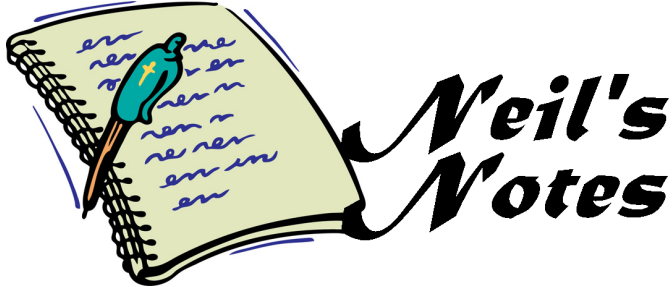


THE FISHERMAN

News from St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

February 19 and 26 2012



In the midst of hectic hurrying we run hither and thither in an effort to keep up with everything that needs attention. School, work, family issues, volunteer requests all make a claim on us. Meanwhile, in the background of our spirit, we worry about something falling through and breaking - and sometimes we think **we** are about to break as well!

If you ever catch yourself feeling like you're the one on the stage frantically trying to keep life going, imagine there is one in the audience whose care for you goes well beyond what you can produce or maintain. There is one who has sent a note backstage that says, "come spend some time away with me, I can help you make sense of it all." Sunday morning worship is a great time to do just that.

Neil

There was an act that would occasion TV variety shows I remember as a kid. Some of you remember or have seen the plate spinner. A long row of tall flexible spindles served as axes for plates balanced and spun. The Spinner would run up and down the row starting one then another plate in an effort to get all the plates spinning at once.

Sometimes that juggling image mirrors our life styles.

Couples: Time to Reload your Tool Belts!

Drift, distance, tension, isolation, withdrawal, conflict, unfaithfulness, and behavioral issues with the kids. These are only a few symptoms that many couples encounter at some point in their relationships. A variety of life issues can derail a relationship, sending the entire household into a crisis mode.

Angie Elliott, M.A., LPC, Counselor at St. Andrew By-The-Sea, will present a workshop for couples in March. The workshop will provide tools needed to effectively cope with the following: Communication, Infidelity, Small things that Damage Relationships in Big Ways, Passion, Intimacy and Commitment, Crisis in Relationships and Minimizing Conflict.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please call the Counseling Center's confidential phone line at 843-341-3029, where you can leave your name, partner's name and phone number confirming you will be attending the free workshop.

WHEN: Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. with a lunch break at noon

WHERE: St. Andrew By-The Sea UMC Celebration Center

3-Course Dinner Cooking Class

If eating healthy but well is on your to-do list, and if you want some great recipes for spring, sign up for a cooking demo being offered on February 28 at 5:30pm. Chef Brooks Rinehart will show you how to use some marinades and vinaigrettes and apply them to different foods. Everyone will enjoy the interaction with Brooks, as well as the marvelous dinner that is included with Salmon as the entree.

To sign up for the approximately 1-hour evening course, just call the church office at 785-4711 or email phyllisbhhium@gmail.com by Friday, February 24. Because of the cost to provide the food for this special session, we ask that you pay in advance. The cost is \$18 per person, and checks should be made payable to Chef Brooks Rinehart.



Hospital: Dick Kidd (Sav), Fred Lapham (HHI)
Convalescing: Joanne Katerman, Carole Evans, Mary Lou Krause, Bill Sims, Fran Dumpel, Sandy Chase, Jean Thompson, Fred Rappaport

NEWS & Notes

Thank You from Endowment

The members of the St. Andrew Endowment Fund would like to sincerely thank Dr. Billy & Mrs. Norma Baker for their second major gift to the Endowment Fund. After their large gift last year, Billy & Norma have started 2012 by giving additional funds in the amount of \$10,000. The Endowment Committee will make every effort in using the income from this wonderful gift to make only worthwhile grants within our Christian community.



Youth News



Each week we have grade specific groups for youth of all ages. We welcome everyone for a time of fun, food, friends and faith.

Surf Middle School Youth Group
Wednesdays, 6 - 8 pm

ACDC High School Youth Group
Sundays, 6 - 8 pm

Upcoming Event: February 16-28th, **Revolution**, 3,500 youth from all around South Carolina coming together for a weekend of concerts, speakers and service. \$150 includes admission, lodging, food and travel. Reserve your spot asap because we will have a set number of spots. It will be an amazing weekend at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.
<http://umcsc.org/youth/revolution.html>

Keep up to date with all Youth News. Sign up for the newsletter by emailing:
danielghhiumc@gmail.com
 with the subject: Youth News

SUNDAY, February 19

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:00 BP Checks
- 10:00 Confirmation Class
- 10:15 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 Worship
- 3:00 24 Hours Study - C111
- 6:00 High School Youth

MONDAY, February 20

- 4:00 Upward Practice
- 4:00 Sandbox Board Meeting - B105
- 5:00 Trustees - C105
- 5:00 Couples Small Group - C111
- 5:30 Upward Cheerleading
- 7:00 Vision Meeting
- 8:00 Men's Basketball

