SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sign up to give the sanctuary flowers in memory or honor of a person or occasion. The schedule is now located in the Narthex on Sundays or you may call the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Andrew By-The-Sea is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, January 12, 2024, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Make your reservation by contacting the blood bank at oneblood.org or sign up on Sundays.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. ANDREW

Director of Family Ministries - As part of the St. Andrew staff, the Director of Family Ministries will work full-time, developing ministry for children (grades 5 and below) and youth (grades 6-12) to carry out ministry to, with, and by young people at St. Andrew. An ideal candidate would be well-acquainted with United Methodist theology and practice. Salary range: \$50,000--\$60,000/year

Audio/Visual Coordinator - This staff position will oversee our Sunday worship live-streaming and screen presentation on a weekly basis. Duties primarily include coordinating online streaming and in-person audio/visual presentation on Sunday mornings assisted by a volunteer team, and producing screen content in coordination with worship staff (can be done remotely). Professional training and tutorials on our presentation software will be provided. Rate of pay is \$20 - \$40 per hour based on experience for up to 10 hours per week year-round.

Send resumés to Kim Likins, Staff Parish Relations Chair at kimlikins@roadrunner.com

COMING UP

Jan. 7	Epiphany Sunday
	Two worship service schedule resumes
Jan. 15	Church office closed
	Hilton Head MLK march
Jan 28	Suds Sunday
Feb. 4	Communion
Feb. 11	Stephen Ministry Sunday
	Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday

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 IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

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The Work of the People for December 31, 2023

The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the hope, love, peace, and joy of the Christ-child

GATHERING FOR PRAISE

PRELUDE

A Christmas Medley

RINGING OF THE TRINITY CHIMES

*CAROL OF PRAISE - UMH #246

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

*A READING FROM THE PROPHET

Rev. Frank Lybrand

Isaiah 52:7-10

*CAROL - UMH #251

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

All children and young people are invited to come forward at this time

RESPONSIVE READING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! We wait for you no longer, Lord Jesus, you have come! God has increased our joy, for a child has been given to us, a Son has been born to us!

We wait for you no longer, Lord Jesus, you have come! His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His name is Lord Jesus Christ, and He has come! We light the Christ candle today, along with all the Christmas candles of HOPE, LOVE, PEACE, and JOY to knock holes in the darkness.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out! Amen!

ADVENT CANDLE SONG - TFWS #2090

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

{verse 5}

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20 (MSG)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Carols for a Tiny King arr. H. Sorenson We acknowledge with gratitude all who give in-person and online

DOXOLOGY {sung to the tune of 'The First Noel'}

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Noel, noel, noel, Born is the king of Israel.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING {by request}

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

'The Work of Christmas' by Howard Thurman
When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.
May it be so! In the name of Christ, Amen!

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*CAROL

A Star Shone Bright

{sung to the tune of Gift of Love}

A star shone bright across the plain, and calmed the earth so Love could reign. 'Twas in child that hope was born, a dream fulfilled! O happy morn.

O Son of God, Incarnate Word, O Wisdom's light whom angels heard, come forth again, our hearts console. O heal our hurts and make us whole.

From Bethlehem come to our day; reveal to us your holy way. Be born again Eternal Fire, O Spirit come our hearts inspire.

O star shine forth once more this night, and flood our streets with heavenly Light til every heart in Christ shall see the glory of eternity.

*SENDING FORTH

{sung to the tune of Away in a Manger}

Awaken Us, God {Faith}

Your Word is made flesh; life's rich blessings you give. Now grant that in faith as your children we live. Awaken us, God, to the dawn in our hearts, and grant that we live by the light it imparts.

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*POSTLUDE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

MCGEE

*Please stand as you are able

ILL OR CONVALESCING

Claire Wheeler, Kendall Brodie, Jane Giddings, Will and Cheri Jobbins

STEWARDSHIP AND December 24 Budget needed	DANCE Date	In-Person Worship	Online Worship	
December 24 Giving to Budget	\$35,442	12.03	228	312
		12.10	219	345
Special Year-End Gifts	\$9,850	12.17	161	640
Christmas Eve Tithe	\$9,617	12.24 10:00 am	Not available	370
THANK YOU! Scan the QR code or visit hhiumc.com to see several convenient ways for giving		12.24 4:30 pm	257	367
		12.24 7:00 pm	146	Not streamed

YEAR-END GIVING

weekly or monthly.

Any gift given in the offering plates through Sunday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31 will be accounted for as a 2023 gift. Please note on your check or envelope if any year-end gifts are to be considered as a pre-pay against your 2024 pledge or giving. If you are giving a gift from an IRA, brokerage account, or bank check, please notify the church to ensure we can properly credit your account. Questions or information about any gifts should be directed to our Financial Administrator Paula Refice at 843.785.4711 or email to paularhhiumc@gmail.com.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

In case you were out of town or didn't have a chance in the busy days leading up to Christmas, it's not too late to give to the Christmas Eve offering. This special offering will be given entirely to St. Andrew's local and global missions. Make sure to designate your gift as 'Christmas Eve Offering.'

TWO-SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES

Sunday, January 7, 2024, Epiphany Sunday

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday Classes for all ages
- 11:09 am Modern Worship

Join us as we begin the new year welcoming the Wise Men, lighting the Epiphany candles, and beginning a new series, 'The B.I.B.L.E.: Making Sense of our Sacred Scripture.' For more info about our new modern service, see our YouTube page for the 'Why? What? and When?' videos.

BE PART OF OUR SCREEN TEAM

Are you familiar with an iPad or iPhone? Can you follow along with a worship service and tap a screen at the same time? Have we got an opportunity for you! We need folks to be part of our Screen Team, operating the Sunday morning worship screen presentation. Ideally, we would love to have enough people that could serve for one hour, one Sunday a month at either the early or later service). Contact Bob Gentzler at regentzler2@gmail.com if you would like to serve.