

# THE FISHERMAN



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

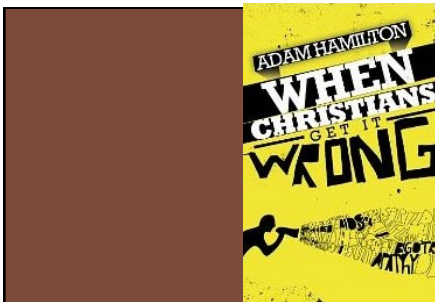
September 18 and 25, 2011



There are many dynamics at work in the American Methodist church that have had and will have a powerful effect on its ministry and witness in our world. As the byproduct of a denomination wide study, the United Methodist church has constructed a strategic planning guide for each Congregation to use as it considers it's future. Recently, we've received our copy of that guide and I'm proud to say that St. Andrew By-The-Sea is well down the planning path the guide proposes. We have already begun the process of discernment that will lead toward a unified vision that will position our church to engage a changing and often troubled world. The past 18 months have seen several congregational meetings, the assembly of a ministry task force, and conversations with SC Annual Conference leaders as we attempt to move forward with the Gospel of Christ in our communities. This month, our church Council adopted a resolution to expand our conversations about our future. To that end, Town Hall style meetings are planned for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm, September 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Members of the ministry task force will be available to listen to ideas and share discussion about our future. Please make plans to be at one of these meetings.

An exciting future awaits us!

*Neil*



## WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG

Date: September 27 to November 1 (Tuesdays)

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m. (following dinner)

Leader: Dr. Julius Scott & Martha Hazzard

Cost: \$10/study book

Are you concerned about the increasing lack of interest in Christianity and involvement with the church? Young adults are opting out of both. Why? Christians! Could you be part of the problem without realizing it?

When young adults talk about problems with Christianity and the church, they identify attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. Using UM pastor, Adam Hamilton's study, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, we will discuss these issues and the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to effective witness to Christ in the world.

Those who participate in this DVD/discussion format study will gain an understanding of the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. If we don't start getting it right, we will lose an entire generation.

Call or email the church office to sign up for this thought-provoking study. Participants are encouraged to pick up the study guide prior to the first session and to read the introduction and first chapter (pages 5-22). (Dinners available at 6pm. See info on the last page of this issue.)



**Convalescing:** Bill Hulme, David Anderson, Nadine Tyler, Sandra Chase, Bob Pfeffer, Bob McCoy



## NEWS & Notes

### Save the date!

Estate Planning Seminar sponsored by the St. Andrew By-The-Sea Endowment Committee on Monday, Oct. 3 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Come for this free seminar with a panel of estate planning experts including St. Andrew members Mike Howell and Janet Williams.

### Come for Coffee!

Between services, come for coffee and conversation before Sunday School classes get underway. It's a good way to meet other people in the church and to have a chance to catch up in a casual atmosphere. Our coffee volunteers enjoy providing you with goodies, too. In an effort to go green, our Kitchen & Hospitality team has been working to move from the use of foam cups to degradable paper hot cups. While the paper cups are better for our earth, they are aware that they don't insulate quite as well. Instead of using more than one cup for your coffee, they suggest not filling the cup too full, so your hands don't go around the hot coffee....and then refill as often as you like! Enjoy!



### Open Flower Calendar Date...

If you are interested in signing up to provide altar flowers for Oct. 2, 2011, please call Sarah Dodson at 681-2369.

**The deadline for the next Fisherman** issue is September 26, 2011. Please have submissions emailed to Nadine Stohr at: [nadineshhiuic@gmail.com](mailto:nadineshhiuic@gmail.com) before noon on September 26.



### SUNDAY, September 18

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship - Cel. Ctr
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble Rehearsal
- 10:00 New Member Info - C111
- 10:00 BP Checks
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
- 11:15 Worship
- 12:15 New Member Info - Walkway

### MONDAY, September 19

- 7:00 Vision Info Meeting - Sanc
- 7:30 Men's Basketball

### TUESDAY, September 20

- 12:00 UMM Lunch & Study - C111
- 6:00 Women at the Well - B108
- 7:00 AA - B105

### WEDNESDAY, September 21

- 10:00 Piece Makers
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness - Chapel
- 2:30 Adult Handbell Rehearsal - Music Rm
- 5:30 Cherub Choir
- 6:00 Middle School Youth
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Rm
- 7:00 Vision Info Meeting - Sanc

### THURSDAY, September 22

- 7:45 Men's Devotional Group - C111
- 1:00 Bridge
- 1:30 Dementia Caregiver Support Grp
- 7:00 Couples Small Grp Study - C111

