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St. Andrews Parish United Methodist Church

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God Gathers Us + To Worship Together + To Care for One Another + To Become God's Love for the World

April 2017



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:45 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am Worship Service



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Thurs.
8 am - 4 pm

Please give address updates to the church office. If you would like your address removed from the mailing list, please let us know by phone, email, or return mail. Thank you.

Pastor's Postings

Recently the leadership at SAPUMC looked at some demographic information of our community to see if we could learn a little bit about our neighbors. One of the interesting observations is that, based on census reports and other data, many in our community do not consider themselves 'religious', but tend to look at altruism and giving in a positive light. Because of this, we have come up with an idea in which we will need some help. On Saturday, April 8th from 9am to 11am, a group from the church will walk around Village Green neighborhood and drop off grocery bags at the front door of the homes. Attached to the bags will be a note inviting residents to help with our Backpack Manna program. The note will also contain information about our church and all the activities that will be going on in the coming weeks and months. We will not be ringing doorbells and/or engaging people unless they are out in their yards. One week later, on Saturday, April 15th, we will return to pick up any bags that are left out, hoping to collect items we need to go in the kids backpacks. On the one hand, this allows those who want to give an opportunity to join us in ministry, while on the other hand provides our neighbors with information about our church in a nonthreatening way. We have received permission from the Village Green HOA to do this. In order to make this work, we will



need a couple hours of your time as you are able. We will meet at the church at 8:45am on Saturday April 8th and 15th in order to discuss the logistics of this project. If you physically cannot help us either of those days, we invite you to pray during those hours for the people dropping off the bags as well as those who will be receiving them. We are excited about this opportunity to not only help a great ministry, but potentially to meet some new people. There are many other opportunities at the church as the Lenten season comes to a close. Make sure to note all the different times for worship during Holy Week, as well as our Confirmation Sunday celebration on April 30th at a joint worship service at 10am. I hope to see you soon!



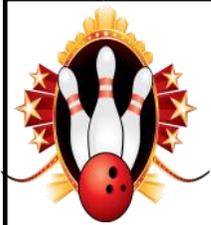
Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Brad



Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other. Let us show the truth by our actions.



I John 3:18



Attention Church Bowlers!

Anyone interested in bowling on Sunday afternoons between 2pm-5pm, please sign up on the bulletin board for more information. This is not a league; come and bowl with friends whenever you can.

Cost is \$2.50/game + \$3.50 for shoe rental .

Exact time TBD.

Location: Ashley Lanes on Sam Rittenburg Blvd.

All ages are welcome to come, families too.

Nimble Fingers Ministry
of St. Andrews Parish United Methodist Church
Meets every Thursday @ 10:30.
Hope to see you there!

*"I am the resurrection,
and the life:
HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME,
— though he were dead, —
yet shall he live."
—JOHN 11:25 [KJV]*

JUNE 24-JULY 1

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a pioneering servant ministry at selected sites involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing, motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service. Please pray for our team as they show the love of Christ through community service.



Mark your calendar!

April 23 @ 4pm

Youth Meeting

April 23 @ 5:30pm

Confirmation Class

April 30 @ 10am Confirmation Sunday

Holy Week Schedule



April 9 8:45 am & 11:15 am, Palm Sunday

April 13 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Service

April 14 8:30 am, Good Friday Cross Walk

April 14 8:00 pm, Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Prayer Vigil begins after the Tenebrae Service continuing around the clock until the Easter Sunrise Service.

April 16 Easter Sunday

7:00 am, Sunrise Service with Communion

8:45 am, Non-Traditional Service

11:15 am, Traditional Service



Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday from March 1 - April 12 at John Wesley UMC.

Remaining services:

- March 29 Rev. Brad Gray (St. Andrews Parish UMC)
- April 5 Rev. Kayla Harward (Bethany UMC)
- April 12 Rev. Aaron Meadows (Chas District)

Lunch will be provided at 12pm and 1pm.
The service will begin at 12:30pm

SAPUMC will provide lunch at the March 29th service and Pastor Brad will be preaching.

UNITED METHODIST Women

Faith | Hope | Love in Action

Joy Circle April 11 @ 10am

Genesis Circle will not meet in April.

For more information contact Miriam Hunter 556-1651 or Cindy Walden 763-3996



Sing Along Schedule

April 4 Palmetto Assisted Living

April 18 Ashley Park

April 25 National Healthcare

All programs start at 10am

Save the Date!



