

# 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

## A Living Hope

by Rev. Jimmie A. Morrison, former St. Andrew Pastor  
Taken from his book, *Prayer Agent of Change*

### I Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

The thanksgiving we share, God, has to do with how You have made and remade us. You formed us in Your Likeness then gave us one another to make sure we followed in the way You wanted. In Christ, the risen Lord, You made it possible for us to move beyond the ordinariness of life, with its minor triumphs and major aggravations, to a life with everything to live for.

We thank You, God, for all those who brought us that new expanding word: partnrs, friends, people of faith whom we know...those who gave us this great heritage. There are those who stand close to us in times of celebration and trial, in times of accomplishments and defeat, in times of moral integrity and in time when we have been more wrong than right in our behavior.

Yes, there have been those who have told us *Bravo!* and those who have told us, *You are headed in the wrong direction.* For all of them, we thank You.

We thank you for those experiences when we hear and understand, for we do not always listen—we sometimes are so bound up in our own concerns we forget about those who most deeply care for us. That includes our response to the Risen Lord. We lock ourselves away because of fear or lack of faith. However, when He stands right here, we still doubt and must test and prove. And He says, *"That's OK."* In that response is the invitation to lay aside our doubts and fears. We are touched even as we are touching. Then we believe and respond with Peter's assurance, *We will love and trust Him.*

So we pray that we might be blessed with patience and understanding partners and friends, people of faith journeying with us so that in turn we are blessed as the patient and understanding friend or partner renewing each others' lives.

We pray that in our life with others, we concentrate on the better so that the worst becomes the best, new life in Christ.

Now, knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us and for us, and by us, we pray a prayer he taught us, which reminds us that life with You, God, is intended to be enriched, enabled and ennobled. So with these words we declare our partnership of faith, hope and love through Jesus Christ as we pray together, "Our Father..."



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Hilton Head Island, SC

Alone for Thanksgiving this year? Tired of cooking or too busy to cook? Interested in starting a new family tradition?

Join St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC and Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks as we celebrate the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, from 11 am-3 pm. Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend this free traditional Thanksgiving Dinner served family-style at Hudson's Restaurant (One Hudson Road, HHI).

More than 300 volunteers – many of whom worship at St. Andrew – serve in different roles during this Thanksgiving Day event! Live music and activities for the kids, including a visit from Santa himself, will take place throughout the day. All volunteer positions are currently full, but a wait list is available on the website.

Reservations are not required, and all are welcome. Donations benefit Bluffton Self Help, Second Helpings, and The Deep Well Project. Learn more at [communitythanksgiving.com](http://communitythanksgiving.com), or contact Lesley Kyle at [info@communitythanksgiving.com](mailto:info@communitythanksgiving.com)/843-505-1370.



**Sunday,  
November 2  
3:00 pm  
Sanctuary**

An in-person  
meeting only





## 2 Study Options to Choose From

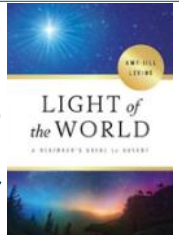
**The Voices  
of Advent**  
Thursday Men's  
Devotional Group  
Nov. 20 - Dec. 18  
8:00-9:00 am via Zoom



In *Voices of Advent*, Matthew L. Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. We listen as Jesus promises to return to us in the future, to John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the Messiah, to the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus's birth, and to the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns.

For more details and Zoom link, please contact Dave Peterson at [dvdpltrsn@gmail.com](mailto:dvdpltrsn@gmail.com)

**Light of the World  
Seekers Class**  
Nov. 16 - Dec. 14  
10:15- 11:00 am  
Room CIII in the Celebration Center



Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus: it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. In *Light of the World*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of Mary's visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt.

