

ST. ANDREW UMC 2022 NEWSLETTER



- **Special Summer Sundays!** August 7 and September 4 we will be worshipping at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall, followed by a Potluck. August 7 during our meal we will view a short film entitled "Finding Fellowship." Bring your favorite dish and let's enjoy time together as a church family. All are welcome, even if you are not able to bring food.
- **Men's Breakfast Saturday August 13 at 9:00am** in Memorial Hall, all men are invited. The UMM will also be hosting a continental breakfast for Cardboard Box City participants Saturday September 10 in Fellowship Hall.
- **Cardboard Box City** is scheduled for Friday night September 9th. Youth from our church and Youth Unite will spend the night sleeping in boxes behind our church. They each will have raised \$50.00 in pledges to support *The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)* of Ocean County. Adults are welcome to join them. St. Andrew is part of the IHN network. IHN has a great record of finding homes for homeless families with children. Anyone who contributes will be listed on the "Wall of Honor" at the event. We are in need of volunteers who can help provide security throughout the event. This event not only raises funds for IHN but also raises awareness of the problem of homelessness here in Toms River and the surrounding area. Please pray on it, any help or donation will be greatly appreciated. For information contact the office or talk to Vita Hansen, Scott Susich, Sam Jones, Lynn Koch, or Scott Clifton, Jr.
- **Missions.** During the month of August, we are collecting school supplies for children serviced by Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County. Items needed are: backpacks, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, composition notebooks, crayons (regular & primary crayons), color pencils, spiral notebooks, binders, pencil cases & folders. Bring your supplies by August 21, designated donation stations will be placed outside of the Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex.
- **Veterans Ministry News.** Our Veterans Ministry is donating \$1,000.00 to Operation Jersey Cares and \$500.00 to US War Dogs. We wish to thank our congregation for their wonderful support and The Gilbert Company for their dedication to our Veterans Ministry mission. Remembering Freedom isn't Free, support our Veterans and Troops around the world. Contact Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader 732-703-0064.
- **Ushers Needed for Traditional Service** - contact Mary Garreau at megarr0304@aol.com or call the church office 732-349-5367. Thank you!

- **Trustee News.** In March of this year, Holy Cross in Toms River had fire and smoke damage. This left several groups without a place to meet. In April, we started to provide space for 3 AA groups to meet--each on its own evening. We have been providing space to our original Saturday evening AA group for many years and continue to do so. More information about each group will be shared in future newsletters. The Trustees are also pleased to share that the Peniel Church, A Seventh Day Adventist Church serving our neighbors of South and Central American descent, has been approved to utilize our Church for their weekly worship and fellowship needs. Our brothers and sisters in Christ started using our campus in June with service, education and fellowship all day on Saturdays and additional study and worship activities on Wednesday and Friday nights. We welcome Peniel Church and look forward to engaging our congregations together in the future.

In June and July the Trustees voted to improve inside and outside the church structure. We had the upper parking lot and parsonage driveway paved and striped. Also completed was the stripping and waxing of Fellowship Hall. We strive to continue improving our house of worship here at St. Andrew and thank all who continue to volunteer their time and service.

- **Meals That Heal.** If you're looking for delicious food, warm fellowship and a fun evening, join us for a good old fashion summer picnic! Bring your appetites, your lawn chairs and get ready for a good time!

Wednesday August 17 Fellowship Hall and outside from **5-7 pm**. Our menu for the evening; subs & assorted wraps, potato chips, salad and ice cream for dessert. Games for the night; Corn Hole, Volleyball, Horseshoes etc!

- **Library News Book Review.** Folks we have a wonderful read for your enjoyment, *Down Right Good* by Karen Kelly Boyce. It will be on the book rack next to Fellowship Hall. This is about a 10 year old named Angie who has Down Syndrome. She rides her bicycle and delivers the town tabloid. Meeting characters along the way that have varied adult troubles, Angie touches each of their lives in her own special way. She was born with a natural wisdom, confidence and an ability to speak with angels. I highly recommend this book. It shows the value of people with special needs and their value to society. It has won two book awards. Any questions on our SAUMC Library contact Joan Sola 732-240-7516.