June 11-15, 2017

Easter Lilies

The Worship Committee will order Easter Lilies to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the order form in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate. Lilies are \$15 and will adorn our sanctuary Easter Sunday. The last day to order is Sunday, April 9.



Friday, April 21

@ 7pm

Bring the whole family for a night of fun.

The Praise Band will be performing and the Parish Ringers will present "Moses and the Perfect 10"

Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, April 8 @ 3pm

Sign up on the bulletin board.

Please bring individually wrapped candy to put in the plastic eggs. Thanks!



UNITED METHODIST



UMM meets every 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm. Every man in the church is a Methodist Men's member and is invited to participate in all meetings and functions.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6 @ 7pm



Our Senior Adult Ministry will meet every 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30pm. For more information, contact Cindy Walden or Miriam Hunter.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27

We will be going to the Birds of Prey Center in Awendaw. We will leave the church at 9:30am for a guided tour at 10:30am and flight demonstration. The cost is \$15 (there is a \$5 discount coupon in the Chas. Water bill). There is a sign up sheet on the Senior Ministry bulletin board. Please bring bug spray as the tour is outdoors. If you have difficulty walking, please take this into consideration. We will have lunch afterwards at the Seewee Restaurant. Questions? See Miriam Hunter or Cindy Walden.



THUMBS UP EXERCISE GROUP

Class meets every Thursday @ 1:30.

Everyone is welcome! The class meets every Thursday except the 4th

Thursday, when our Senior Ministry gathers. We look forward to seeing your smiling



MY OLD BIKE IS CHANGING LIVES. WHERE'S YOURS?



BIKESFORTHEWORLD.ORG

Do you have a gently used bicycle that you no longer need? The SCUMC Youth are collecting bikes to send to people around the world who need transportation to school or work. In addition, jobs are created as people are taught to refurbish the bikes and provide training to those who may need it. You can take your bicycle to Hibben United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant on May 6 from 9-12. A donation of \$10 per bike is being collected to help with shipping. The bishop has challenged each district to collect 100 bicycles and \$1000! Can you help the Charleston district reach this goal?

Focus on Youth

Cindy Curtis

Holy Clubs and Confirmation



I love the coast! As one who grew up near the water, the Lowcountry rivers, salt marshes and beaches are so much a part of who I am. I cannot imagine living anywhere else. I did not realize the wonderful experience I was in for at Epworth by the Sea for our Confirmation retreat. I enjoyed the location so much I felt a little guilty that it was part of my job. To admit that I learned as much as the confirmands was also a huge blessing to me. What an incredible retreat!

One of the many teaching events planned for us was the participation in Holy Clubs. I liked the name, but had no idea what we were in for. John Wesley originated the concept while he was in college as a way to not only keep himself accountable, but to participate with others so that each person was given support, strength and a place to discuss their faith struggles. He formulated 22 questions for personal reflection, and the group discussed them. For example, am I proud? Do I grumble or complain constantly? Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits? Do I disobey God in anything? (I encourage you to look up all 22) We met as a group both evenings and had our Holy Club time. The questions led to more questions as we honestly discussed our struggles. The reflections opened our eyes and hearts to God in new and deeper ways.



All of the twelve females were in one cabin with one toilet and one shower. The respect for each other, the patience for waiting your turn and taking a very fast shower, allowed us to live the grace that we were learning about. We sang, we worshiped, we attended workshops, we ate great food, we toured the Village at St. Simons, and we had a scavenger hunt in the dark all around the campus that ended at a camp fire. Our group was a model for others by their focus, manners and attention to the speakers and leaders.



As we finish up our confirmation lessons by adding to the information we received at our retreat, the young people will be well prepared as they contemplate the decision to join the church on April 30. Many thanks to this church, the parents, and the Faith Friends (mentors) for helping to raise responsible faithful youth.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, May 5, 2017

TD Arena

301 Meeting Street

Visit www.relayforlife.org to sign up for the St. Andrews Parish UMC team.



