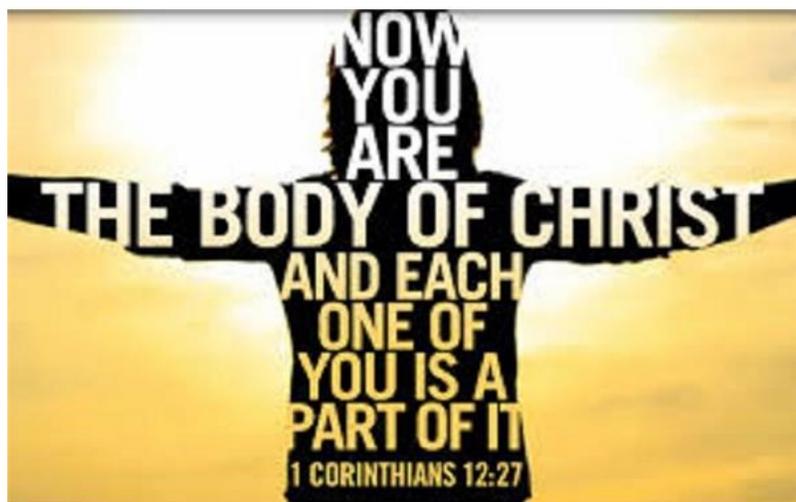


St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Rev. Jeff Childress



January 27, 2019
Third Sunday after
the Epiphany

For the Common Good: Sermon Series Overview

Whether it is in political, financial, sports, religious, or vocational arenas, it seems that our life together could be better than it currently is. As the founding voice of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, believed, this series will take us to the starting place, to the heart of Holy Scripture, to guide us toward a life lived not only with one another, but for one another; a life together for the common good of all.

January 13 *Action for the Common Good* **John 2:1-11**

Here we see Jesus attending a wedding in Cana, and the wine runs out. When Jesus' mother requests his involvement in the matter, Jesus does not want to get involved, for "my time hasn't yet come." So why does Jesus get involved anyway?

January 20 *Gifts for the Common Good* **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

The Apostle Paul writes to his "brothers and sisters" in Corinth to remind them that spiritual gifts are given to each person in the community by the one, same spirit, for the good of the entire community of faith.

January 27 *Mutual Concern for the Common Good* **1 Cor. 12:12-31a**

Paul continues his conversation with the Corinthian church by emphasizing that in a community designed for the common good of all, there is no place, purpose, or reason for the dismissal of others.

February 3 *A Message for the Common Good* **1 Cor. 15:1-11**

Here Paul reminds his friends in Corinth that the message preached to them, the message of salvation through Christ, is to mean something in everyday life and living. If not, says Paul, "...you believed it for nothing."

February 10 *Love for the Common Good* **1 Cor. 13:1-13**

In this famous text on love, Paul defines love not as a feeling or concept, but as love enacted. Love is never self-seeking and has no strings attached. It is offered generously and sacrificially for the common good of all.

Welcome and Grace of Hospitality

*Bringing In the Light of Christ and Opening Praise (Screen) *In This Very Room*

* Call to Worship *(responsively)*

We have come here this morning to worship God – the Living God,

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God – the Almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God – the All-Gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the word of life and hope to the world. All glory be to God!

*Hymn No. 554 *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* (verses 1-4)

Prayer of Approach *(in unison)*
South Carolina United Methodists' 40 Days of Shared Prayers for a Future With Hope – Sunday Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives and the promise that you have plans for us to prosper and not be harmed. Continue your good work in our families and our lives. Help us to understand how we can make a difference – in our church, in our community, and in our world – as your instrument of hope. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology No. 95

Children's Moment Kara Graham

*Children ages 3 years – 5th grade may go to Children's Church.
Please follow the adult leaders as they exit the door behind the piano.*

Choral Anthem *Here In This House* Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Sermon *Mutual Concern for the Common Good* Rev. Jeff Childress

Hymn No. 393 *Spirit of the Living God*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer *(responsively)*

Eternal God, you are the maker of us all, and we are your creation, people formed in your image, as individuals, as community; formed and fed and furnished with understanding of who you are and of who and whose we are. We worship you today in recognition of your calling, of your communicating, of your caring to invite us to share in your creative and healing work. We are here because we have heard you speak in us and through others. Help us, dear Lord, to ever respond to you and your invitation to your grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of all our moments, of our days and our nights, you speak and you act in the world around us, not only to call all people to you, but also to direct and guide us in the way of healing and wholeness. Awaken us Lord, to hear what you are saying to us. Help us to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to your presence. Help us to know when it is your voice we are hearing and when it is our prejudices and desires to which we are paying heed.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray that your church may rise up with renewed commitment in answer to your call, that your people may be instruments of your grace and love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who consider themselves inadequate and dismiss or avoid your calling in their lives. Give them a new vision, a vision in which you are their strength and their hope.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who, in answering your call, must leave the known for the unknown, the oasis for the desert, the comfortable for the uncertain. Grant them courage and steadfast faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray too, today, O Lord, for those in want and need – for those of us and of the larger community who suffer in body or in soul. We remember them before you now.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving Father, bless us all with an abundant faith, a fruitful ministry, a joyful life. Bless us and all those who gather together to continue the work of Jesus, who came to heal, save, and deliver us all, and who taught us to pray as one family, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Gifts of the Spirit

Together we affirm our faith in our Savior, Jesus, the Christ, who stays with us in the Spirit, renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit's gifts remain with us in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. We believe that the Holy Spirit gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