TUESDAY, February 21

- 12:00 UMM Lunch & Study - C111
- 6:00 Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 Women at the Well - B108
- 6:30 Bluffton Study Group - Truffles
- 7:00 Making Sense of Scripture - C106/107
- 7:00 AA - B105

WEDNESDAY, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

- 10:00 Piece Makers
- 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service
- 2:30 Handbells
- 4:00 Stephen Leaders - C111
- 4:00 Upward Practice
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry
- 6:00 Middle School Youth
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, February 23

- 8:00 Men's Devotional Group - C111
- 1:00 Bridge
- 1:30 Dementia Caregivers Support Grp.
- 4:30 Upward Practice
- 5:30 Girls Night Out - Kitchen

FRIDAY, February 24

- 12:00 By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen
- 4:15 Upward Practice
- 4:30 Upward Cheerleading
- 6:00 Upward Game

SATURDAY, February 25

- 8:00 Upward Game Day

SUNDAY, February 26 - Lent 1

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:00 Confirmation Class
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble
- 10:15 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 Worship
- 3:00 24 Hour Study - C111
- 6:00 High School Youth

FEBRUARY 2012

Highlight of Minutes of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC Church Council Meeting January 30, 2012

Keith Dodson, the Church Council's new chairman, presided over the meeting, which included approving the budget for 2012, Bluffton Vision update and stewardship area reports.

Some of the highlights included:

Treasurer's Report: *(See separate article in this edition of The Fisherman.)*

Finance Report: The 2012 budget of \$1,113,806.04 was approved as presented, and it's going to be another tight year. Apportionments are up a little, maintenance is down a little, and the loan on the Celebration Center is paid off. A motion was approved for the trustees to have a company come in to do a study on how to enhance the sanctuary, especially to better accommodate our music program.

SPPRC Report: Two new part-time positions are approved to start in 2012 – Communications and Children's Coordinator. The budget includes \$10,000 and more funding will be sought.

Bluffton Vision Update: The committee has been working for two years and has put together a proposal, taken it to conference and is expecting an answer from the conference by mid-February. The church needs significant funding over the next 4 – 5 years, including associate pastor compensation. The conference expects the church to put in a significant effort of our own, too. Once conference gives an answer, the committee will meet with SPPRC and finance, back to council in a special meeting to see if council recommends moving forward or not, and then, if so, go to the congregation for a vote. For more information on this, please see Bill Putnam or Jim Gresham.

Trustee Report: Projects for 2012 include: renovate the men's showers, replace the fogged glass in the choir room, and repair the partition walls in the Celebration Center. Doors in the sanctuary are on the list as well, but will see what the company coming to do the study says about the sanctuary first.

Stewardship Areas:

Youth – 2011 was a meaningful year: the middle school youth group met all summer, high school students went to Salkehatchie, and the intern built relationships and helped with inter-connectedness and retreats. The middle school youth went from 12 – 15, with 18 as a high to now an average of 23 kids, high of 30, and total ministering to 75 kids. Over the year parents have stepped up. The high school group has formed, now with eight high school youth, with a potential of 15, who meet on Sundays. They have renovated rooms in the administrative building to meet.

Outreach – Outreach had a great year in 2011. The Backpack Buddies expanded from 20 to 30 kids, the Soup Kitchen was started with about 30 and is now up to 80 sometimes, there was a 12-person mission trip to Panama, and a mission trip to Ringgold, GA. The committee is looking at more great things happening in 2012.

Worship – They are busy coordinating sound, light, music, ushers, greeters, and communion.

Lay Leadership – The committee is looking for a chair for Fall Festival.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Neil said there are three things that attribute to our success – faithfulness of our people, faithfulness of our leadership, and ultimately faithfulness of our God. It's an exciting time in our ministry.

Living the Questions



Dates: March 6 to April 10 (Tuesdays)

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Leader: Rev. Mark Dove

Sign-up: 785-4711 or conniebhhiumc@gmail.com

Overview of Study and Discussion Topics

Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision - Being a person of faith demands balancing spiritual pursuits with *action*. In a society which is often unjust, inequitable, and whose very structures are responsible for generating untold suffering and poverty, we are compelled to pursue social justice as an expression of hope in realizing a better world. (March 6)

Incarnation: Divinely Human - The meaning of incarnation has been debated since the beginning of Christianity. Although often associated with Jesus alone, the notion of incarnation can be understood most fully when it also includes Jesus' followers, called like Jesus, to en flesh the Spirit in divine ways. (March 13)

Prayer: Intimacy with God - The idea of prayer as the primary method of interaction with God is best thought of as a way of life rather than an activity reserved for specific times, places, and formulas. (March 20)

Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry - Jesus was not primarily a teacher of correct beliefs and right morals. He was a teacher of a way that transforms people from legalistic rule; followers into compassionate disciples who put people first. (March 27)

Creative Transformation - The essence of human nature is to take part in the dynamic and imaginative process of creation; transforming us, our relationships, our institutions, and our world. We will probe the processes that lead to transformation. (April 3)

Embracing Mystery - Christian practice is being re-visioned, re-tooled, and re-claimed by those who are living the questions of their faith. They're attentive to ancient ways, comfortable with ambiguity, and open to unknowable and indescribable mystery of the Divine. (April 10)

Each discussion session is enhanced by relevant Living the Questions DVD segments featuring well-respected Biblical scholars. All resources are provided.

