

THE FISHERMAN



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

May 29 and June 5, 2011



I thought about you particularly early last week. Driving through the streets of a South Carolina city, I noticed several people walking the sidewalks carrying signs. At first I thought the signs announced some retail stores closing- only later did I realize they were predicting the BIG closing. Rapture, end of the world, Big closing. Embarrassed that I had let this kind of thing slip up on me, I went home to do the requisite Internet research to discover the source of this latest misinterpretation of scripture. History records "false starts" a plenty on the subject of the end of time. During my lifetime alone, I can count five or six.

Truth is, Christians have hopefully looked for the great closing of days since Jesus left us. We've prayed for and desired the day when evil, injustice, prejudices, and oppression will be ended, and that we would know the fullness of God's company and fellowship of Jesus. The Greek word used in the New Testament was "Maranatha"! Come, Lord Jesus!

Some people have anxiety about the end but I'm not worried about you. I've seen your compassion expressed when you feed hungry children in our community and your reaching out to those in need in foreign lands. I've seen your love of God in worship. I've experienced firsthand your compassion and care to those who are fearful, hurt and lost. All these are signs of God's grace in our midst. The surest sign that Christ is at the heart of your actions is that you do these things not because you have to, but because you want to.

Whoever was responsible for scheduling the afore mentioned rapture provided me something of an ironic moment. See, at almost the same time when the great event was to take place, I was standing beside a large hole in the ground. Beside me, a green tent sheltered a family whose loved one lay in a casket. I stood near that hurt family as the appointed time came and went. I have to be honest, there was a tiny little part of me that said 'shucks'.

Maranatha, Neil

Intern Joining Surf Youth for the Summer

We are excited to announce that this summer the Surf Youth Team will grow by one. **Matt Ranney**, a junior at Gordon College in MA, will be joining us in ministry starting June and through the summer to August.

Matt's major in college is Youth Ministry which has been preparing him to go into that profession full time in the near future. The school has vigorous classes in Christian studies which lay a foundation for those going into the field. In his home church he is a small group leader and spends time spreading the good news of Jesus Christ among the teens of the many communities surrounding the church. He is talented, is into rap and is a talented DJ who spins records on turntables to make beats. That makes sense since one of his favorite Christian music artists is Toby Mac, who makes similar music. We are excited that he will be joining with us in ministry this year and will be learning the depths of God's work in the world through the church. He will join us in worship services Sunday, June 5th.





Sympathy: Our deepest sympathy to Ann Scott upon the death of her sister in Huntsville, TX.

Hospital: Jim Reeves, Alice Gates

Convalescing: Katie Williams, Joan Bryan, Bill Hulme, David Anderson, Keith Dodson, Jim Crowley, Kathy Wilcox, Rhennie Givhan, Nadine Tyler, Patrick Keenan

NEWS & Notes

Additions to the Endowment Plaque

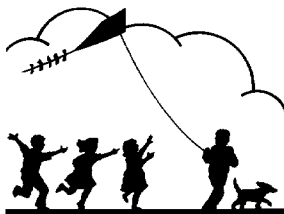
The St. Andrew By-The-Sea Endowment Fund is pleased to announce that additional names will be added to the Endowment Patron's Plaque. This will be done since Blanche W. & C. Eugene Ewing have named the Endowment Fund in their estate plan.

We are also pleased to be adding Dr. Billy & Norma Baker to our Endowment Fund Patron's Plaque after they made a very generous contribution of \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund. The income from this gift as well as other gifts from people in the church will be used to make grants to worthwhile projects in our church and community. The Endowment Committee thanks the Ewing and the Baker families for their wonderful gifts to the Fund.

In other Charge Conference business on May 23, Daniel Griswold was elected as a lay alternate delegate to the SC Annual Conference in Florence from June 8-12, replacing Keith Dodson who is unable to attend.



