

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

ST. ANDREW BY-THE-SEA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOLY WEEK EASTER

palm sunday
MARCH 29
9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE
11:09 AM MODERN SERVICE

stations of the cross
MARCH 30 - APRIL 3
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SANCTUARY + ONLINE

maundy thursday
APRIL 2 :: 6:00 PM
COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

good friday
APRIL 3 :: 12 Noon
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
829 William Hilton Pkwy, HH 29928

APRIL 3 :: 2:00 pm
VIEWING OF THE FILM 'THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST' at St. Andrew

APRIL 5 sunrise service
7:00 AM
COLIGNY BEACH
HILTON HEAD

sanctuary services
9:00 + 11:09 AM
TRADITIONAL AND MODERN WORSHIP
FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 Traditional Worship
10:15 Classes + Studies for all
11:09 Modern Worship

Watch online
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YouTube :: [StAndrewBTS](https://www.youtube.com/StAndrewBTS)

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Easter - Christ is Living by Rev. Jimmie A. Morrison

John 20:1-18, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Every day something seems to tell us that the presence of a living Christ cannot be seen. Sometimes it is personal, sometimes it is events swirling around us over which we think we have no control, sometimes it is just the world situation which appears to be out of control and disaster looms. So we look where we think You should be and we see nothing. Or worse, that there is absence.

However, You, God will not have it that way. And even in the worst of times, when we cry out, when we have that sinking feeling that all we longed for is gone, when what we worked for or thought we had accomplished only to find another obstacle, when we didn't have a clear vision of right or wrong, or when we were so certain we were right and the other wrong, there comes a signal: "Here I am!" Instead of a sense of loss, our hearts are suddenly filled with the hope of this "God event" which assures and makes us new. We have come to accept and celebrate that not even death has power to stop us. To paraphrase St. Paul, Scripture tells us that Jesus was buried, He was raised from death on the third day, and He presented Himself alive to those around Him. We are not left out!

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LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

During Lent, four area UMC churches are coming together to offer a special series of worship services and fellowship opportunities. For four consecutive Wednesdays, congregations and the community are invited to participate in these gatherings, which will rotate among the participating churches. Each Wednesday event begins with a worship service at 12:00 pm. Following the service, attendees are welcome to stay for a simple soup and sandwich lunch, providing an opportunity for fellowship and connection.

Everyone is welcome to attend these gatherings

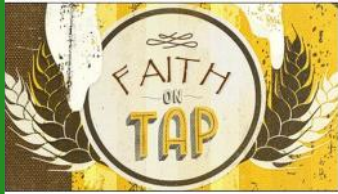
:: No RSVP Required ::

- March 4 :: hosted by Bluffton UMC
101 Calhoun St, Bluffton 29910
Rev. Chris Thompson, preaching
- March 11 :: hosted by St. Luke UMC
3080 Okatie Hwy, Okatie 29909
Rev. Jonathan Tompkins, preaching
- March 18 :: hosted by St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
Rev. Randall Haas, preaching
- March 25 :: hosted by Church of the Palms UMC
1425 Okatie Hwy, Okatie 29909
Rev. Lee van Rensburg, preaching

that they may be one
as we are one
Jesus



Fellowship Opportunities This Month



Faith on Tap
2nd Thursday of the month
This month :: March 12 :: 6:00 pm
The newly established Faith on Tap group meets at different breweries or pizza joints on Hilton Head and in Bluffton and offers family-friendly events. Email to RSVP and find out the location.

Contact: Linda and Steve Jennings, Lmathomenc@icloud.com

Games Fellowship
3rd Friday of the month
This month :: March 20

6:00 - 8:00 pm :: Celebration Center
Come play games—card games, board games, parlor games. All ages welcome, perfect for a family night out; bring a savory snack to share, beverages provided.



Contact: Kerry in the church office, christedhhiumc@gmail.com



Faith and Fork
4th Thursday of the month
This month :: March 26 :: 6:00 pm

The Faith and Fork group will continue in the tradition of our previous Dining Out gatherings. These events will be hosted at various restaurants on Hilton Head and in Bluffton and open to couples and singles. Email to RSVP and find out the location.

Contact: Linda and Steve Jennings, Lmathomenc@icloud.com

Men's Basketball
Tuesdays :: 6:30 pm
Celebration Center

For questions and/or to join the weekly interest email list, contact [Scott Wild, scottwild74@gmail.com](mailto:scottwild74@gmail.com)



SEARCH
Committee Update

As a connectional church, we are pleased to have established a partnership with UMC Support, an agency of the United Methodist Church. The partnership proposal clearly details the assistance that will be provided throughout the recruitment process and timeline (e.g. Job posting to Start Date). Our interactions have been highly productive, and we feel increasingly confident in partnering

with a team of professional HR specialists to guide our search for a dedicated Pastor (Ordained Deacon) of Faith Formation. We share a mutual goal to identify and recruit individuals whose experience and passion are deeply invested in Discipleship and Education.

