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THE FISHERMAN

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And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." MATTHEW 4:19

Creation Care Moment from The Green Team

Earth Day April 22

Do you know what our United Methodist Social Principles call us to do when it comes to earthly stewardship? Take a look at these guidelines.

Sustainable Policies and Practices

Sustainability is crucial to the development of ecologically sound policies and practices that seek to restore balance to the natural world and end the disruptive relationships between humanity and the rest of God's creation.

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There will be prizes for those who find the golden eggs and lots of fun for all ages! Pre-K through middle school are invited to participate. Highschoolers are invited to help hide the eggs during the 11:09 service.

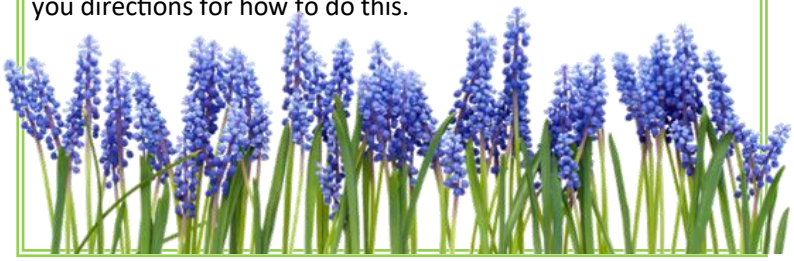
Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am via Zoom

Different Focused-Sharing Topic 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 via telephone. FF Co-Chairperson Jay Graves will be glad to send you directions for how to do this.



Creation Care of Our Island Home

A Conversation with TJ Jett, Chief Environmental Officer, Town of Hilton Head

Thursday, April 10

12:00-1:00pm, Celebration Center

Want to learn more about Creation Care at a local level? Then please join us on Thursday, April 10 for a Conversation with TJ Jett. TJ is a Hilton Head Island native and a seasoned naturalist with extensive experience in environmental program management. TJ will help us learn more about the unique environment of Hilton Head Island, as well as what the Town is doing to preserve the natural beauty and future resiliency of our island home.

TJ's passion for preserving our environment runs deep. With over 20 years of experience in environmental sustainability, he's committed to leading initiatives that protect our natural treasures. From resiliency to recycling, TJ is helping our community to continue its efforts in environmental stewardship.

Light bites and beverages will be provided.
RSVP responses appreciated: standrewbythesea@gmail.com

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Sustainable policies and practices aim to meet present human needs while ensuring that future generations have the resources they need to thrive. Sustainable policies and practices prioritize the protection of all forms of life and natural ecosystems, while supporting human beings to live in healthy balance with the earth.

We urge United Methodists to adopt sustainable habits and practices, including refraining from overconsumption, repurposing and recycling materials, avoiding products that pollute or otherwise harm the environment, and reducing the carbon footprints of individuals and families by reducing overall reliance on fossil fuels for heat, transportation and other goods.

Recognizing that simply changing our personal habits will not be enough to reverse decades of environmental damage, the church supports local, regional, national, and international cooperative efforts aimed at redressing the ecological harms humans have wreaked on a global scale. Such cooperative efforts must include the development and enforcement of policies and practices that protect all sentient beings, and the promotion of sustainable economic development. We also encourage responsible consumption and urgent action against global warming and climate change.

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Creation Care Consideration

With this information in mind, consider this month how your daily life impacts our environment. What are some small things you can do each day that will positively impact God's creation?

A Few Ideas: Recycling, reducing single use plastic, purchase items from B Corporations that consider people, profit and planet equally, choose biodegradable options where available, reuse clothing in a new way, just to name a few.

And, since the Social Principle above states that "our personal habits will not be enough to reverse decades of environmental damage," what are some ways you can get involved or contribute to larger efforts within your community?

A Few Ideas: Join the GREEN TEAM to work with a group advancing this work, join up with other community-led initiatives for sustainability, look for ways to impact a school or workplace with a new initiative, etc.