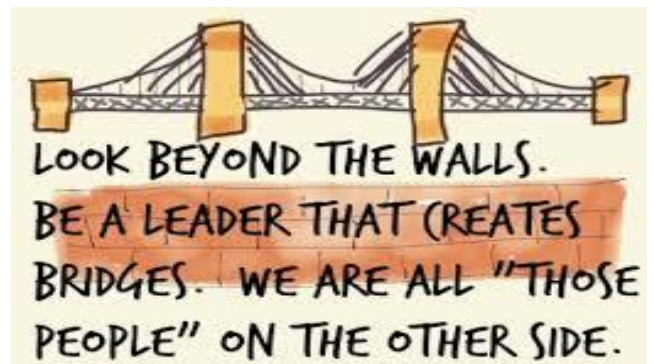
For more details, please contact Connie at the church office at [conniebhhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:conniebhhiumc@gmail.com)



The St. Andrew By-The-Sea Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee designates November as staff appreciation month. We are blessed to have nine staff members: Diane Bollerman, Connie Borgiani, Lois Chandler, Bryan Dobbs, Bruce Gale, Anna Musselwhite, Paula Refice, Luis Solis, and Wayne Altman, who just joined St. Andrew as Music Leader for the 11:09 Service. Connie and Luis are retiring, and Anna is returning to Greenville to be near her family. Although we regret that they will no longer be serving as staff members, we look forward to who God chooses to join our staff. The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee joins the congregation in thanking each of our staff members for their service, dedication, support, and presence. God chose them, gifted them, blessed them, and placed them at St. Andrew.

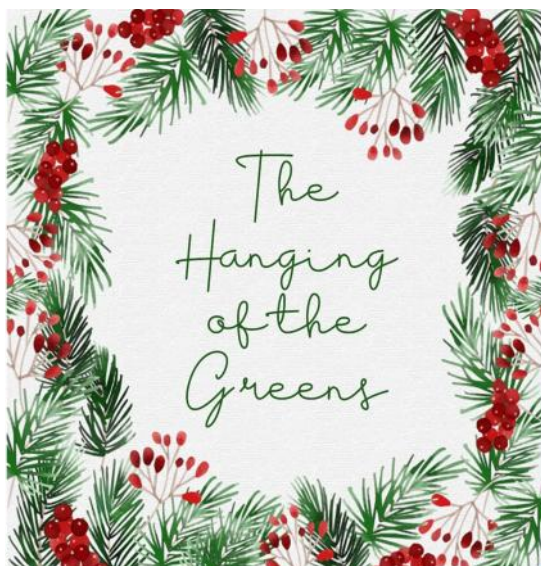
Thank you to each staff member for all that you do for OUR church, for each of us, and for our community. May God continue to bless you and your families in the months and years ahead.

*Thank you—From the S/PPRC on behalf of the St. Andrew church family*



**BRIDGE BUILDERS**  
Monday, Nov. 3 at 11:00 am  
Celebration Center, Rm CIII

Let's continue the conversation resulting from the recent Dr. Julius Scott Lecture Series program! Please join us to share your thoughts and help us make plans to move ahead in our understanding of racism.



**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

**SUNDAY  
NOV 23  
5:00 PM**

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







## Soup Kitchen

by Tricia Rawls, Friday Kitchen Coordinator

**BY THE NUMBERS** Our St. Andrew By-the-Sea Soup Kitchen by year end will:

1. Provide nutritious groceries to over 14,000 family members from our twice weekly Harvest Table distribution. Estimated retail cost of produce distributed is \$3000 weekly.
2. Prepare and serve over 8,000 nutritious well-balanced lunches at a cost of \$2.50 each.
3. Distribute 100 pieces of men's, women's and children's clothing each week to our guests.
4. Provide diapers for 20 children.

We have expanded our outreach significantly this year, and are now the largest and only agency on the island that provides both To-Go lunches on Tuesdays and Fridays, as well as hot sit-down meals on Fridays. We have a very long plentiful Harvest Table filled with a large variety of pantry items both days provided by Deep Well (non-perishables), Second Helpings (perishables), and local gardeners in our group bring their in-season produce. Crumbl Cookie has just joined the list of donations. Some items are purchased for cost through the generosity of David Martin (St. Andrew member) at Piggly Wiggly. The Harvest Table is like a mini-grocery store. We also use these items to fill our Blessing Box that is in the parking lot with 24/7 availability to those in need.

