

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

Repentance: Becoming Who You Are by Rev. Frank Lybrand, Associate Pastor

I am writing this the day after Ash Wednesday. Yesterday, Pastor Jonathan and I greeted Ash Wednesday observers in the sanctuary and parking lot with ashes for their foreheads, a symbol of repentance. We spoke the words that are inseparable from the Lenten season, "Repent and believe the gospel."

Repentance is often thought of in negative terms. It conjures up feelings of guilt because of the things we have done we know we shouldn't have done and things we did not do, even though we knew we should. Repentance can be and often is an act of self-flagellation. We may not beat ourselves bloody physically, but we inflict a worse punishment on ourselves. We flog our inner selves until we bleed unstoppable.

There may be a healthier and more life-giving meaning to repentance. The experience of true repentance points us to a part of ourselves we have hidden within us, which we have not discovered yet know is there. True repentance tells me there's a better person in me wanting, longing to come alive. So the invitation to repent is an invitation to become my true self, to lay aside the false me I have pretended to be, and let the image of God within be revealed.

As Christians, we believe our true self has been revealed in

Jesus. He is who we long to be. So, through this season of Lent, may we be blessed with true repentance as we become who we are. ~ Lenten Blessings, Frank

Family Activities at St. Andrew By-The-Sea

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

- ✕ **Palm Procession** – Our traditional 'Waving of the Palm Branches' during the beginning of both worship services. We'll gather in the chapel prior to each service.
- ✕ **Easter Egg Dyeing** – creating colorful eggs (and fingers!) 10:30 to 11:00. Look for us outside the doors of the Education/Admin. Bldg.
- ✕ **Easter Egg Hunt** – following the 11:09 worship service at approx. 12:15. BYOB (bring your own basket!)



HOLY WEEK 2024

St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

PALM SUNDAY March 24
9:00 AM Traditional + 11:09 AM Modern
{In-person + Livestream}

10:30 AM Easter Egg Dyeing
12:15 PM Easter Egg Hunt

STATIONS OF THE CROSS March 25-29
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Self-led + Online

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28
6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY March 29
12 NOON
Community Service at Christ Lutheran
 829 William Hilton Pkwy, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunrise Service
 Coligny Beach, Hilton Head
7:00 AM

Sanctuary Services
9:00 + 11:09 AM
{In-person + Livestream}
 Flowering of the Cross

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Coins for Lent Continues For A Special Global Missions Project

*With Rebecca Jones,
St. Andrew Outreach Chair*

As part of a recent trip to Ecuador/Galapagos Islands, I partnered with St. Andrew global missionary Sara Flores, to conduct a Days for Girls workshop that teaches young women about reproductive health, hygiene, self defense. Each girl was also given a menstruation kit that includes underwear, reusable pads, liners, washcloth and soap. The kits are reusable and should last at least 4 years if cared for properly. The 100 kits that were donated to the young



ladies in Ecuador were made in Ecuador by a Days for Girls Social Enterprise.

To share the impact, at the end of the workshop, the young female minister who oversees the afterschool program, was almost in tears expressing her gratitude since many of the girls in the program currently use old rags as pads. She could already see the change in their demeanor with their new kits!

My husband, Mike and I sponsored the kits for this trip, however, going forward it would be great to have the resources to sponsor additional kits in Ecuador and beyond. This is where you come in with our Coins for Lent global missions project.

Follow the **Coins for Lent Giving Calendars** as a guide, then simply collect loose change and give whatever coins you have for each item. You can pick up the calendars in the Narthex on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

Here are some great resources to learn more:



- ◆ St. Andrew-supported global missionary, Sarah Flores - hhiumc.com/global
- ◆ Days For Girls - www.daysforgirls.org
- ◆ Coins for Lent - umcdiscipleship.org/articles/coins-for-lent-2024
- ◆ Rebecca Jones, St. Andrew Outreach chair - pikejones22@gmail.com

Bring your coins to the big jar in the Narthex every Sunday during Lent – let's make our pocket change count!



