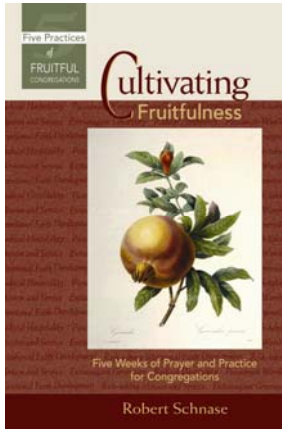


THE FISHERMAN

News from St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church
Weeks of February 21 & 28, 2010



There's hardly time to catch your breath between the Christmas holiday and the season of Lent. No sooner do we put away the candles from Christmas Eve, than we're pulling out Ashes for our Ash Wednesday service!

This year I'm particularly excited about the journey before us. Robert Schnase's book *Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation* will serve as a primary resource for our congregation as we move through the Lenten season. This special emphasis will provide the opportunity to study, practice and celebrate traits that are found in vital, vibrant, growing congregations. I'll be preaching a sermon series over the next five weeks on these topics: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission, and Extravagant Generosity - each of the practices found in life changing churches. Our Tuesday midday study will be taught by several of our clergy. I'll be teaching Radical Hospitality; Rev. Larry

Bobbitt will lead the topic of Passionate Worship; Rev. Dr. Julius Scott will teach the importance of Intentional Faith Development, Rev. Jim Morrison will resource the topic of Risk-Taking Mission and the Rev. Doctor David Leininger will teach Extravagant Generosity. Further, each member of our congregation will read a daily devotion that addresses some aspect of each of one these traits. These daily readings include questions and challenges about faith and the practice of discipleship. You are also encouraged to participate in an ongoing "blog" discussion on-line, moderated by our Lay Leader Charlie Hannah. Simply pull up the church website and follow the directions found there. More information concerning the Fives Practices is included below. Call the church office if you have any questions...remember I'm praying for you.

Observe a Holy Lent.

Neil

Special Lenten Series Begins February 21

Join us at St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church for a special Lenten focus based on the book "Cultivating Fruitfulness" - *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*.

Sermon Series starts Sunday, February 21
Tuesday Study February 23 – March 23 at 12:15 p.m.
in the Celebration Center

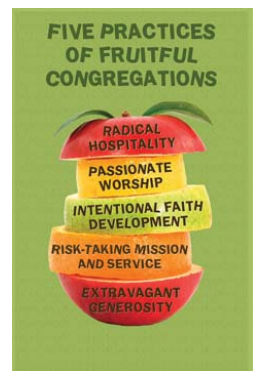
If you don't already have your daily devotional book, please pick one up and follow the schedule on the bookmark.

Children and youth of the church will also participate in this 5-week study, with additional study during Children's Church and youth group.

Members are also invited to a free, more in-depth, one-hour study on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. beginning on February 23. There will be a pastor leader each week. A box lunch from Giuseppe's will be available at a cost of \$6.00 each and includes beverage, or members may bring a brown bag lunch.

Come to all or as many sessions as you can!

(See the menu and leader details on the last page of this *Fisherman* issue.)





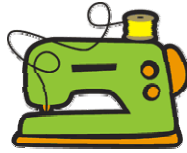
Convalescing: Phil Burger, Bette Herbig, Mary Lou Bradley, Myles Katerman, Margaret Anderson, Mona Voden, Rhonda Barry, Joan Bryan, Maxine Polhill, Arden Polhill, Mary Alice Vigneault, Stuart Smith, Paul Molony.



Fellowship Friends

Fellowship Friends will meet on Monday, February 22 at 9:30. John Kreckler, chairman of the Community Needs Ministry will be our speaker. For more information, contact: Maxene Rogers 843-757-0399

The **Prayer Quilt Ministry** is in need of a useable, portable sewing machine. Please call Shirley Stegeman (671-5748) if you have one to donate.



Paschal Candle

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.



Facility Use Form

The administrative and custodial staff have adopted a new facility request form for members and others who need to schedule the facility for a meeting or event. The form will assure that we have the exact times for your set-up, your set-up requirements, and the start and end times of the meeting or event for our calendaring.

The Excel "Facility Use Requisition Form" is on our website at www.hhiumc.com/policies-forms. You can fill out the form in Excel and email it to the church, or print the form and bring it to the office. Copies are also available in the office. The church office also has "maps" of the Celebration Center and other spaces and requests that you also complete a diagram of special set-ups.

To place an event on the church calendar, contact Administrative Assistant Nadine Stohr at 785-4711 or nadine@hhiumc.com.