### FRIDAY, September 23

- 12:00 Soup Kitchen - Gym

### SATURDAY, September 24

### SUNDAY, September 25

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship - Cel. Ctr
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble Rehearsal
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
- 11:15 Worship
- 2:00 Stephen Ministry Training - C111
- 4:00 UMM Pig Roast - Fish Island Sea Pines

### MONDAY, September 26

- 3:00 Health Ministries Meeting - Library
- 7:00 Charge Conference - Sanctuary
- 7:30 Men's Basketball

### TUESDAY, September 27

- 12:00 UMM Lunch & Study - C111
- 6:00 Fellowship meal
- 7:00 When Christians Get It Wrong - C106
- 7:00 AA - B105

## Extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover

The South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., in Columbia recently sent a letter to many South Carolina Methodists about the continuation of IRA Charitable Rollovers. Here are some excerpts:

*On December 17, 2010, the President signed into law The Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010. Included in the new law was the reinstatement of the "IRA Charitable Rollover" through calendar year 2011.*

*...The provision allowed individuals aged 70 ½ and older to make direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000 annually from their Individual Retirement Accounts to public charities without having to count the distribution as part of their adjusted gross income, therefore, making the transfer without income tax consequences. No charitable income tax deduction is allowed, however, and a donor's total combined charitable IRA rollovers cannot exceed \$100,000 for the calendar year. Transfers from 403(b), 401(k), pension plans and other retirement plans are not eligible for the tax-free consideration. Transfers must be made **directly** from the IRA trustee or custodian to the public charity. No funds may pass to or through the hands of the donor.*

In the past, several St. Andrew members have taken advantage of this option, and have made contributions to the church in this manner. You should contact your tax advisor(s) and the entity holding your IRA funds to inquire about your personal situation and how to make a transfer directly to the church. Should you decide to make such a transfer, be sure to advise our financial secretary Nadine Stohr (preferably in writing) of your plans so that she can properly credit you.



## Trustee Update

**Nursery & Toddler area:** Thanks to a gift from Carol Smith, the nursery and toddler classrooms have fresh new carpet for little ones to play on. In addition, Carol gifted funds to refresh the restroom between the rooms with new faucets, cleaned and sealed tile, and fresh paint.

**Sanctuary Bathrooms:** The sanctuary public restrooms have been freshly painted and the tile has been cleaned and resealed. New faucets have been installed on the sinks. A new mirror has been installed in the women's restroom. The trustees hope to be able to do a more major upgrade, including vanities, in the future.

**New Door Closers:** The sanctuary doors have been heavily used since its consecration in 1988. Many of the door closers were so worn that they were no longer functioning and posed a hazard if someone did not move through quickly. The trustees have recently installed some new closers to assure slow and safe shutting of the doors.

**Tree Removals:** Wind recently took down one tree in the parking lot and two others were in need of removal to assure no threat to cars or The Sandbox building. The trees have all been taken down and cleared.



## Health Ministries Committee

The Loaves of Love branch of the Health Ministries committee will provide meals upon request for those in our congregation during times of need...such as following surgery, injury, illness or new births. Just contact the church office if you know of someone in the congregation that has a need or you have one in your own family and we will be notified. Advance notice is great, when possible, in order to have a meal upon your return home.

The Health Ministries committee is a unique group, and it is quite gratifying to be a member. We are active in the "service" area of our church, and reach out in many different ways as we serve our church and our community. If you would like to serve with us, you would be welcome! Please contact the church office for any questions you may have.

Carol Beckelhimer, Health Ministries Committee Member



# Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Begin October 5

**CHILDREN & PARENTS!** Sign up now to join us **On Our Way to Bethlehem** -- our extra-special Christmas Pageant! This will be a fantastic journey of singing, dancing, acting, laughing and helping each other to do our very best at making a wonderful show together. Our Cherub Choir will also be part of this special presentation to honor Jesus' birth.

Denise (Dr. O.) Ondishko will be directing, with Connie Borgianini assisting. Rehearsals will be on **Wednesday evening from 5:30 - 6:15** starting on October 5th and ending with our wonderful presentation on Sunday morning, December 11 at 10:30. This will surely be a memorable part of our Advent season--and a wonderful gift to our entire church family!

To sign up, call or email Connie at the church office with your child's name, parent's name(s) and an email address. Spread the word--**all children in grades K-5 are invited**. It's OK to bring friends and neighbors to participate in this exciting and worthwhile celebration.

## Children's Mission Project



While our children may not be able to go to Panama in October with our St. Andrew Mission Team, they can still help to make this trip a success and to make a difference in the lives of the children with whom our team will be in ministry in that country.

