

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“If we let Him—for we can prevent Him, if we choose—He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a...dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright, stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness.”

C.S. Lewis

Welcome first time guests - ***THANK YOU*** for visiting St. Andrew United Methodist Church website. We hope that as you read through the bulletin and activities you will sense our love of Christ and each other.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for comfort, healing, strength and peace for members and friends of our congregation

Church Family Activities at St. Andrew

RED, WHITE and BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

Coming **July 8th** after services in Fellowship Hall. Homemade cake, fresh picked blueberries and homemade whip cream/\$6.00 a bowl. Sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

IMANI MILELE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda will be performing at St. Andrew on **Thursday July 19th at 7:00pm**. It will be a fun-filled interactive and inspirational concert which will showcase true Africa. The children's vibrant costumes and enthusiastic energy creates a dynamic performance for all to enjoy!! For more information on who these children are please visit the website at www.imanimilele.com Save the date you'll be glad you did!! This is a **free** event.

SNEAKER OUTREACH THANK YOU!

THANK YOU St. Andrew for providing 32 pairs of sneakers through our outreach! For those that were a little late and missed it our next over the summer project needs you!!

ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE

ORNAMENTS have arrived!! They are brass and beautiful! The sale begins today after both worship services and will run for one month. The cost \$20 each. We have a limited number so stop by our table and take a look! Any questions see or call Mary at 732-255-3704.

VBS "SHIPWRECKED-RESCUED BY JESUS" AT ST. ANDREW

August 13-17 from 9:00AM-Noon

Kids aged 4 years through 5th grade. Online registration opens July at standrewtr.org

CARDBOARD BOX CITY AT ST. ANDREW: #ONENIGHTINABOX2018

Mark your calendars now for an exciting fundraiser to benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County! On **September 21-22, 2018** St. Andrew will be hosting the first "Cardboard Box City" event in Ocean County. Will you spend one night in a box to help raise awareness of homeless families right here in Ocean County? Please help us spread the news about this unique fundraising opportunity! Help us reach out to youth groups, scouting groups, families, individuals, and corporate teams. Information can be found on our St. Andrew website at <http://standrewtr.org/missions/cardboard-box-city-fundraiser-> Printed Flyers are available at the Missions Table in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Contacts for this event are Sam Jones at 732-849-6153; Vita Hansen at 732-240-5283; and Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

TRADITIONAL USHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an usher at the 11:00am worship service, please contact Shirley Stone at 732-286-9508.

CHURCH WIDE BREAKFASTS

Everyone is invited to two Church Wide Breakfast events this summer which are sponsored by St. Andrew UM Men. **Dates:** **Saturday July 14 and Saturday August 11.** Both are FREE; however we ask that you sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall Lobby to let us know that you plan to attend. Breakfast begins at 9:00am and will include a Missions guest speaker following breakfast. **Menu:** Apple Juice, coffee and tea; scrambled eggs; scrambled eggs with cheese; pancakes; French toast; smashed potatoes; hash browns; pork roll; sausage; fresh fruit; and yogurt. **Guest Speakers:** On Saturday July

14 our guest speaker will be Linda Phander who will be sharing information about Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (Love Offering will be taken up for Caregiver Volunteers). On August 11, our guest speaker will be Sam Jones who will be sharing information about our upcoming Cardboard Box City fundraising event to be held here at St. Andrew in September which will benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County (#ONENIGHTINABOX2018).

Special Request: When you come to each breakfast, please bring a donation of nonperishable food for our St. Andrew Food Pantry. Thank you!

Missions

JUNE MISSION PRAYER During June we lift up to God the needs of those around the world and in the U.S. who are victims of human trafficking. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Traffickers take advantage of vulnerable persons with false promises or physical abduction, forcing them into contract slavery, forced labor and sexual trafficking. Pray that our compassionate and loving God would send His Comforter to those trafficked persons, to ease their fears, loneliness and physical pain, and to give them hope and help to escape. Pray for mission projects that raise awareness, restore shattered lives, and for anti-human trafficking projects including those which stop trafficking before it occurs and provide refuge and counseling for those affected. Pray also that God will enable us to reach out in love and mercy and to seek ways to free those in captivity.

COORDINATOR HELP NEEDED We are just now entering the summer season with all of its fun; however, in the background we are planning upcoming Missions projects for the latter half of the year. One of those projects this fall is the annual drive to support our Thanksgiving Baskets Project. This year we are looking for a lead Coordinator to head up this project. Our St. Andrew Thanksgiving Baskets Project helps many families in our local Ocean County community. During 2017 we provided a Thanksgiving feast plus a week of nonperishable food to more than 70 families. The most important qualification for this volunteer position is a heart for Mission – the compassion and grace to work well with those who will benefit from this outreach as well as working well with our volunteers who assist with this project. In addition, organizational skills are helpful and the availability to work on this Project during the months of October and November. If you feel a heart tug, please prayerfully consider if you might be our next Thanksgiving Baskets Project Coordinator. Please contact Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

