Kay Kotan (this book is a daily devotional for Advent and highly recommended as a supplement to this study). A limited number of books are available on a first-come basis - cost \$10. Email addresses required for Zoom invitation.



If you are interested in either of these studies, please email to standrewbythesea@gmail.com to sign up.



Servanthood

This summer, Bruce Gale, our Minister of Music, introduced us to a wonderful song that was, until then, unfamiliar to me: *The Servant Song*, by Richard Gillard. It perfectly describes the true meaning of "servanthood." The first verse reads as follows:

*Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.*

What a beautiful, prayerful thought. At first glance, the message is exactly what we would expect because it echoes and summarizes in a few words the main theme of Jesus's ministry...we are to love and care for each other. But, take a closer look, especially at the second phrase: "Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too." Wait! What? That seems backwards; is that saying that I should let someone be a servant to me? If so, it implies that there is another side to Servanthood: serving others with Christ-like love on the one side, and accepting the offer of care with reciprocating love and grace on the other.

Thinking about that, we are led to understand that when we are struggling, it's OK (good even) to ask for help; not only is the care receiver comforted through Christian care, but the struggling individual also blesses the care giver by graciously accepting his or her care. Both parties in the relationship become answers to each other's prayer.

The second verse of *The Servant Song* explains why we should offer and accept care to/from one another: We are pilgrims on a journey,

*We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.*

In Adam Hamilton's insightful book *Why*, he explains that God answers many prayers for relief to struggles by sending people to be with us and provide Christian care in response to those prayers. Caring people who answer God's call become the hands and feet of Jesus, loving and comforting us when we suffer...helping to bear our load. If we embrace this truth that God sends people to those in crisis, we are then led to understand that when we ignore the quiet urge to help someone or reject the offer of compassionate care, we may be missing out on God's answer to our prayers.

Returning to *The Servant Song*, the remaining three verses beautifully express the nature of the relationship between the care giver and care receiver:

Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

Saturday, November 11, 10:30 am
Shelter Cove Veterans Memorial Park, HHI
Free and open to the public

Brigadier General Mitchell Leclaire, US Army Retired, is the Master of Ceremonies. USMC combat veteran Roy Brown and Stephanie Brown, the Co-Founders of Operation Patriot Forward Operating Base (OPFOB), will present the Keynote Address. Music will be provided by the Hilton Head Choral Society. The Navy Junior ROTC Cadets from Hilton Head High School will provide the Color Guard, ushers, and the traditional reading of the poem, "In Flanders Fields." Members from American Legion Posts 42 and 185 will participate in the ceremony. Trumpeters will play the bugle calls for the ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place at St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC, 20 Pope Ave, Hilton Head Island

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - September 2023)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Giving	639,708	\$751,000	(\$111,292)

Operating Revenue and Expenses (January - September 2023)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$676,645	\$756,850	(\$80,205)
Expenses	\$731,342	\$748,480	\$17,138
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$54,697)	\$8,370	(\$63,067)

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.*

Viewed as a whole, *The Servant Song* fully and completely captures the heart of Stephen Ministry and the relationship between a Stephen Minister and the Care Receiver. It is a relationship unlike any other.

For more information about becoming a Stephen Minister or receiving the care of a Stephen Minister, please email stephenministryhhiumc@gmail.com, or contact David Peterson at 843.816.1762. All communication confidential.



American
Red Cross

CPR/AED TRAINING



FREE 1-hour classes

- Thursday, November 30
11:15 - 12:15 am
- Tuesday, December 5
2:00 - 3:00 pm

To Register:

- standrewbythesea@gmail.com
- hhiumc.com
- 843.785.4711

Training offered and taught by
Hilton Head Fire Rescue
at their facility located at
40 Summit Dr. HH, 29926



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WISDOM understanding counsel knowledge *Confirmation* fortitude piety fear of the Lord

We are excited to share our plans for Confirmation, one of the most important faith milestones in the lives of our children. The confirmation journey is open to children/youth in grades 5 and above.

Classes will be on Sunday evenings, 5:00-7:00 pm, starting with a snack supper each week on the following dates:

February 4
February 11
February 18
February 25

March 1-3 - Confirmation Retreat at Epworth By The Sea

April 7 - Confirmation Sunday (10:00 worship) followed by a church-wide luncheon

Please mark these dates on your calendar and let us know that your child will be joining us. standrewbythesea@gmail.com

Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am via Zoom

Please email jaygraves@hotmail.com for a Zoom invitation. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate via telephone. Call Jay at 843-342-6322 for directions on how to do this.

Everyone is invited to join in!



Teddy Bear Sunday December 3

Bring a NEW teddy bear to the worship on December 4 or to the church office before Monday, December 4.

All furry creatures will be distributed to caring organizations in our community including Hopeful Horizons and the Soup Kitchen.

Our sincere condolences...

- To Kerry McMahon and family at the passing of our Christian sister Millie McMahon on October 4, 2023.
- To Julie Miller and the friends of our Christian brother William 'Bill' Rhomberg who passed away on September 20, 2023 in Charleston, SC.
- To Justin Hilson and the friends of our Christian sister Jane Hilson who passed away on September 20, 2023 on Hilton Head.



Connect With us!

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

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

Rev. Jonathan E. Tompkins
Senior Pastor

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand
Associate Pastor