**OUR MORNINGS START AT 8:00 AM** when our doors open to guests for hot coffee, juice, milk or water along with a few goodies provided from the Harvest Table, Starbuck's, or Crumbl Cookies. It is a festive and welcoming atmosphere that brings our guests together for conversation. A couple of our guests help with the clothes distribution area that is also open at that time. We call it Mary's Closet in honor of our Mary who has taken it on as her volunteer job. There are toys, books, and bikes for the little ones.

Before we serve, we always have a large Prayer Circle, and new guests are introduced and welcomed. We hold hands and have prayers in Spanish and English. Our guests are then given random numbers and form a line to get their groceries. Newcomers get to go first! On the first Friday of each month, we have a Birthday Celebration with a song, cake, candles, and hats. Birthday people go for groceries first!

**TUESDAY SK HOURS ARE 8:00 TO 10:15 AM.** Tuesday serves between 20 and 45 guests. Many Tuesday volunteers donate the bread, meat, and cheese to make the sandwiches, as well as chips, fruit, and cookies. On the last Friday of each month, Stu's Surfside Subs provides 40 half subs. There has also been a hot meal donated by The Salty Dog this summer.

**FRIDAY SK HOURS ARE 8:00 TO 11:30 AM.** Four dedicated cooks and food preppers arrive early to start the hot meal. We serve the sit-down hot meal to between 30-40 guests. Volunteers help with the hot

meal prep, assemble the To-Go bags, keep the coffee pots filled, and set the tables with seasonal tablecloths and decorations. We also now have a husband-and-wife dishwasher team! Hot food is served at 10:30. Servings of the hot meal are also boxed up to be put in the To-Go bags. Once a month we have a hot meal donated by one of our local restaurants such as Woody's, Salty Dog, One Hot Mama's, or a local country club.

**OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS** come from all over the island, many different faiths, people who just saw the sign and came in to see if we needed help, some from WAHHI, some are neighbors of our established volunteers, and many are Snowbirds. We certainly can't do without them! We even have a guest professional violin player who entertains us during lunch before he eats. We would like to have a few more people come in and just sit at the tables on Fridays with our guests, get to know them, and make conversation, helping them with questions or problems. We have people from nine Central and South American countries as our guests. On most Fridays we have English lessons, and a Spanish speaking volunteer for immediate questions.

**WHO WE SUPPORT** In addition to what we do on a weekly basis, Soup Kitchen also provides support for Beaufort County's program, Family Promise, 2-3 times a month; a Circles Meal 2 times a year (Break the Circle of Poverty), and we have presented Make-a-Meal at several community events, such as WAHHI and the Women of St. Francis. The presentation's focus is to make our island groups aware of poverty on Hilton Head, how important our local Second Helpings is to our community, and how we together are trying to help our at-risk island population. At the presentations, we ask for donations of items, financial support, and their time to volunteer.

It is a pleasure to volunteer for the Soup Kitchen. It brings great joy in knowing we can give those in need a hand up. We have been asked by God to love our neighbor and to feed and clothe the poor. With God's help we are trying to do just that every week.



Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. **CHRISTMAS GRACE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM** helps provide Christmas gifts for registered children in our island community.

Visit the Angel Tree at St. Andrew beginning Sunday, November 9, choose a tag (or 2 or 3!), and purchase the gifts indicated. You may also come by the church office during the week and choose an Angel tag.

All gifts should be new and valued at \$25 or less. Return unwrapped gifts with the Angel tag to St. Andrew between November 10-23.

The gifts will be distributed to the families at the **CHRISTMAS GRACE FIESTA** on Sunday, December 7.

Questions? Call the church office at 843.785.4711.

**ANGEL TREE**

ST. ANDREW BY-THE-SEA  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





## Children + Youth November Events and Upcoming Activities

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP LEAD UMYF

November 9 our Youth Leadership Team will be running UMYF! We will have a fun night of food, testimonies, and new games.

### YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING

Friendsgiving is November 16 from 4-6 pm at the Peck home. Join us for lots of good food and good fun. Please RSVP to let us know you're coming. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. *Contact Anna or Brooke Peck (brookecpeck@gmail.com) with any questions.*

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

On November 23 from 5-6:30 pm we will be having St. Andrew's annual all-church Hanging Of The Greens tree trimming party! Join us as we decorate the sanctuary and the youth lounge. All youth, children and their families are invited to attend. Bring an ornament to hang on our tree in the youth lounge.

### GIRLS SMALL GROUP 3RD SESSION

On November 2, girls 6th-12 grade are invited to join in at Starbucks, 12:30-2pm to enjoy lunch together, connect with friends, and participate in meaningful discussion and fellowship.

*annamhhiuinc@gmail.com or text 843.642.2747  
standrewbytheseaumc.org*



Over the past seven years as I have chaired the Church Council, I have penned quite a few articles for The Fisherman and covered a wide range of topics. I have shared updates and status on St. Andrew, communicated decisions and the rationale for them, and encouraged you to attend events, join committees, and give generously. However, I have never written about joining a book study group. As I contemplate the end of my term and think about what do I do next to serve the church...and me...I joined a book study group. So, I'm thinking an article about that makes perfect sense!

Why do we do such group studies? A few thoughts come to mind: to learn and grow in our faith and understanding, to spend quality time with other members of our church, to get to know them better, and to build friendships. It provides an opportunity to indulge in doing something constructive for me, and not just attend another meeting – *although those are important as well!*

Currently, we're studying *The Widening of God's Mercy*, by Christopher and Brian Hays. It's not too late to sign up, or you can read the book on your own. It's an easy read and enlightening. The book title encouraged me to "widen my horizons" as I move on to the next chapter in my church life. We should never stop learning and this is proving to be a great opportunity to do just that. How might you widen your own horizons as a member of our wonderful church?

*Sarah Coffin, Church Council Chair*

We are saddened to announce that Director of Family Ministries Anna Musselwhite will be leaving and moving back to the Upstate in mid-December to be closer to family.

We are grateful for what Anna has accomplished this past year in developing and implementing ministries to reach our young people, and we pray blessings of grace and peace for her as she takes the next step on her journey.

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is forming a search committee to find a successor, and coordinating efforts to ensure that family ministry continues in the interim.







## Capital Spending Update

Charged with taking appropriate care of our church buildings and facilities, the Trustees have been diligently evaluating some critical maintenance requirements. Our 50+ year old property is showing its age. And, unfortunately the upkeep is expensive!

Our Administration building is in need of a new roof as we can no longer keep patching leaks. The parking lot near the sanctuary has become incapable of properly handling the drainage from all the recent rains. The Celebration Center activities have grown to the point that an additional water heater is required. In addition, investments to improve safety and security around our property have become more urgent. These and other projects can quickly approach \$250,000.

While St. Andrew leadership has strived to maintain a capital reserve sufficient to cover the ongoing repair and maintenance of our property, it is critical that we also replenish these funds over time. We are fortunate to be able to cover the current needs, but other needs surface quickly.

As you contemplate your 2026 stewardship pledge, please consider the ongoing requirements to maintain our church and help replenish our reserve.



All our music ministry groups are busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas Music Sunday, scheduled for December 14. Check the flyer to the right for details.

### INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

We are always eager to welcome new members to all of our music ministry groups, including the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Praise Band. Please consider sharing your talents with our congregation.

If you are on the island for the winter, think about joining one of our groups while you're here, especially during the holiday season—we'd love to have you!

