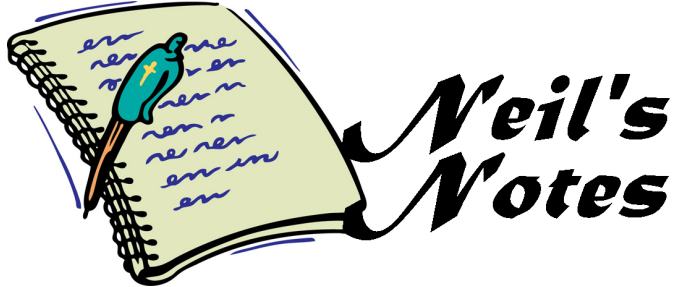


# THE FISHERMAN

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

February 5 and 12 2012



February is here! The beginning of a new month of the year 2012. With January already behind us, I wonder, how those New Year's resolutions are coming along?!

One of the reasons time passes so quickly is a full and active schedule. This is not only true for our individual lives, but also true in regards to congregational life. We've already seen the start of our Upward Basketball season, celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial weekend and have a new bible study underway not to mention the numerous adminis-

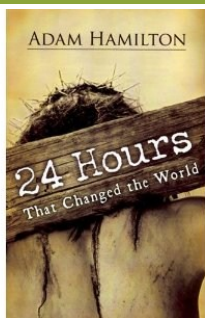
trative committees and groups that have begun their work for the new year. Be sure to take a close look at this issue of *The Fisherman* and note the plans for Upward Sunday this week and very special music that's scheduled for February 12. There is lots ahead as well, including a service which will showcase SABTS children, featuring the talents and contributions of our "youngest ones in faith" during worship.

Further, we are anticipating a report from the South Carolina Office of Congregational Development in Columbia. Our Bluffton expansion task force has continued their work to ascertain the resources needed to make a recommendation to our Church Council regarding this exciting project. Upon that recommendation and vote, St. Andrew would request a church conference for final approval of the go ahead from the entire membership. This meeting would be held sometime in mid March.

We are a blessed congregation and a busy one! At this rate it won't be long before we're singing Christmas Carols again!

Peace, *Neil*

## 24 Hours That Changed the World



Dates: Sundays - February 19 to April 1  
Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Location: C111 - Wesley Room  
Cost: \$12/book (order deadline: Feb. 8)\*

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, author and UMC pastor Adam Hamilton guides us through the last 24-hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before.

Our Faith & Friends group (former Disciple I-IV class) has graciously agreed to host and lead this Lenten study. During our seven weeks together, we will read about and discuss the unfolding of Christ's crucifixion. In addition to the readings found in the study book, DVD segments will enhance the study sessions. Participants are asked to read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to the first session on February 19. Call or email Connie at the church office to sign up.

\* Participants who sign-up after February 8 will need to purchase their own book. (Books can be ordered from the local Barnes & Noble: 342-6690, or from an online vendor.)



**Convalescing:** Larry Priddy, Wayne Carbiener, Claire Wheeler, Pat Kennedy, Joanne Katerman, Shirley Goehring, Rhennie Givhan, Carole Evans, Dick Kidd, Mary Lou Krause, Bill Sims, Fran Dumpel, Jill Murphy

## NEWS & Notes

### Thank You from Endowment

The St. Andrew Endowment Fund is very pleased to announce that additional names have been placed on the Patrons Plaque. The most recent names are a father-son combination of Harold & Tom Risher. The Endowment Committee would like to sincerely thank them both for their \$5,000 contribution to the Endowment Fund.



The deadline for the next *Fisherman* issue is February 10, 2012. Please have submissions emailed to Nadine Stohr at: [nadineshhiumc@gmail.com](mailto:nadineshhiumc@gmail.com) before noon on February 10.

### Mark Your Calendar for VBS



Mark your calendar for VBS at St. Andrew!