Bake Sale

Sunday, April 9 @ 10am

All money raised will benefit Relay For Life. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are baking any goodies.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS:

Dawn Mann 4/1
Jim Chilakos 4/3
Willard Mizzell 4/4
Ginger Rosenberg 4/4
Ryan Yaden 4/4
George Fullmer 4/5
Leonard Carsner 4/6
Rachel Crawford 4/7
Chris Flock 4/7

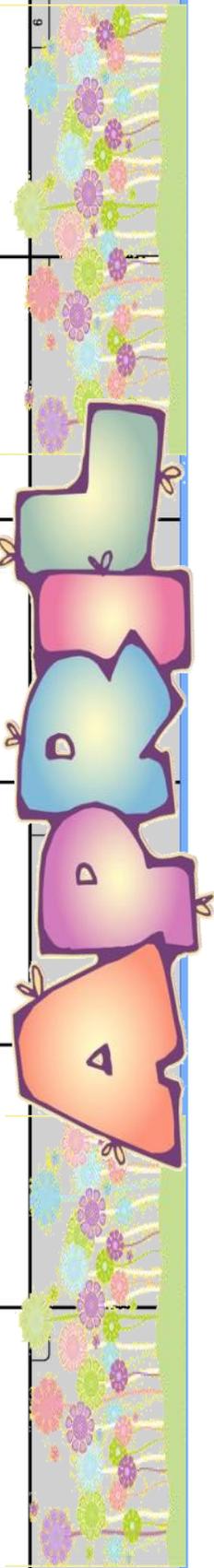
Katherine Brown 4/9
Jamie Johnson 4/9
Mickey Rakes 4/9
Nancy Teston 4/9
June Pierce 4/10
Jeff Kettrey 4/11
Kinley Brown 4/13
Rick Arivette 4/17
Benjamin Treadway 4/18
Kelly Widner 4/19
Caitlin Cole 4/21

Kimberly Schmolze 4/21
Mason Grunstra 4/22
Don Helmbold 4/23
Ryan LeTellier 4/23
Kristie Johnson 4/29



ANNIVERSARIES:

1 John & Billie Fucci
4 Jamie & Kristie Johnson
13 Mark & Bonnie Vitalie
21 Ric & Liz Criswell
22 Joe & Rose Lockhart
28 Richard & Annette Crawford
30 Brad & Megan Gray
30 Johnny & Beth Richards

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8:45am - WORSHIP SERVICE 10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15am - WORSHIP SERVICE	10am - PASTOR'S OPEN OFFICE	10am - PALMETTO SING ALONG 7pm - Lenten Bible Study 7pm - Pastor's Bible Study	12pm - Lenten Lunch 12:30pm - Lenten Service 1pm - Lenten Lunch 1pm - PASTOR'S OPEN OFFICE 6:30pm - Parish Ringers 7:30pm - Choir Practice	10:30am - NIMBLE FINGERS 1:30pm - Thumbs Up Exercise 7pm - UMM meeting		9am - (UMW Chas District Exec 3pm - Easter Egg Hunt
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Palm Sunday 8:45am - WORSHIP SERVICE 10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15am - WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30pm - JOYFUL HEARTS 	10am - PASTOR'S OPEN OFFICE	10am - JOY CIRCLE 7pm - Pastor's Bible Study	12pm - Lenten Lunch 12:30pm - Lenten Service 1pm - Lenten Lunch 1pm - PASTOR'S OPEN OFFICE 6:30pm - Parish Ringers 7:30pm - Choir Practice	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday 10:30am - NIMBLE FINGERS 1:30pm - Thumbs Up Exercise 7pm - Maundy Thursday service	Good Friday 8:30am - Good Friday cross walk 8pm - Tenebrae Service 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Sunday 7am - Sunrise Service 8:45am - WORSHIP SERVICE 10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:15am - WORSHIP SERVICE 	10am - PASTOR'S OPEN OFFICE	10am - Ashley Park Sing Along 7pm - (Village Green HOA Board) 7pm - Pastor's Bible Study	1pm - PASTOR'S OPEN OFFICE 6:30pm - Parish Ringers 7:30pm - Choir Practice	10:30am - NIMBLE FINGERS 12pm - Parish Post Deadline 1:30pm - Thumbs Up Exercise 7pm - SPRC Meeting 7pm - TRUSTEES' MTG.	7pm - Family Night	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Confirmation Sunday 10am - WORSHIP SERVICE						

Therefore if any man be in *Christ*,
he is a *new creature*:
old things are *passed away*;
behold, all things are become *new*.

- II Corinthians 5:17 KJV



**Please see the bulletin board outside the church office for sign ups,
service opportunities, and Bible studies.**

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