Confirmation Sunday

❖ **Save the Date** ❖

APRIL 7, 2024

The whole church family is invited to this joyful celebration as we receive and give thanks for our 2024 Confirmation Class

ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

ST. ANDREW SANCTUARY

A special lunch will follow in the Celebration Center
All are welcome, no RSVPs required



Have you ever had the tug to serve overseas? Now is your opportunity! St. Andrew has partnered with Otterbein UMC in Hagerstown, MD and will be serving July 27- August 3, 2024, with Mission Guatemala. Information packets are located in the church office. Contact Rebecca Jones at pikejones22@gmail.com or 704-609-6824 for more. Space is limited so please submit the Mission Guatemala Team Form as soon as possible.

CHORAL CONCERT

MARCH 12, 2024, 12:00

The Colgate University Chorus from Hamilton, NY will present a concert at St. Andrew on March 12 at 12:00 noon. Please plan to attend this concert and support the young people who will be singing for us. They are touring providing several concerts throughout the eastern part of our country. We are blessed to have them choose our church as one of their venues. They are looking forward to their time on Hilton Head!



SEASIDE YOUTH CHOIR

Our Seaside Youth Choir will be singing at both services on Easter Sunday. We will rehearse after the Modern Service on March 10, 17, and 24. All youth from kindergarten age and above are welcome to join us.

SEASIDE CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIRS

Even if you are on the Island only part time, you are more than welcome to join us while you are in the area—no long term commitments required. Please consider joining our Music Ministry—we'd love to have you sing and ring with us.

A Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series Event
St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church
Saturday, March 2, 2024

10:00 am

The Future Legacy of Historic Mitchelville

A presentation to the community by



Ahmad Ward

Executive Director of
The Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park

This **free** in-person event is hosted by the Bridge Builders Committee
A reception will be offered immediately following
Kindly RSVP at standrewbythesea@gmail.com



Church
Council
Update

In the February Fisherman article I shared that the Church Council leadership team would undertake a discussion regarding the current challenges facing the United Methodist Church. We spent several hours along with Pastors Jonathan and Frank on Saturday, February 17 to begin discussing "The Way Forward" as it relates to St. Andrew, and review the schism that has caused one fourth of UMC congregations to disaffiliate.

Jonathan shared a brief historical background that has led to our current denominational situation, the process that some churches are going through in order to leave the UMC, the cost to do so, and a perspective on the upcoming General Conference April 23 – May 3. He reminded us that the UMC has been disagreeing on The Way Forward since 1972; he also reiterated the current theological approach to interpreting scripture as we have explored in

our recent sermon series on the Bible.

We watched Adam Hamilton's video "Why We are Staying in the UMC" and discussed our reactions to this presentation in small groups. We also discussed a video from Myers Park UMC in Charlotte regarding "What's Happening in United Methodism." Both videos brought historical context, reflections on how our world-wide denomination has come to this point, and updates on the legislative topics to be discussed at General Conference.

Everyone felt they gained new insights and concluded that hosting a listening and sharing opportunity for members of St. Andrew would be helpful in communicating our collective viewpoints. Communication with more insight will be sent to each member inviting them to a church-wide informational session on Monday, April 8.

If you missed this latest event of the Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series, we invite you to view it at hhumc.com/bridge-builders. If you'd like to know more about Bridge Builders, please contact Maddie Tucker at maddietucker19@aol.com

OPPORTUNITIES

Check out our OPPORTUNITIES LIST (insert) for ways that you can get more involved by serving others and growing in your faith at St. Andrew. Anyone can join any group or class at any time. If you are interested in joining a group or would like more information, see the contact included on the list, or email Connie at conniebhhumc@gmail.com

Hey moms and dads! After you drop your kids off for Sunday School, head over to Starbucks for **JAVA WITH JESUS**. Grab a cup of coffee and chat with other parents. Spend a few minutes to discuss Pastor Jonathan's sermon, Sunday's scripture, or other relevant faith topic.