~ Rebecca Tompkins, St. Andrew Green Team member

Consider a Bequest to the Endowment Fund

ENDOWMENT FUND

This is another in a series of brief articles by your Endowment Committee to inform or remind you about some of the ways you can plan a gift to the permanent Endowment Fund of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church. This month we raise the idea of a simple bequest in a will. Your last will and testament is a unique opportunity to make a lasting donation to the church as a statement of your faith and your belief in the ongoing work of the church. You may make a bequest by providing a dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, a specific property (with advanced acceptance by the Endowment Committee) or a percentage of what remains after your wishes are fulfilled concerning your heirs. Such a designation may reduce or eliminate your estate taxes. In many cases a simple codicil to your existing will can add St. Andrew UMC and does not require re-writing your will. Consult with your tax or legal advisor for the specifics in your situation.

All gifts to the Endowment Fund are kept in perpetuity and only the earnings are used to support church and community programs.

For additional information, contact Bruce Siebold, Endowment Committee Chair, at brucesiebold@gmail.com or 843.368.7788.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Safety and Security Leader - The volunteer leadership position for St. Andrew's S+S team has become available. For a overview of responsibilities for this crucial role in helping to secure a safe worship environment, please contact Sarah Coffin at srrlcoffin@gmail.com.
  No previous experience necessary.
- Opportunities are available for anyone who would like to present a 3-minute devotional for the Young People's Discipleship Moments on Sunday mornings. Flexible scheduling and coaching available. Please contact Jim Gresham at 843.384.0122 or jamesegresham99@gmail.com.
- Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing? Our 11:09 am modern service is open to singers and musicians (guitar, bass, light percussion, sax, etc.). Connect with Peyton Dobbs at Peyton.d.music@gmail.com.

APRIL UMYF Sundays

For students grades 6-12

5:30-7:30 pm, Celebration Center

- **April 6** - We will conclude our Lent study, eat, and play
- **April 27** - a lesson, food, games! ***Friends always invited!***

Hospitality Team Members Needed

While we live in a community where the hospitality industry thrives, we in the church are also called to thrive with our Christian hospitality.

Back in the fall, during our sermon series 'Radical Hospitality,' we centered on what it means to be a hospitable church: welcoming 'the strangeness of the stranger,' opening and expanding our tables (literally and metaphorically) and always making sure there are seats available here at St. Andrew. This inspired one of our Church Council goals for this year, to create a team that will vision, develop, and carry out various hospitality practices. One has already happened: the Open Table Fellowship time after each Communion Sunday.

Another idea generated: develop a team of 'parking lot greeters' so every person is greeted with a handshake and a 'we're glad you're here' (we're thinking of calling this team 'Charlie's Angels' for those of you who knew Charlie Hannah).

There are many other methods of hospitality we can undertake—we just need you to suggest them! If you would like to be part of this new team, reach out to Pastor Jonathan: jethhiumc@gmail.com or call the church office.

11:09 Music Leader Position

For the past year, Peyton Dobbs has done a wonderful job leading the music for our 11:09 modern service. Peyton will be graduating this May and heading to college in the fall. While we are happy for her, we will be sad to lose her talents, and so, are planning ahead to find another music leader for when the time comes. Please spread the word that we will be looking for someone to lead singing, head the band, and coordinate music planning for our modern service, preferably to begin during the summer.

For a more detailed job description, contact Pastor Jonathan: jethhiumc@gmail.com

Join a Choir

Our Bell and Chancel choirs are preparing for Lent and Easter, and new members always welcome. The bells rehearse Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary, and the Chancel Choir on Wednesdays at 5:30, also in the sanctuary.
Connect with Bruce Gale at bruceghhiumc@gmail.com

GIVING AT A GLANCE (January –February 2025)			
	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Contributions	$206,202	$173,600	$32,602
OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January –February 2025)			
	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenue	$206,973	$176,642	$30,331
Expenses	$163,549	$176,642	$13,093
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	$43,424	$0	$43,424

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In-person + Online
9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:15 am Classes for all ages
11:09 am Modern Worship

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand
Associate Pastor

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