The position has been posted since January 21, 2026, on UMC.org, LinkedIn and with key individuals within the UMC structure. The first steps of the process, resume review and phone interviews for applicants that meet minimum requirements, are underway. Once the phone screens are completed, we (the St. Andrew Search team) will go into action, beginning with online interviews.

If you or someone you know would like more information regarding the link to the position description and/or how to apply, go to standrewbytheseaumc.org/careers and follow the link.

We are grateful for your support.

Search Committee Co-Chairs: Linda Jennings and Andi Argast



Contact: Connie Boswell-Smith
843.384.0676

Join St. Andrew's Outreach Team and help build

168 SPRING BREAK COOKIE KITS

for kids and their families from 3 Neighborhood Outreach Centers (NOC)

No RSVPs required, just come as you can and spread the sweetness!

Sunday, March 15

10:15-11:00 am
Celebration Center



Easter Sunday

Our Music Ministry is preparing special music for Easter Sunday when the Seaside Chancel Choir and Seaside Bell Choir will both be presenting musical selections. We welcome new members to join us for this special day. In addition to our choirs, we will have a string quartet joining us to help us celebrate this joyous service.

Join a Choir

We are always eager to welcome new members into our choirs. The bell choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM, while the Chancel Choir gathers for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. If you are considering joining our Music Ministry, please prayerfully consider joining us.

Contact Bruce Gale, Music Director with any questions or for rehearsal schedules and performance times.

bruceghiumc@gmail.com or 843.785.4711

Studies and Classes This Month

:: LENT STUDIES ::



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Come to the Table

Mondays :: February 23 - March 23

6:00 - 6:45 pm :: Zoom only

Based on our Lenten sermon series 'The Last Suppers,' exploring the stories and parables Jesus told at

tables on his way to the cross. Yes, it's during dinner time, but that's the point! Fix some supper and join Pastor Jonathan online as we discuss questions from the previous Sunday's sermon and engage in various table practices that will bring us closer to Christ and to each other. To join virtually choose one:

◇ Paste this link in your browser: bit.ly/cometothetablelent

◇ Or scan the QR code

◇ Same link each week



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Texting With God Through Lent

Tuesdays :: February 24 - March 24

11:00 am - 12 noon

Admin. Bldg. Conf. Room :: HYBRID

We text every day to stay connected. This Lent, we invite you to "text

with God" by listening closely to the weekly lectionary scriptures. Each participant will reflect on a verse or phrase that speaks to them and consider what God may be saying through it. Join us for a season of listening, reflection, and deeper connection through Scripture. This study will be led by Pastor Frank. To join virtually, paste this link in your browser: bit.ly/textingwithgod; same link each week



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Photo-a-Day Lent Devotional

Any Lent devotional is simply an invitation to reflect on God's presence and movement in our personal lives through the season. One popular Lent devotional is the Photo-a-Day challenge. Each day, a scripture-inspired word is listed for your consideration. Throughout the day, see how the word inspires you or shows up in your life and share your thoughts by posting a picture. No explanation is needed in your post. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words. You don't have to be a great photographer. This project is more about the practice of paying attention and being intentional.

Open to all ages; join anytime to share glimpses of our lives with one another. Let this be an intentional time, even for a few minutes a day, to pause, remember and reflect.

We are using the FREE version of the app *Photo Circle*, a private photo album where only other church participants can see your picture.

For the private group app invite, and list of daily words, contact Kerry at the church office, christedhhiuimc@gmail

:: SUNDAY STUDIES ::



NEW

The Acts of Peter

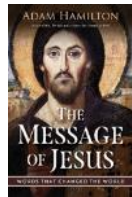
Joy Class

Sundays :: March 15 - June 7 :: HYBRID

10:15 - 11:00 am :: Admin. Bldg. Conf. Room or Zoom

The Acts of Peter was written in the second century. This is a legendary account of the Apostle Peter presented as a miracle-worker confronting both non-Christian pagans as well as other Christian sects. The book was written to popularize and promote the new religion known as Christianity. It ends with Peter's crucifixion. For those attending via Zoom, *Lost Scriptures* by Bart Ehrman is recommended (book not audiobook).

Contact: Wes Warren, wwarren23@aol.com



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The Message of Jesus (Lenten Focus)

Seekers Class

Sundays :: Now through March 29

10:15 - 11:00 am :: Room C111, Celebration Center

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said. In this study, Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing.