SUNDAY, February 21

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship - Cel. Center
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble
- 10:15 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 Worship
- 5:30 Middle School Youth
- 7:30 High School Youth

MONDAY, February 22

- 9:30 Fellowship Friends
- 11:00 Vol. Recognition Comm. - B105
- 12:00 Endowment Committee - C111
- 3:30 HHCA Gym use
- 5:00 Upward BB Practice
- 7:00 Men's Basketball

TUESDAY, February 23

- 12:15 Five Practices Study - C111
- 6:00 Living the Questions - C111
- 7:00 AA - B105

WEDNESDAY, February 24

- 10:00 St. Andrew Piece Makers -Quilt Rm
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness - Chapel
- 2:30 Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 3:30 HHCA Gym use
- 5:00 Upward Cheerleading
- 5:00 Upward BB Practice
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 25

- 8:00 Men's Devotional Grp - C111
- 12:00 Mom's Bible Study - C105
- 1:00 Bridge - C104
- 5:00 Upward BB Practice
- 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study - Starbucks

FRIDAY, February 26

- 10:30 NA - B105
- 5:00 Upward BB Practice

SATURDAY, February 27

- 9:00 Upward Basketball

SUNDAY, February 28

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship - Cel. Center
- 10:00 Women's Ensemble
- 10:05 Men's Ensemble
- 10:15 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 Worship
- 3:30 Study Group - C111
- 5:30 Middle School Youth
- 7:30 High School Youth



NOTES FROM TIM

Tim Reynolds, Director of Music



Did you know that the music ministry of St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC is noting February as Black History Month in our weekly services of worship? Our February Sunday services each have a musical element: a hymn, an anthem or an instrumental selection, found in the musical roots of the Afro-American musical tradition. Throughout the year we try to honor the various musical traditions from our great and varied heritage within the structure of the lectionary and liturgy. The United Methodist Hymnal is a great source for music from a wide variety of styles and traditions.

The season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 17 and continues through Holy Week. We marked the beginning of this season of introspection, penance and reflection with a simple Ash Wednesday service of scripture readings, hymns and prayer concluding with the imposition of ashes.

To mark the first Sunday in Lent, on February 21, the Chancel Choir will present music appropriate to the season, accompanied by a string quintet in our worship services. We will also observe the Lord's Supper that day. The Introit with which the Chancel Choir will begin our services has a beautiful text by contemporary theologian, hymnist and Executive Director of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, Dr. Carl P. Daw. Dr. Daw sums up what services of communion should be about in this prayer and anthem text:

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; Teach us through the holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

See you in church,
Tim

Reemployment Support Group to Work One-on-One

After operating as a weekly support group meeting every Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. since November, the Reemployment Support Group team has decided to take a different tack and become a one-on-one program for any and all who seek assistance with their job search. The team has discovered that much of its work has been done by phone, email, and one-on-one meetings with job seekers. We want to continue to provide an array of services ranging from resume construction to interview preparation to building networking skills - all of which can be delivered in an intimate way tailored to meet the specific needs of each person, and not by meeting on a weekly basis.

If anyone has a family member, neighbor, friend, or colleague who needs support in finding a job, have them call the church office to be referred to one of the team members who will assist them in anyway possible. Consider the team as a church-wide resource ready and willing to aid anyone in the church and in the community who needs to find work.

-Bill Putnam for the Reemployment Support Group team.

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS – Galactic Blast

June 21 – 25

9:00 to noon

Adult and Middle School Volunteers are needed. Email Connie Borgianini (connie@hhiumc.com) or Julie Chalpan (julie@focusunlimitedpr.com) to let us know of your willingness to be involved in this cosmic adventure praising God.





Sarah Dodson (right) & Altar Guild

Tricia Lynch with Acolytes
Jared Valvo & Whitaker Gannon

“Gratefully Serving The Lord” PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE & THANK OUR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Our church is continually blessed with a caring, giving spirit which is demonstrated every day in so many ways by so many individuals. Organizationally, members often join together in groups for ministries which serve God and our church family. We want them to know that we greatly value and appreciate their commitment and dedication. We will be recognizing all of these groups during worship services on a designated Sunday once a month.

On February 28th we will recognize the volunteers from Worship Ministries led by Mitzi Ganelin, Music Ministries and our Spiritual Formation Group. One group within the Worship Ministries is the Altar Guild led by Sarah Dodson. Their mission is to prepare the altar as a suitable and pleasing setting for worship, and this involves many duties such as providing the flowers, candles and linens according to the South Carolina Conference calendar. They are especially pleased to have all of the new appointments for baptism this year and to provide the families with two special keepsakes. This group currently includes 10 volunteers who work in pairs on a rotating basis and join together during holiday months.

Also on this date we will recognize our Acolytes led by Tricia Lynch. This group includes 4th grade and up students who are willing to serve their church by lighting the candles and assisting our pastors during worship. The Acolytes are trained by their leader and usually serve once every four weeks. Tricia (681-2239) is always available for contact by any student who is interested in serving our church in this way.

We must all join together to show our appreciation for the commitment and dedication of these Christian volunteers, and it is hoped that all our members may learn more about the multitude of services needed and given in the work of our church to the glory of God.

Susan Campbell
Volunteer Recognition Group



So far in Children’s Church we have collected 4243 pennies. That is over 265 feet of pennies (placed side-by-side). That’s almost enough pennies to go around our basketball court in the Celebration Center!