All our children who attend Sunday School and Children's Church are invited to bring supplies for VBS/School kits. Each kit will contain: \* most needed

- pencils
- child-size scissors \*
- pencil sharpener \*
- box of crayons - 16 count
- glue stick

We would like to make 70 kits, so everyone's participation in this project is encouraged. (Even if you aren't a child, you can contribute to this project!) We plan for our children to assemble these kits on October 9 during Children's Church. Supplies can be dropped in Kids' Kingdom or Connie's office.

## St. Andrew now a "hot spot"



Thanks to a \$8,385 grant from the St. Andrew By-The-Sea Endowment Fund, the trustees were able to purchase access point equipment and pay for the installation of a system to allow our entire campus to be covered by public WiFi (no access code needed) called "StAndrewWiFi."

The project means committee members who bring devices to meetings will be able to get on the internet to see emails or calendars, the youth will be able to stream Christian content in the Celebration Center, and the many families who spend time in our facilities, such as the hundreds here during Upward seasons, may also get on-line. Previously, there was no internet access of any kind in the Celebration Center or Sanctuary, and no public access in the Admin/Education Building. (A reminder that whenever you use **any** public hotspot whether at a coffee shop, airport or St. Andrew's new system, your computer should be running anti-virus software, and you should avoid typing in such sensitive information as credit card numbers. Disable the WiFi connection when it is not needed.)

Thanks to those who have donated to the Endowment Fund. The interest on your gifts have made the internet upgrade possible!

## Sunday Morning Youth Connection Groups, 10 - 11 am Sundays



### ***This year we will have 3 main groups for Connection Sunday Mornings.***

We will have **Basic** for anyone considering Confirmation. This is not age or grade specific. Anyone who has not been Confirmed and desires to do so is welcome to join this group.

There will be an **Upper Middle School** group for those who have just finished Confirmation and who are in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. There will be components of community service, exploring faith a bit deeper, and a good amount of fun.

Lastly, we will have a **High School Service Group**. This group will be centered around community service, faith in action, and gearing up for the big Salkehatchie Service Camp in the Summer (14 yrs old and up).

There are lots of opportunities for fun, fellowship and faith growth at Surf Youth for both Middle and High School youth. Our calendar is posted on [www.hhiumc.com/youth](http://www.hhiumc.com/youth) for download and you can pick up a calendar at any of our youth events.



## Come grow with us!

It's never too late to join a Sunday School class! Learning (and fellowship) opportunities for all ages and stages are offered every Sunday 10:15-11:00 a.m. Children's *Live B.I.G.* classes (ages 3 to grade 5) and Youth Connection Groups (grades 6-12) are held in the Education Building. Adult classes meet in the Celebration Center. For more details and class descriptions, go to [www.hhiumc.com](http://www.hhiumc.com)

Parents: Please register your children (up to Grade 5). You can find the registration form on our website as well. Forms are also available in the Sunday School classrooms. Just leave the completed forms with your child's teacher.



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**Rev. Neil M. Yongue, Jr.**

- Senior Pastor

**Rev. Jim Morrison**

- Associate Pastor

## Tuesday Night Fellowship Meals



Come enjoy a delicious healthy meal at a great price from Sept. 27 through Nov. 1 created by Chef Brooks Rinehart. Serving is from 6-6:45pm. The cost is \$8 per adult/teen, \$4 for children ages 4 - 11, age 3 and under are free. You can also request meals "To Go", but come enjoy the conversation and getting to know your church family if you can! Sign up on-line at <http://www.hhiumc.com/tuesday-dinner-rsvp/>, call the office at 785-4711, or use the form below. Please pay at the door. We ask that all

meals reserved for are paid for if not cancelled by the Friday before the Tuesday. Those reserving for all 6 nights at once are asked to pay at once, if possible.

All meals include bread, beverages and dessert.

Sept. 27 - Chicken Pasta Primavera, Caesar Salad

Oct. 4 - Turkey Meatloaf, Rosemary Roasted Potato, Sautéed Green Beans

Oct 11 - Roast Pork Loin, Whipped Potato, Vegetable Medley

Oct. 18 - Beef Stroganoff, Herb Pasta, Sautéed Zucchini

Oct. 25 - Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Vegetables

Nov. 1 - Pulled Pork, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw

## Charge Conference

The church's annual Charge Conference will be held on Monday evening, September 26 at 7pm in the Sanctuary with District Superintendent Ernest Etheredge presiding. All members and friends of the church are encouraged to attend to hear the reports and offer comments. The voting members of the Charge Conference are the Church Council members who are present.