Contact: Kerry at the church office, christedhhiuimc@gmail.com

:: FOR ANYONE ::



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Wednesdays :: Now through April 29

(join anytime)

1:00 - 2:30 pm :: Celebration Center

GriefShare is a support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend. Over 13 weeks, participants find relief and comfort as they learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate the personal grief process.

At weekly GriefShare meetings, participants view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. A small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application follows the video. Participants receive a book filled with valuable exercises for navigating the personal grieving process. All members of the community are welcome.

The \$20 participation fee includes the workbook

Contact: Lesley Kyle at lesley.kyle@gmail.com or visit griefshare.org





Bag: a container made of flexible material with an opening at the top, used for carrying items

Bags are almost as important a mainstay at the St. Andrew Soup Kitchen as are our dedicated volunteers. Without either, we could not serve 40-50 guest households each Tuesday and Friday. Plastic and paper **bags** play an important role. So let's explore St. Andrew Soup Kitchen's **bags**!

Bags bring to the Soup Kitchen the wide variety of homemade sandwiches, cookies, chips, apples, oranges, and bananas required to assemble 100 takeout **lunch bags** every Tuesday. Volunteers generously donate 80% of the food items needed for these meals, making it possible for the Soup Kitchen to offer Tuesday **bag lunches** as well as Friday sit-down lunches at an affordable cost of \$1.50 per meal. In 2025, we served a total of 8,800 lunches. Each week, 150 **plastic bags** are used to package the take-home **bag lunches**.

Bags, as in many bags make it possible for guests to select, often without restriction, a wide variety of grocery items to bring home for their families. At the start of their visit to the pantry line, guests usually pick up three or four **plastic grocery bags** to begin their shopping. As they proceed down the line and their bags fill up, our attentive volunteers are prepared to offer additional **bags** as needed. Typically, another two to three **plastic Harris Teeter bags** are provided, which are gratefully received and quickly filled with more groceries. Over 400 **plastic bags** leave the Celebration Center each week full of nutritional and "no cost" groceries. Each week, more than 400 **plastic bags** leave the Celebration Center, packed with nutritious and cost-free groceries for our guests.



Volunteers on the Harvest Table line remind one another that "we are in the distribution business not the warehouse business," making sure that every guest family receives the groceries they need.

In 2025, the St. Andrew Soup Kitchen Harvest Table "bagged" over \$148,000 worth of groceries to 40 guest households. According to Feeding America's calculations, this distribution translates into approximately 65,000 meals served throughout the year. The result is a significant food savings—about \$3,750 per guest family in 2025.

The support provided by the Soup Kitchen has a significant effect on the lives of our guest families. Each month, by distributing approximately \$300 worth of **bagged** groceries per family, we enable them to redirect their limited income. This assistance allows them to allocate more of their resources toward essential and often rising expenses such as housing and transportation.

In addition to groceries, the Soup Kitchen extends its support by supplying diapers and clothing. Currently, around 200 seasonal clothing items are distributed each week, offering further relief and stability for our guest families by easing the financial strain of purchasing these necessities.

The Soup Kitchen requires a tremendous number of **bags** each week. Internally, we rely heavily on recycled and donated **plastic bags** to meet our needs. However, our commitment extends further—we also need just as many **paper bags**, which are collected and passed along weekly to our parter, Deep Well, for their operations.

We invite you to help by collecting **plastic and paper bags** and dropping them in the Soup Kitchen box in the church office, in the white shopping cart on Sundays, or at the Celebration Center on Tuesdays and Fridays. Your support makes a difference—thank you for your **bag** donations!

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Yet, we either seal You off or see an empty space where we thought You should be. But You, God, will have none of it, for in this Risen Christ we have learned these things.

We can hear the Risen Christ say to us in the midst of our fear, "Do not be afraid." We shiver and shake and do not believe You could speak to our fright, but You do.

We are riddled with unbelief, but you come to meet us renewing our confidence in Your abiding Presence. Too often we believe that we are powerless to bring justice, mercy and peace to our world, but You will not have it. In the presence of overwhelming odds, thinking we are ineffective, You still call us and empower us to proclaim and effect the Good News—helping the poor and providing healing of mind and body.

When our own sense of self-worth runs away with us, You remove our overly-elaborate sense of self importance.

When we think we have all the answers, You give us better and deeper insight. In truth, it amounts to this: You face our inept faith and give us the Resurrection, renewing all our living to be

one of joy and peace.

Therefore, with great confidence, we offer prayers for all those who need the same trust as those who experienced the Risen Christ on that first resurrection morning:

- ...those who have no hope because of circumstance;
- ...those who believe that illness is not withing your compassion;
- ...those who have suffered the death of loved ones and think they will never see them again;
- ...those who do not understand you want peace instead of war;
- ...those who think dominance will solve all problems;
- ...those who need comfort in suffering.

We joyfully acknowledge that Jesus broke all layers of the attempted confinement to welcome us with a great, joyful hope in the certainty of Your Presence.

