

# 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

## Jesus of the Table *by Rev. Jonathan Tompkins*

Last month in worship I shared prayers from Pádraig Ó Tuama, poet and leader of the Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland's longest established peace and reconciliation organization, bringing fractured communities together for over 50 years. I wanted to share these with you in written form, with an added prayer from him that reflects the hope of the Easter season.

*Jesus of the table,  
You gathered unexpected people around  
hearths of hospitality.  
You stretched out your hand  
for grapes and bread, for wine and welcome.  
May we populate our tables  
with all kinds of people.  
Because at the table  
our hearts can be glad  
for a while.*

*Jesus,  
We only know the names of some of your friends.  
Not all.  
But we know some of the names of all of ours.  
May we love them well:  
with time and thanks;  
with welcome and warmth;  
with strength and kindness.  
Because this, this, this,  
is great love.*

*Jesus of the sheathed sword,  
In your name, many swords have been  
used and many people have perished.  
Speak to us, teach us,  
again and again,  
that violence begets violence.  
Teach us. Again and again.  
Over and over.  
Because we keep forgetting,  
and we need to keep remembering.  
Over and over.*

*Jesus, you shared peace  
around a table of anxiety,  
peace with the bread,  
peace with the wine,  
peace in the face of the uncertain,  
peace in the place of pain.*

*May we share tables of peace  
in places of pain,  
sharing food and friendship  
and words and life.  
Because you came to a fearful world  
and found your place around those  
tables.*

*Dying Jesus,  
at the end of yourself  
You turned,  
and spoke words of  
togetherness  
in the places of the torn.  
May we always find  
words to hold,  
especially in times*

*when the world harms.  
Because sometimes words can heal.*

*Jesus,  
our dead and living friend,  
we walk in the ways of death and life  
holding fear in one hand  
and courage in the other.*

*Come find us when we are locked  
away.  
Come enliven us.  
Come bless us with your peace.  
Because you are the first day of  
creation and all days of creation.  
Amen.*

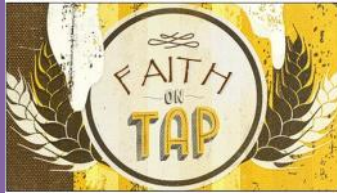
*(from Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela  
Community by Pádraig Ó Tuama)*

**ST. ANDREW BY-THE-SEA  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**HOLY WEEK EASTER**

<p><b>palm sunday</b> MARCH 29 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11:09 AM MODERN SERVICE</p>	<p><b>APRIL 5 sunrise service</b> 7:00 AM COLIGNY BEACH HILTON HEAD</p>
<p><b>stations of the cross</b> MARCH 30 - APRIL 3 9:00 AM-4:00 PM SANCTUARY + ONLINE</p>	<p><b>sanctuary services</b> 9:00 + 11:09 AM TRADITIONAL AND MODERN WORSHIP FLOWERING OF THE CROSS</p>
<p><b>maundy thursday</b> APRIL 2 :: 6:00 PM COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	
<p><b>good friday</b> APRIL 3 :: 12 Noon COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 829 William Hilton Pkwy, HH 29928</p>	
<p>APRIL 3 :: 2:00 pm VIEWING OF THE FILM 'THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST' at St. Andrew</p>	

# Fellowship Opportunities This Month



**Faith on Tap**  
**2nd Thursday of the month**  
**This month :: April 9 :: 6:00 pm**

The Faith on Tap group meets at different breweries or pizza spots 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](mailto:Lmathomenc@icloud.com)

**Games Fellowship**  
**3rd Friday of the month**  
**This month :: April 17**

**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](mailto:christedhhiumc@gmail.com)



**Faith and Fork**  
**4th Thursday of the month**  
**This month :: April 23 :: 6:00 pm**

The Faith and Fork group continues in the tradition of our previous Dining Out gatherings. These events are 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](mailto: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)



## UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) Training



**UMCOR ERT Training**  
**Saturday, April 11, 2026**  
**8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Training is open to the entire community**

\$30 per person includes: training day lunch, credentials, background check, manual, and training

**Hosted by St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC**

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- **To register:** [umcsc.org/ertregistration/](http://umcsc.org/ertregistration/)  
(Walterboro District, St Andrew By-The-Sea; If no Special Resources: other->none of the above)
- **To complete your no-fee background check:** [tinyurl.com/umcorv](http://tinyurl.com/umcorv)
- **Contact:** Kerry at [Kerry@lovethesea.com](mailto:Kerry@lovethesea.com)