THE GONE FISHIN' GANG – this new group will meet weekly in the evenings at the beach or local dock to see what's biting. Let us know of your interest – we'll determine the date and location of our first fish based on your input. Join in and share your fish stories!

Email Connie at conniebhhumc@gmail.com

Fellowship Friends

Continues to meet Tuesdays at 10:00 am via Zoom
Different Focused-Sharing Topics Each Week

Everyone is invited to join in!

Email jaygraves@hotmail.com for a Zoom invitation. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate by telephone. Contact Jay Graves at 843.342.6322.

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January 2024)			
	January Actual	January Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Contributions	\$115,599	\$128,000	(\$12,401)
OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January 2024)			
	January Actual	January Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenue	\$117,083	\$129,700	(\$12,617)
Expenses	\$111,267	\$103,774	(\$7,493)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,816	\$25,926	(\$20,110)

Who is your influencer?



When you are in the Wilderness, where do you turn?

Six Sundays in Lent - A Sunday Morning Discussion for Grades 6-12
Youth Loft (upstairs Admin. Bldg.)



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-person + Livestream

9:00 am Traditional Worship

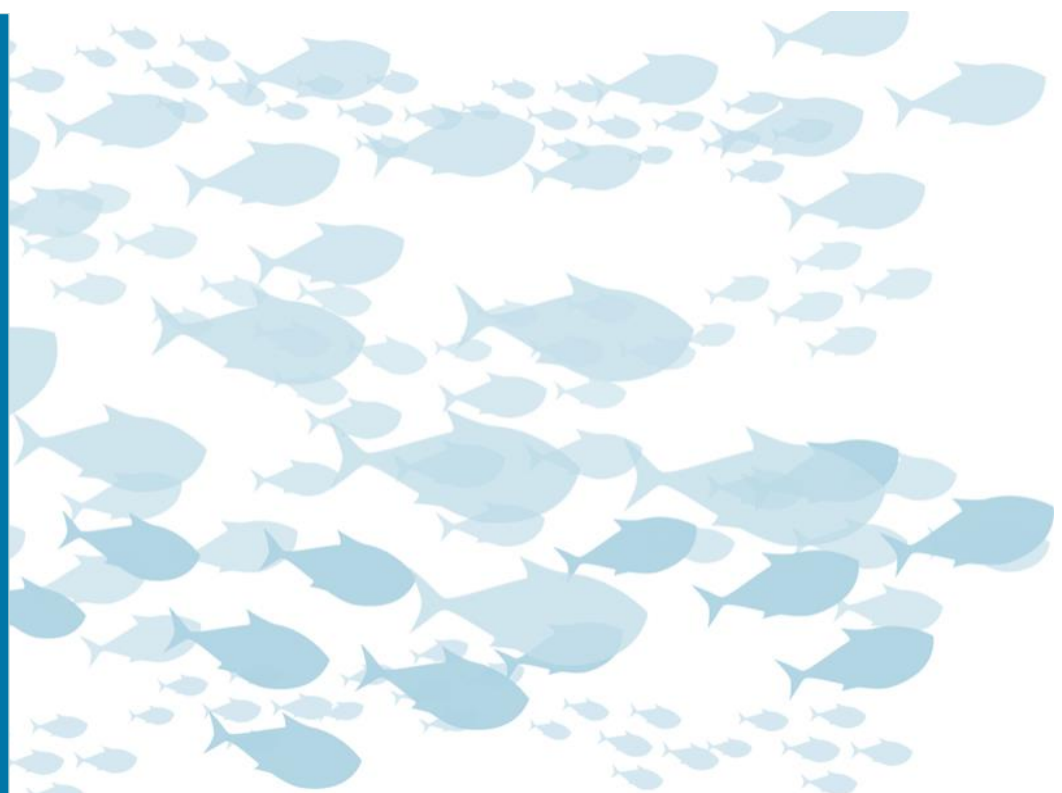
10:15 am Classes for all ages

11:09 am Modern Worship

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.