With the abiding Presence of the Risen Lord, we prayer His prayer: Our Father who art in heaven...

This excerpt is from Rev. Morrison's book, *Prayer Agent of Change, Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession* available in our church library.



**March UMYF Sundays
5:30-7:30 pm, Celebration Center**

- **March 8** Faith, Food, Fellowship + Fun, dinner provided
- **March 29** Faith, Food, Fellowship + Fun, dinner provided
Special Parents' session from 6:30-7:30
Join the informative discussion about social media and how algorithms affect youth and adults.



Donuts + Discussion

Every Sunday at 10:15 am
in the Youth Lounge
Currently discussing:
'REAL RELATIONSHIPS in a Social Media Follower World.'
Contact: Alan Prochazka at
umyfhiumc@gmail.com

**Happy
St. Patrick's Day**

And we know that in all things God works for
the good of those who love him, who have
been called according to his purpose.
ROMANS 8:28

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.



**Computer
Ministry**

RECYCLED COMPUTER PROGRAM

*Reusing technology in support of God's people
in a digital world*

Did you know your trash computer could be another's treasure? In partnership with Pennsylvania's Mission Central Computer Ministry, St. Andrew will now accept your old computers, laptops, accessories, storage devices, power supplies, printers and scanners (pick up a flyer in the Narthex for a complete list). Donations received are refurbished and are given to veterans, non-profits, hospitals, senior centers, etc., in the U.S. and around the world. All your data is certified safe; Microsoft-certified specialists securely erase all personal information.



Drop off your items on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

Contact: Dave DesJardins at 202.460.5286
or visit compministry.org.



GIVING AT A GLANCE (January 2026)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Contributions	\$96,534	\$118,289	(\$21,755)

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January 2026)

	Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	Variance favorable/ <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue	\$100,907	\$112,639	(\$21,732)
Expenses	\$95,583	\$118,520	\$19,937
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,324	\$4,119	(\$1,795)



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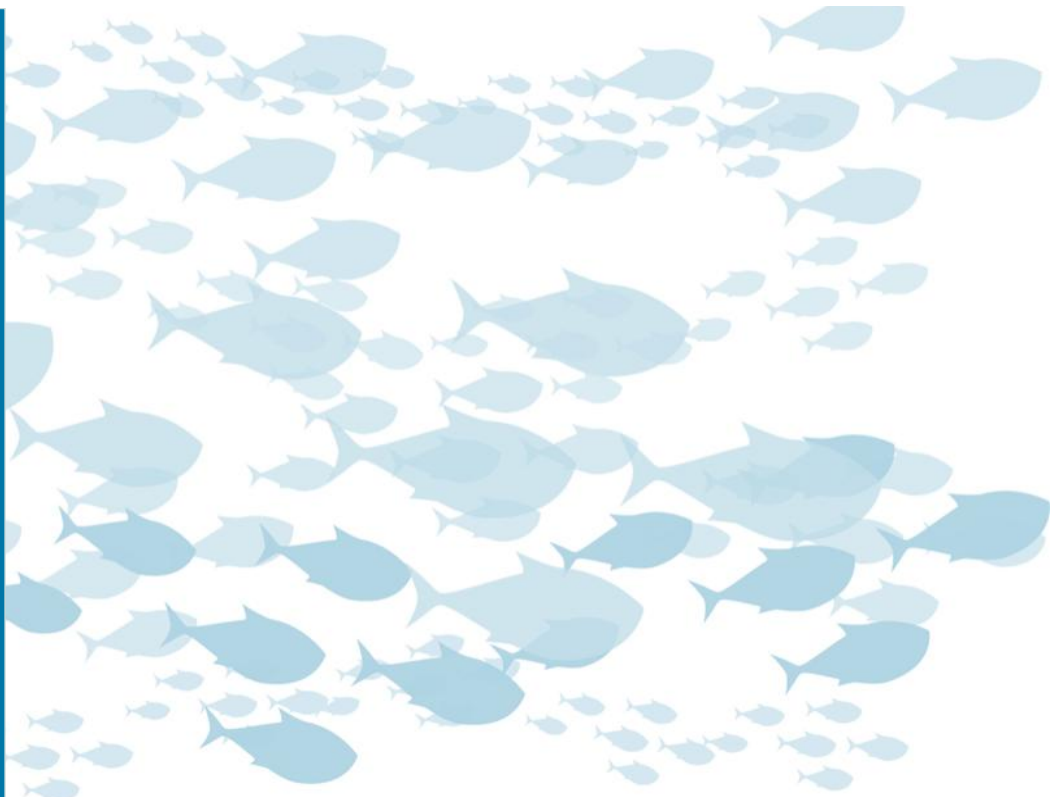
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