**Operation Overboard**

**June 18 to 22, 2012**

**9:00 to noon**

Look for more details in upcoming *Fisherman*

### SUNDAY, February 5 - Upward Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:00 BP Checks
- 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 Disciple Group - C111

### MONDAY, February 6

- 12:00 Endowment Meeting - C111
- 4:00 Upward Practice
- 5:00 Couples Small Group - C111
- 5:30 Upward Cheerleading
- 8:00 Men's Basketball

### TUESDAY, February 7

- 12:00 UMM Lunch & Study - C111
- 4:00 Missions Committee - 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 8

- 8:00 Bluffton Men's Fellowship @ Stooges
- 10:00 Piece Makers
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness - Chapel
- 2:30 Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 4:00 Stephen Leaders - C111
- 4:00 Upward Practice
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 Cherub Choir
- 6:00 Middle School Youth
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, February 9

- 8:00 Men's Devotional Group - C111
- 1:00 Bridge
- 1:30 Dementia Caregivers Support Grp
- 4:30 Upward Practice

### FRIDAY, February 10

- 12:00 By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen
- 4:15 Upward Practice
- 4:30 Upward Cheerleading
- 6:00 Upward Game
- 8:00 Youth Lock-in - Celebration Center

### SATURDAY, February 11

- 8:00 Upward Game Day

### SUNDAY, February 12

- 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 Disciple Group - C111
- 6:00 High School Youth

FEBRUARY 2012

## St. Andrew, Answering God's Call to Mission—Come, Join Us

**By-The-Sea Soup Kitchen** is one of the newest and most exciting ways St. Andrew is at work answering God's call to ministry through the Missions Committee. Last month Allan LaCoe talked about some of the exciting ministries that are happening there.

It all began when Holy Family Roman Catholic Church started hosting a soup kitchen on Monday and Wednesday for folks who are homeless or unable to feed their families adequately. The St. Andrew Missions Committee, knowing that two meals a week are not enough, received permission from the Trustees and Church Council to begin a Soup Kitchen on Fridays, and they served the first meal in September. Come and join us in this ministry; here are some ways you can be involved.

Guests are greeted when they arrive, welcomed and offered a drink as they wait for the meal. There are babies to rock as their mothers enjoy a peaceful lunch, young children to read to and color with, and lonely people who need a friend. Join us as we answer God's call to love our neighbor.

### Some food facts:

**Purchased—35%**--paper products (plates, bowls etc.), chicken, beef, cheese, ground meat, hot dog rolls, chicken broth

**Gifts from Friends—35%**--chili, soups, stews, desserts, salads, fresh fruit, pasta dishes, casseroles, bags of groceries

**Second Helpings—30%**--bread, desserts, some fruit, occasionally vegetables, cases of tuna, pasta, peanut butter

Join us as we answer God's call to feed the hungry. Call the LaCoes at 842-2046.

The Missions Committee

## Youth In The News

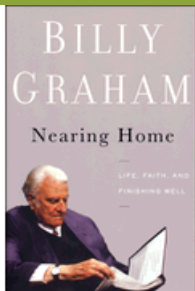
We will be having a special collection of non-perishable foods which will benefit our own Soup Kitchen here at St. Andrew By-The-Sea as well as help replenish Deep Well's stock post-holidays.

**On the Saturdays of the 11th and the 18th of February, during our Upward Program in the Celebration Center**, bring an item and place it in one of the red plastic containers.

One of our High School students, *Leighton Gray Smith*, is working on this service project for her school and is hoping that this will be a great service to our community.

The youth ministry will be supporting her in this effort, and we are excited to work on this project together with the Upward mission.

## New In The Library



*Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well* by Billy Graham is a new addition to our library collection. After 93 years of living, Billy Graham writes to encourage people of all ages to live with purpose and grace. We also have a new copy of *Breakfast on the Beach* by Mark R. Jordan. This is a lovely devotional book that will lift your spirits and refresh your soul as you find God at the water's edge.

Do you have a church library book at home that needs to be returned? Although we do not have a specific length of time for books to be borrowed, numerous books from our library have been out for over a year. Please check your bookshelves for any books that may need to be returned. If you have any questions concerning the library or would be willing to write a short book review for, please contact Mary Rop at 363-2767. Happy Reading!!

## Making the Connection in Columbia

The group who traveled on the trip to Columbia sponsored by The Missions Committee report that they learned a lot and had a very special day. At Columbia College, a United Methodist School for Women, they saw the campus with the Rev. Roy Mitchell and ate in the cafeteria. At the SC Conference Office, our former pastor The Rev. Willie Teague, explained the conference operations, and finally they toured Epworth Children's Home. Pictured are front row: Jean Gunn, Marj Kranich, Mary Lou Pitts, Barb Unangst. 2nd row: Roma Holmes, Ann McGee, Bev Ohemeng 3rd Row: Jay Graves, Barry McGee, Chuck Pitts, Murphy Hall. 4th row: Warren Graves, Paul Davis, Eva Norton-Prude, Julius Scott, Rev. Neil Yongue. Back: Will Brantley.