The deadline for the next *Fisherman* issue is June 6, 2011. Please have submissions emailed to Nadine Stohr at: nadineshhiu@mc.com before noon on June 6th. During the summer, issues of the *Fisherman* will be monthly instead of bi-monthly.



SUNDAY, May 29

- 8:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal -Music Rm
- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship - Cel. Ctr
- 10:15 Sunday School - Joy Class
- 10:45 Summer Choir Rehearsal - Music Rm
- 11:15 Worship

MONDAY, May 30 - Office Closed

- 7:30 Men's Basketball

TUESDAY, May 31

- 12:15 UMM Lunch Devotional
- 7:00 AA - B105

WEDNESDAY, June 1

- 10:00 Piece Makers
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness - Chapel
- 6:00 Middle School Youth

THURSDAY, June 2

- 8:00 Men's Devotional Grp - C111
- 1:30 Dementia Caregivers Support Grp

SUNDAY, June 5

- 8:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal -Music Rm
- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship - Cel. Ctr
- 10:00 BP Checks
- 10:00 Lay Reader Meeting - Chapel
- 10:15 Sunday School - Joy Class
- 10:45 Summer Choir Rehearsal - Music Rm
- 11:15 Worship

MONDAY, June 6

- 4:00 VBS Preschool Mtg - C104 - 105
- 7:30 Men's Basketball

TUESDAY, June 7

- 12:15 UMM Lunch Devotional
- 6:00 Women at the Well - B108
- 6:30 Bluffton Small Grp - Truffles
- 7:00 AA - B105

WEDNESDAY, June 8

- 10:00 Piece Makers
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness - Chapel
- 4:00 Stephen Leaders - C111
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry
- 6:00 Middle School Youth

THURSDAY, June 9

- 8:00 Men's Devotional Grp - C111

SUNDAY, June 12

- 8:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal -Music Rm
- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship - Cel. Ctr
- 10:15 Sunday School - Joy Class
- 10:45 Summer Choir Rehearsal - Music Rm
- 11:15 Worship



Charge Conference Approves Parsonage Sale

At the special Charge Conference held on Monday, May 23, the Trustee's resolution to sell the parsonage at 16 Crooked Pond Drive in Hilton Head Plantation was approved unanimously by the voting members of the charge. The meeting was the culmination of nearly a year of exploratory work by the Trustees, Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC), Finance Committee, and Church Council. In addition, an ad hoc committee was formed in which information from all the committees

was independently reviewed and the ad hoc recommendation was to also approve the sale.

Many excellent questions were asked during the Charge Conference discussion. The following represents many of those items. Should you have any other questions, feel free to contact Church Council Chairman Mike Rogers at 757- 0399 or Trustee Chairman Dean Beckelhimer at 706-3322.

Q. Do we own the parsonage outright?

A. Yes. However, we do have a mortgage on our property at 20 Pope Avenue as a result of the construction of the Celebration Center. As a non-profit, we would not owe capital gains on the sale of the parsonage.

Q. It was mentioned that an option would be to use the proceeds of the sale to pay off the capital debt on our Celebration Center mortgage. What do we owe?

A. As of June 16, 2011, the principal owed on the mortgage will be \$353,690. Assuming we make just our regular monthly mortgage payments, the loan will expire in January of 2015 with a balloon payment due of \$214,640. The church is fortunate that during the original capital campaign in 2001, a member donated a life insurance policy with a cash value that has been steadily increasing. Currently, that policy's value exceeds \$111,000. The policy's cash value paired with the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage would most likely put us in a debt-free position, and save years of making payments of approximately \$4500 per month or about \$55,000 per year. The discipline of the United Methodist Church does not allow the proceeds from the sale of a parsonage to be used for the regular operating or maintenance expenses of the church.