## Consider a Charitable Remainder Trust



**ENDOWMENT FUND**

A Charitable Remainder Trust is an irrevocable written agreement in which cash or assets (particularly highly appreciated assets such as stocks) can be used to fund the trust, usually avoiding capital gains taxes on the appreciated value and eventually benefitting a qualified charity, such as the Endowment Fund of our church. It can be structured to make annual payments in fixed or fluctuating amounts to the originator or his/her heirs, thereby providing an income stream for many years. There are also favorable tax deductions that can occur when the trust "remaining amount" is distributed to charity. *Consult with your attorney and/or tax advisor to learn if this is a beneficial program for your specific situation.*

All gifts to the church's 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](mailto:brucesiebold@gmail.com) or 843.368.7788.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

AT ST. ANDREW for grades 6-12

**April UMYF - 5:30-7:30 pm**

- **April 12** Celebration Center, dinner provided
- **April 26** Celebration Center, dinner provided

**Donuts + Discussion**

**Every Sunday at 10:15 am - Youth Lounge (Admin. Bldg.)**

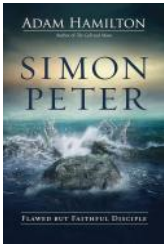
*Currently Discussing:*

**'A New Season: TURN, TURN, TURN - Ecclesiastes 3:1'**

Contact: Alan Prochazka at [umyfhhiiumc@gmail.com](mailto:umyfhhiiumc@gmail.com)



## New Studies This Month



### Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful

Men's Devotional Group

**Thursdays :: April 9 - May 14**

**8:00 - 9:00 am :: Zoom only**

Simon Peter—an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point of *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

Contact: Dave Peterson at [dvdpltrsn@gmail.com](mailto:dvdpltrsn@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

### Hope for Hard Times:

#### Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha

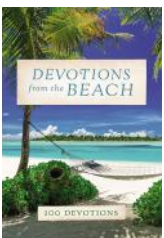
Seekers Class

**Sundays :: April 12 - May 3**

**10:15 - 11:00 am :: Celebration Center**



We've all been there. Rock bottom. The end of our rope. The last straw. During hard times, it often seems like the only option is to throw in the towel. In this book, Magrey deVega examines the lives of the great biblical prophets Elijah and Elisha and reveals a consistent message in their stories: Don't give up, and don't lose hope. Through the stories of these prophets you will find God provides for Elijah when he feels alone and ready to give up while hiding in a cave listening for God's still, small voice. God provides for Elisha when he is surrounded by enemies and praying for spiritual eyes to be opened to hope. Contact: Kerry Tilden at [kerry@lovethesea.com](mailto:kerry@lovethesea.com)



### Devotions From the Beach:

#### Experiencing God's Calming

Devotions and Laughter - A Welcoming

Women's Group

**Tuesdays :: Beginning April 5**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm :: Admin Bldg Library**

Soak in the beauty and tranquility of the beach and grow in your faith with beach-focused devotions by Thomas Nelson with soothing photography of God's seaside wonders. Life is better at the beach—but you already knew that. These photos and reflections will take you right to the water's edge, where God's voice is often clearer than ever—messages of hope, comfort, strength, and rest. So, breathe deeply and open your heart and soul to the One who shaped it all.

Contact: Kerry Tilden at [kerry@lovethesea.com](mailto:kerry@lovethesea.com)

## Fellowship Friends

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am via Zoom**

A Different Focused-Sharing Topic each week

Email [jaygraves@hotmail.com](mailto:jaygraves@hotmail.com) for a Zoom invitation. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate by telephone. Call Jay Graves at 843.342.6322.



### GIVING AT A GLANCE (January –February 2026)

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Contributions	\$218,602	\$208,058	\$10,544
OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES (January –February 2026)			
	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenue	\$225,929	\$212,008	\$13,921
Expenses	\$167,184	\$201,235	\$34,051
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$58,746	\$10,773	\$47,972

### Blood Drive Success and Upcoming Event

We began 2026 on a positive note by hosting a highly successful blood drive with One Blood's Big Red Bus on January 18. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who generously donated—your contributions made a significant impact. During this event, One Blood collected 23 units of blood, which has the potential to save up to 69 lives.