Children's Church Reminder



Holy Communion

There will be no Children's Church on February 26. Instead, we are asking that children in Grades K and up stay in worship so that they participate in communion with their family.

We have been learning about communion during the month of February in Children's Church, and we understand that ALL are welcomed to come and be part of this special meal that helps us to remember Jesus' great love for each of us. This will be a special experience for many children as together we "taste and see that the Lord is good."

NOTE - If parents prefer, younger children can go to the nursery as they usually do during worship.

Parent's Night Out



Date: March 9 (Friday)
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Celebration Center
Hosts: Youth & Family Ministries
Cost: Donation to Youth Mission Projects
RSVP: Wednesday, March 7 - conniebhhiumc@gmail.com
(please provide names & ages of children)

Caring adults and youth will watch over children up to grade 5 while parents can enjoy a relaxing night out. We will provide a kid-friendly dinner, games, and a movie.

Parents are asked to register all children in the foyer of the Celebration Center upon arrival. Feel free to bring along a board or card game to play with friends!

Treasurer's Report

In the midst of continued economic challenges across the country, St. Andrew By-The-Sea has once again been blessed with an end-of-year surplus. Thanks to generous members and visitors and cost-conscious stewards who remained ever mindful of their budgets, we ended the year with a surplus just over \$39,000. Here's an overall view of our results:

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$1,133,554.07	\$1,172,220.34*
Expenses	\$1,133,554.07	\$1,132,519.39*
Net Income		\$39,700.95*

2011 was the third straight year St. Andrew By-The-Sea achieved positive end-of-year numbers and we could not have experienced this repeated success without each of you. A significant part of this surplus was \$36,000, which was transferred from the 2010 surplus to the 2011 operating budget to offset significant expenses such as the flooding of the Admin building. Without that transfer, our surplus would have been just under \$4000. So, as you can see, EVERY contribution and EVERY expense savings makes a difference!

Unfortunately, our past positive results are no guarantee for continued success. Despite some program cuts to balance the budget, the Finance Committee remains optimistic that our congregation and staff will continue to bless us with their generosity and financial stewardship. Please don't hesitate to contact me, Phyllis Brodie (Director of Administration), or Jeff Jones (Chair of Finance) with any questions or concerns related to our finances.

God Bless,

Deidra Harrell, Treasurer

* Numbers are actual results as of 2/12/12 but additional adjustments in closing 2011 financials may alter final numbers slightly.

Children's Lenten Calendars

Look for *Children's Lenten Calendars* on the First Sunday of Lent - February 26. It's a great way for our children to think about their faith during this special church season as we prepare for Easter.





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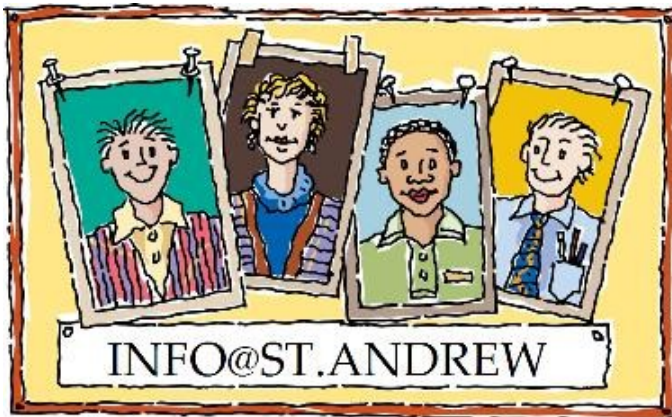
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New Member Announcement



Our "Open Doors" are meant for you! At St. Andrew By-The-Sea, we welcome all who wish to join us in worship and come to our wonderful variety of individual and family activities. If you are thinking of taking a step further, and committing your faith activities as a member of St. Andrew and the United Methodist Church, the time for welcoming new members is coming.

After each service on February 19, 26, and March 4, we will have the info@ST.Andrew kiosks open for information and a friendly greeting to tell you about St. Andrew membership. After 9:00 service we are set up at coffee hour in the Celebration Center, and after 11:15 near the church of-

fice reception area outside the sanctuary (indoor or outdoor, weather permitting.) Membership applications and other information will be available.

On March 12 at 6:30, we will have our New Member Welcome Class and Dinner. This informal evening will introduce our new member class and those who have recently joined to the clergy and our church leadership and staff. A considerable amount of time is spent for questions and introductions.

Then, on March 18 at both services, we will receive into membership those who have chosen St. Andrew By-The-Sea as their faith family. (Should you prefer a different joining date, please let us know.)

If you have questions about membership, or about the above dates and times, please contact Susan Roberts, New Member Coordinator, at 842-2963 or ousuzy@hargray.com.