Contact Bruce Gale, Music Director with any questions or for rehearsal schedules and performance times.  
[bruceghhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:bruceghhiumc@gmail.com) or 843.785.4711

#### GIVING AT A GLANCE (January - September 2025)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Contributions	\$734,201	\$781,200	(\$46,999)
Operating Revenue and Expenses (January - September 2024)			
	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenue	\$753,799	\$794,889	(\$41,090)
Expenses	\$765,482	\$794,889	\$29,407
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$11,683)	-0-	(\$11,683)

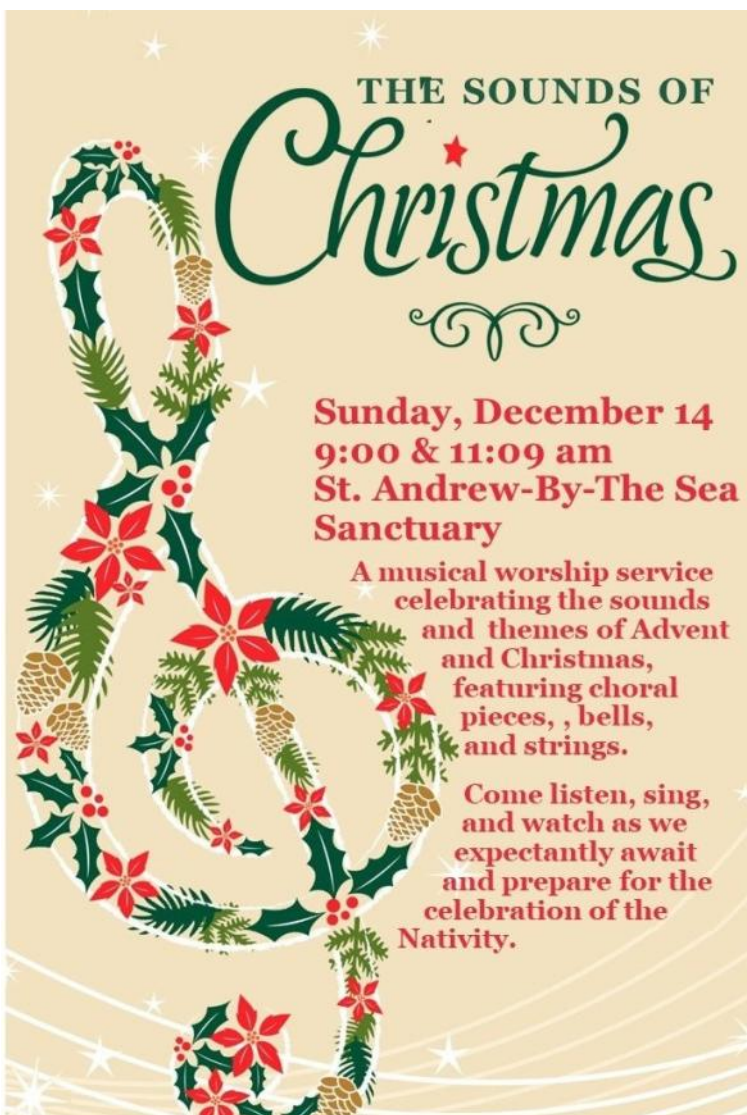
## Connection Care Ministry

*Keeping In touch with  
St. Andrew Members*

Do you want to be a part of a team that reaches out to folks who may not be able to come to church regularly and want to stay connected to St. Andrew? Or are you feeling a little disconnected because you aren't able to come to church or activities on a regular basis? Are you having surgery, unwell or just need a little extra love and support? A group of volunteers, under the direction of Pastor Frank Lybrand, formed the Connection Care Ministry at St. Andrew two years ago. The purpose of this group is to reach out to and keep in touch with folks who want to stay connected to St. Andrew.

Cards, phone calls and visits are all a part of this ministry. This is a completely separate program from Stephen Ministries and visits by the pastors, and will not duplicate efforts.

Volunteers who are interested in being part of Connection Care, or if you or someone you know would like them to reach out to you, please email us at [careteamhhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:careteamhhiumc@gmail.com).





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Church Office Hours  
M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-person + Online

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:15 am Adult Classes  
11:09 am Modern Worship +  
Children's Church

Rev. Jonathan Tompkins  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand  
Associate Pastor



*St. Andrew By-The-Sea is an open, nurturing body of Christian  
believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*