Q. Are there other savings to the church upon the sale of the parsonage?

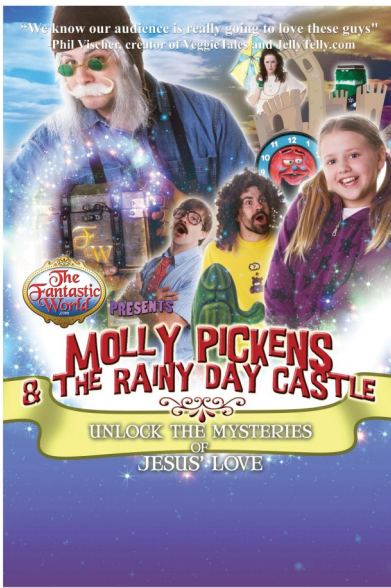
A. Our 2011 church operating budget contains a \$10,000 line item for parsonage maintenance. In addition, we pay for flood, wind and hail, and multi-peril insurance totaling about \$3800; plus termite protection, regime fees, air conditioning maintenance, etc. Keep in mind that because a pastor move-out and move-in happens in a matter of hours when there is a pastor change, major interior projects are difficult without great disruption to the parsonage family. The master and guest bathrooms at the parsonage have not been upgraded since 1985. The kitchen cabinet faces have been painted, but are worn, so the kitchen needs updated. These items alone would add much more to upcoming budgets and/or fundraising needs if the house is not sold as is.

Q. Will a housing allowance impede or enhance our ability to attract pastors in the future to St. Andrew?

A. The District Superintendent explained that the cabinet makes appointments understanding the housing situation provided at each church. A housing allowance gives pastors the freedom to choose how large or how small a house they live in, and where they live. The Rev. David Leininger, who attended the meeting, explained that at one church he served in Pennsylvania, the parsonage was a very large house and his daughter was the only child who had ever lived in it. A single person was the next resident. However, the pastors were responsible for the utilities for a house that was much too large. Equally difficult, when David's father died – also a pastor – his mother had nowhere to live because they had never had the opportunity to purchase their own home.

Q. How is the housing allowance determined and will it be reviewed?

A. The SPPRC committee is compelled by the United Methodist Church to provide a housing allowance amount for a 4-bedroom home as outlined by the official Parsonage Guidelines in the church's locale. (Our current parsonage does not meet the criteria.) The SPPRC investigated approximately 30 rental properties on Hilton Head and Moss Creek that would meet the guidelines to determine the allowance, and the SPPRC and Church Council voted to approve an allowance of \$3000 per month. The pastor may choose to live in much smaller quarters or a much larger home - either saving the difference or spending more of his or her own funds. The allowance may be used to rent or to purchase, again at the choice of the pastor. The amount of the housing allowance will be reviewed annually to assure that it continues to meet the guidelines and the local market.



Children's Church This Summer

Beginning June 5 and throughout the summer, we will learn about the many ways we can think about and live out God's love.

Based on this entertaining video series, **Molly Pickens and the Rainy Day Castle**, our children will explore topics such as encouragement, honesty, service, empathy, and forgiveness.

Each week a different scripture will be highlighted and related activities helping to emphasize the theme of the morning will be offered. Take home activities will help children remember the message throughout the week.

Note: Children's Church takes place in Kids' Kingdom after the Children's Sermon during the 11:15 worship service. Rising kindergartners through children currently in Grade 3 are welcome to participate in Children's Church this summer.

Hey Kids -

Even though we don't have Sunday School this summer, we can still connect with our friends from St. Andrew. Come with your family to worship our awesome God; join us in Kids' Kingdom for Children's Church to learn about the mystery of The Rainy Day Castle; and once a month, enjoy being with friends at our monthly outings on Friday afternoons.

Plans for this summer include:

- Mini Golf at Pirates Island - June 17 at 4:00
- Cost \$5/child
- Bowling at Main Street Lanes - July 22 at 4:00
- Family Dinner and a Movie Night - August 26 (tentative)
- Celebration Center

FUN
Friday's
this summer

Mark your calendar now and look for more details in upcoming Fisherman!