We are excited to announce that our next blood drive is scheduled for **Sunday, April 12**, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Save the date and consider signing up to give the gift of life.

### Memory Matters Event Highlights

On January 22, our Health Ministry hosted a special event featuring guest chef Kim Baretta from Memory Matters. During this engaging session, Kim demonstrated how to prepare three flavorful soups, providing participants with a hands-on look at healthy cooking. While preparing the dishes, Kim discussed the advantages of following the Mediterranean and MIND Lifestyles, both of which support heart and brain health. The event was well-attended, with 40 people joining to sample each of the soups and receive the recipes so they could recreate them at home.

### AED/CPR Training

In mid-March, we sponsored a complimentary one-hour AED/CPR class, led by instructors from Hilton Head Fire Rescue. This session was especially recommended for ushers, security personnel, and volunteers working with youth and children, though it was open to the entire church family. Seven individuals participated, gaining valuable skills to help ensure the safety of our community.

### Coming Brain Boosters Course

Looking ahead to October, we are pleased to announce that Debbie Anderson from Memory Matters will return to our Celebration Center to lead another Brain Boosters course. Thanks to a generous grant, this course will be offered completely free of charge. If you have not yet taken part in this engaging and informative program, we encourage you to register when the sign-up link is released in September. The 3-week course will take place on October 14, 21, and 28, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions or have any ideas about health-related programs that you would like to see happen at St. Andrew, contact Merryl Dietz at [merryldietz@verizon.net](mailto:merryldietz@verizon.net).





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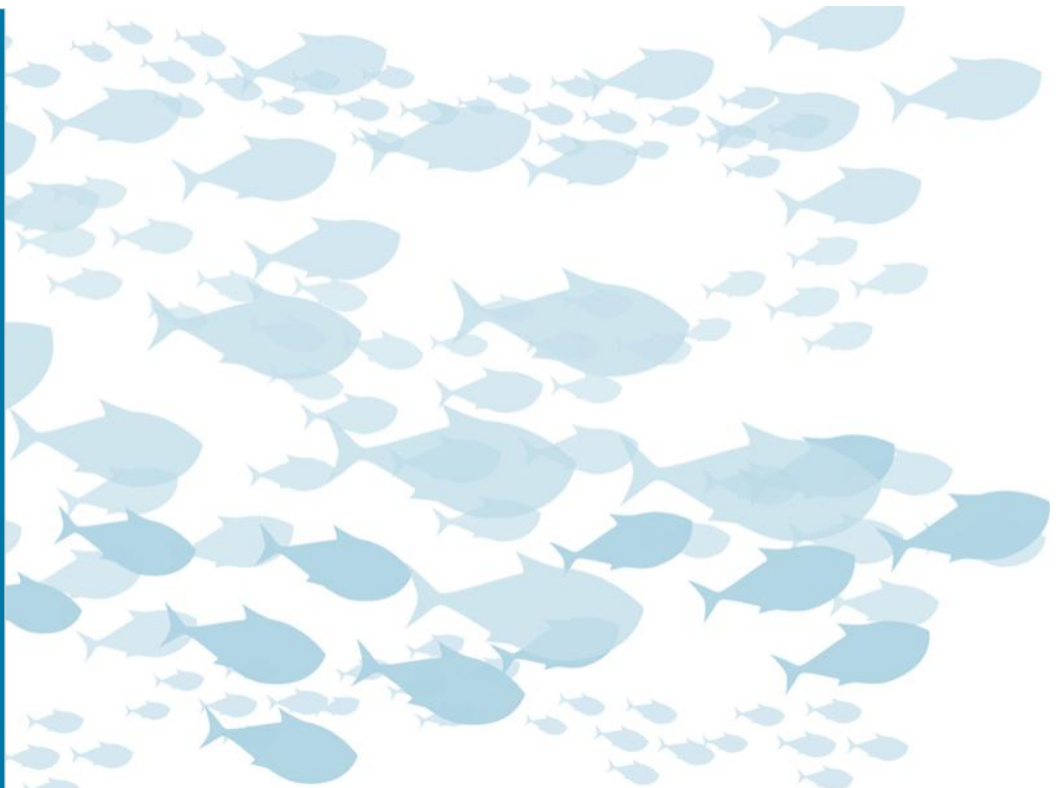
### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Rev. Jonathan Tompkins  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Frank E. Lybrand  
Associate Pastor

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