We’ll keep collecting pennies (dimes, nickels, quarters) through the end of the month.

At the end of February, we’ll total our money up and send it to UMCOR to help the people in Haiti. It’s one way we can show God’s love.

Haiti Assistance Report as of February 17:

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| Total boxes of Health Kits shipped | 7 |
| Total number of Health Kits checked and packed | 258 |
| Total weight of boxes | 235 lbs |
| Total amount of money collected for Health Kit toothpaste | \$325 |
| United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advance Donations | |
| 1. 01/17/2010 | \$6,975 |
| 2. 01/24/2010 | 10,773 |
| 3. 01/31/2010 | 1,490 |
| 4. 02/07/2010 | 370 |
| 5. 02/14/2010 | <u>120</u> |
| Total to UMCOR Advance Special # 418325 | \$19,728 |

Grand Total Funds Collected: \$20,053

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| Total <u>monetary value</u> of health kits collected: @\$12.00 | \$3,216 |
| Total number of volunteers conducting "quality control inspection" (Extra Health Kit items pulled from donated kits given to Deep Well.) | 25 |

Help in Haiti still continues to be needed. It is not too late to donate funds to UMCOR. In addition, Congress has passed a bill allowing the OPTION of claiming donations made for Haiti Relief between January 12 and Feb. 28, 2010, as a deduction on 2009 tax returns. Contact your tax advisor and visit the UMCOR website.



What's Happening at Surf Youth Group?

In our *Sunday Morning Connection Group*, we have decided to read through the Bible in one year together. There is a covenant that you can download on our website (www.hhiumc.com/youth) under forms and downloads. We are in the middle of the book of Genesis right now, and we encourage you to read along and bring your questions to youth group and Connection Group so we can discuss what we are reading together. We are also doing a series called "What Does That Mean" at the same time, so we are simultaneously expanding our Biblical knowledge and filling in our gaps, and we are also going deeper by understanding the theological themes that the Bible holds. Hope you'll take the

challenge and come alongside us. You can start anytime and catch up later.

Surf Camp at Ponce Inlet Florida

The weekend of **April 23rd**, we will be going away to learn or get better at surfing with pro surfers from the Ponce Inlet area. It is one of the best breaks in Florida, with beautiful beaches, and good waves. We will have a professional cook in tow, and you'll get personal surf lessons from pro-surfers from Christian Surfers clubs in the Port Orange, Florida area. It's going to be a blast, and even if you're not interested in surfing like a pro, you'll find fun times around the bonfire, with good friends, amazing worship, and times to get closer to God through the beauty of His creation - the ocean and the beach. We will be joining St. Luke's youth group and First Presbyterian as well. Cost will be \$75 if you sign up and pay by Sunday March 21st. \$85 afterward. Invite a friend and if it is their first time on a retreat with us, they pay \$50. Place this date on your calendars asap and get ready to have a blast.

PARENT COFFEE/LUNCH:

We will be having a Parent Coffee after church February 28th at 12:30 pm after church and will last until 1:30. It will be in the Sunday School/Connection Group rooms in the Admin Building (B).

We'll talk about the past year in Middle and High School, and start thinking about the Spring and Summer together. I hope that many will be able to come. Let me know ahead of time if you can so I can get a headcount for lunch, which will be sandwiches, snacks, and other refreshments.

If you haven't checked us out yet, Surf Youth Groups meet Sunday evenings (Middle School is 5:30 - 7 pm, and High School is 7:30 - 9 pm). The Middle School program is filled with games, candy, friends, talking about God, and is lots of fun. In the High School Group we play basketball, play games, and spend time talking about and growing deeper in our faith together. Come and meet us this week.

Sincerely, The Surf Crew



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Tuesday Cultivating Fruitfulness Study Menus & Leaders

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| February 23 | Pizza & Salad – Pastor Leader: Neil Yongue |
| March 2 | Chicken Salad Sub – Pastor Leader: Larry Bobbitt |
| March 9 | Meatball Parmesan Hoagie – Pastor Leader: Julius Scott |
| March 16 | Calzone – Pastor Leader: Jim Morrison |
| March 23 | Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap – Pastor Leader: David Leininger |

Reservations for lunch are due by the prior Monday at noon by calling the church reception desk at 843.785.4711 or emailing Connie at connie@hhiumc.com.

As another means of discussion, please visit the Cultivating Fruitfulness blog to share additional reflections and ideas. You can get to it through the web site at www.hhiumc.com or by going directly to the blog at <http://www.saintandrewbts.wordpress.com>.

As we prepare for Easter during this season of Lent, we turn to devotional reading. Our church library has a collection of books for both adults and children. *That's My Colt- An Easter Tale* is new for children. Two new adult books are *Reliving the Passion* and *Bread and Wine- Readings for Lent and Easter*.

We would like to continue reviewing books from our library. If you would be willing to do a review, please contact Mary Rop at 363-2767. Happy Reading!!