Supplies Requested for Shake It Up Café:

Snacks

- powdered **lemonade** drink mix
- **cookies:** call Marge Kranich (681-9971) if you can make us a batch

Crafts

- plastic **frosting cans** with lids (washed and labels removed, please)
- empty **cereal boxes**

Clean-up/Breakdown

- 6-8 **strong backs** to help us tear down VBS and re-set the Celebration Center on July 1, 12:30-1:30.



Confirmation Sunday: a Welcoming and Warm Experience

Sunday (May 22) was a big day for our the Youth Ministry at St. Andrew By-The-Sea. Thirteen confirmation students from 6th - 8th grade made vows confirming their faith, service and prayers, one of which was baptized during this very special worship moment. Their families stood with each of them at the full altar in support of their continued growth and nurturing as followers of Christ in the Methodist Church. Following the service, a Celebration Luncheon filled our gym with smiles, hugs and lots of food. Our confirmands received gifts (a certificate protector and a personalized Bible) and we clapped and celebrated their decision. Among the face-painting, the corn hole and a water balloon fight, it turned out to be an amazing day.

Special thanks goes out to everyone who made Confirmation Day possible. Many hands prepared and set up for the events, many more brought food for the meal, many family members traveled to be here and the ministers of our church allowed us to enter God's presence and be challenged by God's word for us. And also, thank you to each of our confirmands who have dedicated a few moments in their lives to build a foundation of faith. They went above and beyond, presenting and teaching each other as much as they were taught.

Our 2011 Confirmation Class:

Corey Samuel Renaker
Sydney Colleen Segars
Ava Renneer Nixon
Ashley Nicole Thomas
Emma Jane North
Dakotah Scott Brigham
Parks McColl Webster
Anna Kathryn McGarity
Trevor Grant Lindstrom
Christopher Gavin Hurlbut
Sarah Emily O'Neil
Hunter Christian Greenwell
Brandon Joseph Cox



NOTES FROM TIM

Tim Reynolds, Director of Music



Memorial Day Weekend is upon us which means the program season for the Music Ministry of St. Andrews slows down a bit. We have had our spring picnic, cleaned and packed-up the handbells, and are ready for a lighter schedule over the summer months. This means **SUMMER CHOIR** starts this Sunday, May 29, and runs through Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4. We encourage anyone to come and participate in Summer Choir. The summer choir does not wear choir robes and we meet in the Music Room 30 minutes prior to each service to put together a simple anthem for use in worship that day. It's a great way to give singing in the choir a try with minimum time commitment. And we welcome friends and family who may be in town visiting you, who sing in a choir "back home," to come and join us. I hope you'll give it a try. Our goal is always to **make a joyful noise unto the Lord!**

See you in church, *Tim*



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Summer Calendar Coming Soon

Surf Youth Middle School and High School Gatherings will continue through the summer and we will have a few events and trips for service and fun. Our High School students, many of whom are going to Salkehatchie Service Camp this summer, will have "get togethers" through the summer. Middle School will meet Wednesday 6 - 8 pm except on special occasions and events. We will have three nights during the summer at homes around our community, so keep an eye out for our summer calendar coming soon so you will know the when and where of it all. We are currently planning a white water rafting trip for all youth in August. This summer is going to be quite an adventure full of fun, friends, and faith! All information will be out soon.



Be in the know! To join the Surf Youth Newsletter, contact Dan at Danielghiumc@gmail.com or call his church extension 229.

New to the Library

St. Andrew members, Julie and Morgan Oliver, have given the children's book *Little Willy and the Party Animals* to our church library in memory of their husband and father, Charles Oliver who authored the book. The idea for this book came from Charles' old entertainment business. He and a group of teenage helpers did birthday parties and other different types of celebrations using a petting zoo and pony rides.

This book was written from the point of view of Willy. It is the delightful story about a little pony and his friends. The book is entertaining and educational. The illustrations by Frances Rethorn are full of life and fun. Frances is Julie's mother.

Parents and grandparents will enjoy reading this charming story to young readers.