## Welcome to our New Members



On Christmas morning, St. Andrew welcomed Patricia Hudson as a new member, transferring from Galilee United Methodist Church in Englewood, NJ. Pat, a resident of Palmetto Dunes, previously has served on Education and Hospitality committees, as an officer for a Jazz society, and she enjoys crafts.

Joining on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Evan and Emily Jeffords transferred membership from Florence, SC. Emily is an elementary teacher on the island and Evan is in the insurance business. They are welcoming their first child in a few weeks.



## Children's Church Update



### Holy Communion

During the month of February in Children's Church, we will learn about COMMUNION. All children in grades K through 5 (yes, including grades 4 & 5) are encouraged to attend these interactive learning sessions to better understand this special part of our worship life. Through scripture, activities, crafts, and snacks, we will experience the story of the Lord's Supper and as we remember Jesus' great love for each of us.

Then on February 29, all children are asked to attend worship with their parents and to participate in communion as a family. (There will be no Children's Church on February 29 - younger children can go to the nursery, if parents prefer.)

We look forward to this special experience with your children as we "taste and see that the Lord is good."

## Fall Festival Wrap-up

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Fall Festival was another great success at raising funds for our many mission projects. The success of the Festival is due almost entirely to the generous contributions of time and donations by so many in the church congregation. Again, we want to thank you. The results of your efforts are impressive!

- Over 70 people attended and helped with our Sunday Kick-off Luncheon and set-up.
- Over 230 volunteered their time to prepare for Fall Festival during the week and on Saturday, Nov. 12 Festival Day.
- Over \$37,000 gross sales were accounted for with net proceeds of \$27,000 contributed to our church mission programs. (\$5,000 is put aside for up-front expenses for next year's Fall Festival)

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the area sales committee chairs and their volunteers who worked so hard all week to transform the Celebration Center and outside areas into a shopper's paradise. On behalf of the Fall Festival chairs and their volunteers, we would like to express our gratitude to Karen and Bob Gentzler, Silent Auction Chairs (2010 & 2011) and Dean Roberts, Treasurer (2006-2012) for their outstanding work contributed to the Fall Festival over the years. Karen and Bob also served as Fall Festival Co-chairs. (2010) Dean also served as Silent Auction chair (2003) and past Fall Festival co-chair along with wife Susan. (2004 & 2005) Both these chairs have retired from their post. We welcome Dan Smith to assume Dean's duties. Silent Auction is a high priority for mission monies and needs replacement chairs. Please consider this challenging and exciting opportunity to serve.

Jane and Kerry Alexander, Fall Festival Co-chairs, (2010 & 2011) have retired from their post and plan to stand by as consultants for the 2012 Fall Festival. The Alexanders express their deepest appreciation to have had the privilege to meet and work with so many wonderful and giving members of our church. The rewards are just too numerous to mention. We highly encourage members to consider the chair position as a service to their church, our community and to God. You will be blessed time and time again.

Oh, and don't forget to start putting away things to donate for the next Fall Festival.



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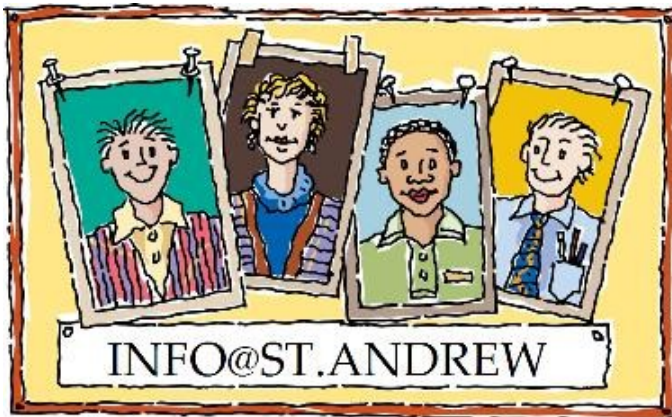
**Rev. Neil M. Yongue, Jr.**

- Senior Pastor

**Rev. Jim Morrison**

- Associate Pastor

## 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](mailto: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.

The week of March 11, 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.

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](mailto:ousuzy@hargray.com).