***Hymn No. 548**

In Christ There Is No East or West

***Benediction**

***Closing Praise: (Screen)**

Bind Us Together

This Week at St. Andrew
January 27, 2019 - February 2, 2019

January 2019

Mission of the Month

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| <u>Sunday January 27, 2019</u> | | <u>Wednesday January 30, 2019</u> | |
| Jesus, Juice & Java | 9:00am | Kids for Christ | 6:30pm |
| Sunday School | 9:30am | Bible Study | 6:30pm |
| Morning Worship | 10:30am | Chancel Choir | 7:30pm |
| Covenant Bible Study | 5:00pm | <u>Thursday January 31, 2019</u> | |
| Family Night | 5:00pm - | Covenant Bible Study | 9:00am |
| <i>Create Your Dream Year</i> | 7:00pm | Gym open for walkers | 5:30pm |
| <u>Tuesday January 29, 2019</u> | | Bell Practice | 7:00pm |
| Gym Open for walkers | 5:30pm | <u>Saturday February 2, 2019</u> | |
| | | Gym Open for walkers | 8:00am |



SHARE is a non-profit community action agency that provides a wide range of services to low and moderate-income residents in upstate South Carolina.

SHARE provides monetary funds to families who can't afford to keep their heat on; it is part of Operation Warmth.

SHARE Birth to Five is a school readiness program that provides comprehensive child development services to eligible families. The overall purpose is to provide a program that will give preschool children and their families a variety of experiences which will broaden their horizons and their understanding of the world in which they live, expand their thinking, improve their health, build self-confidence and self-concepts that will better assist them living with themselves and others.

SHARE's Homeless Services programs offer four units of transitional housing or rapid rehousing assistance which helps families and individuals experiencing homelessness a way to move into an apartment or home.

Monetary donations for SHARE may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Please designate on your envelope or check as SHARE.

Thank you for supporting our Monthly Missions at St. Andrew!

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Nursery

Michelle Young & Lexi Greer

Greeters

Carole Ward & Pam Carnes

Ushers

Jim Young

Bruce Cleasby

Tim Canova

Alan Simer

Prayer Requests

Family & Friends

Patricia Booty
 Jane Campbell (Lucy Rackley's sister)
 Lisa Chapman
 Janet Chase
 Janet Crane
 Susan Dodgens
 Robin Few
 Pat Finley
 Thelma Ford
 Lala Freeman
 Anita Gilland (Kristi Padgett's Mother)
 Laine Lemon
 Ken Mattison
 Annie McJunkins
 Ann Owens
 Fred Owens
 Lucy Rackley
 Harold Rampey
 JR Thomas
 Val Thornton
 John Vanderhoof
 Kathy Vanderhoof

Military

Michael Burton
 Anthony Grayson
 Tom Hansen
 Kyle Moytka
 Douglas Nobles
 Gabe Pszonowsky
 Nathan Rampey
 Kristian Robinson
 Stephan Sampson
 Andrew Simer
 Shawn Weiler

Homebound

Helen Chastain
 Joyce Crowe
 Betty Owens
 Ray and Mary Pace
 John Smith
 Magdalene Williams
 Mildred Williams

Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Nursing Homes

Brookdale

Dwaine & Ruth Stanley
 Margaret Sorrells

National Health Care

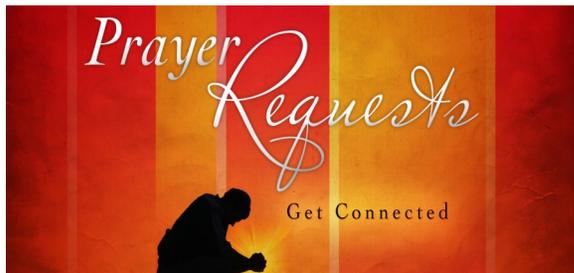
Doris Hayes

Oakview Assisted Living

Anne Keith

Magnolias of Easley

Pete Bush
 Ed MCollum



REGULAR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

Every Sunday

Jesus, Juice & Java @ 9:00am
 Sunday School @ 9:30am
 Morning Worship Service @ 10:30am
 UMYF @ 5:00pm

Every Wednesday

Bible Study @ 6:30pm
 Kids For Christ @ 6:30pm
 Chancel Choir @ 7:30pm

Blood Pressure Screening

Every 1st Sunday @
 10:15am - 10:30am
 11:30am - 11:45am

Communion Service

Every 1st Sunday @ 10:30am Service

Ad Board Meeting

Every other 3rd Monday @ 7:00pm

Bells of St. Andrew

Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursday @ 7:00pm

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Every other 2nd Sunday @ 6:00pm

Finance Committee

Every 3rd Monday @ 6:00pm

Lucille Searcy Circle

Every 2nd Thursday @ 6:30pm

Men's Club Meeting

Every 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm

Sweet Spirits

Every 3rd Tuesday @ 11:30am

Trustees

Every 2nd Monday @ 6:30pm

Walkers

Every Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30pm
 Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:30pm
 Every Saturday 8:00 - 9:00am

Walkers can also meet downtown Easley on the 3rd Saturdays @9:00 am.

Tonight

Write the **Vision**

Make *it Plain*

Habakkuk 2:2-3



Vision board Party!!

Do you have a **vision** for this year?

Come declare it boldly with a **vision** board!!

Date: January 27, 2019

Time: 5p-7p

Location: St. Andrew FLC

Refreshments

and

Fellowship!

Tell a friend/Bring a friend!

For more info please contact:

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