CALLING OUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD VOLUNTEERS We have an awesome opportunity this summer to learn more about the amazing journey of an OCC shoebox! Connie Zinn with the OCC Regional Office in Maryland is coming to NJ to share highlights of her shoebox distribution trip to Ukraine. You'll be able to see firsthand what happens on the other side of the shoebox - after they leave the Processing Center and arrive at their destination! Connie will be making this presentation at one of our OCC South-Central NJ Area Team churches: **Jackson UM Church, 68 Bennetts Mills Rd., Jackson, NJ. Date and Time: Tuesday July 31 at 7:00 PM.** We plan carpooling from St. Andrew. This opportunity is open to anyone who is interested and/or wants to learn more about Operation Christmas Child. For more information, contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2018 MONTHLY GUIDE Each month we are including a monthly guide for you to personally purchase and tuck away shoebox items throughout the year. Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. At St. Andrew, we'll still kick off our Operation Christmas Child project in July under the "Christmas in July" banner when we'll distribute empty shoeboxes and OCC labels. By then, you should have a supply of shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls! **For the month of June, consider purchasing Small Toys and Games to include in your OCC Shoeboxes: Examples include Dolls, Puzzles, Balls and pumps, Jump Ropes, Yo-Yos (No War related items, please!).** We hope you will also pray for the children who will receive your 2018 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Thank you for your ongoing support of our St. Andrew Food Pantry! Below is the list of nonperishable food items needed to keep our pantry well stocked. Donations of food may be dropped off at the Food Pantry located next to Memorial Hall Kitchen or they may be placed in the receptacle in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Financial donations may be given at any time; special offering envelopes are located at the Missions Table in Fellowship Hall Lobby.

Juice; Cans of Soup; Chili; Beef Stew; Canned Vegetables; Canned Fruit; Parmalat Milk (shelf-stable boxed milk); Cereal; Oatmeal; Pancake Mix (complete); Syrup; Ravioli; Peanut Butter; Jelly or Jam; Pork and Beans; Tuna in cans; Pasta; Spaghetti Sauce; Rice (2 lb. bags); Potatoes (mashed or other boxed mixes); Saltine Crackers. Also helpful are coffee, tea bags, cookies, shelf-stable puddings, etc. THANK YOU!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Are you available during the week to help with food pantry distributions? Currently our volunteers are asked to cover Food Pantry Distributions on Monday mornings from 10:30am to 12:00 noon, and on Friday afternoons from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. We would like to add a Wednesday time slot. Volunteers need to be able to lift and carry heavy bags of food. All distributions are on an appointment basis. If interested please contact Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975. Thank you!

Women of St. Andrew

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Juliette Millington (6/24), Amy Hall (6/27), Dottie Dingsor (6/28).

Bible Study

CHRISTIAN COFFEES June 24 is our final class for the 2017-2018 program year. It has been our joy over this past year to have completed our study of three gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. We hope that everyone who participated has been richly blessed by these classes! Our 2018-2019 program year will begin on Sunday September 9 when we will begin our study of the Gospel of John. Look for details in the bulletin when it gets closer to that date. In the meantime, enjoy the summer break!

TUESDAY MORNING AT THE MOVIES: The Women's Summer Study Group will be "going" to the movies. On the following dates in Memorial Hall, we will offer films related to social issues, mission, influential voices in theology and people of the Bible. Everyone is invited. *Tuesdays, July 10, 10:00 – 12:30 *Iron-Jawed Angels* (The true story of how suffrage activists Alice Paul and Lucy Burns put their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.) *July 24, 10:00-10:30 *The Life of John Wesley* *July 31, 10:00-11:00 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: a documentary* *August 7, 10:00-10:30 a double feature, *Mission Appalachia*, also *C. S. Lewis: The Most Reluctant Convert* *August 21, 10:00-12:15 *The Story of the 12 Apostles*.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES We are holding Bible Study classes at two local Assisted Living facilities: On Wednesdays, the study is held at Spring Oak, 2145 Whitesville Rd., Toms River; and on Fridays it is held at The Chelsea, 1657 Silverton Rd., Toms River. The Bible Study is a six-session DVD study, *The Keys To A Blessed Life*, by Pastor Rick Warren. This study examines the Beatitudes and explores the practical steps which lead to peace and fulfillment in life, work, and relationships. Our schedule: Spring Oak on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30am, through the end of June. The Chelsea on Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30am, also running through the end of June. To join one of these study groups or for more information, please contact Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

July 1 Team #3
July 8 Team #4
July 15 Team #5
July 22 Team #6

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

July 1 Scott Susich
July 8 Jeff Canter
July 15 Dave Richardson
July 22 Ann Canter

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

July 1 David Geller
July 8 Barrington Gooden
July 15 Vita Hansen
July 22 Barbara Delman

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

July 1 Jan Phillips, Bill Koch
July 8 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker
July 15 Robin Susich, Bob DeBarge
July 22 Bill Koch, Bob DeBarge

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

July 1 Russell and Russell K Thistle
July 8 Keila and Valerie Earp
July 15 Dick Green, D. VanDeventer

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 24	9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 2-6:00PM 2-6:00PM 2-6:00PM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Summer Time; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office (Last Christian Coffees class until September.) Coffee Hour Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour Fellowship Hall Kitchen Reserved Basic Lay Servant Class (Memorial Hall) Certified Lay Servant Class (rm. 4, 5)
Mon., June 25	10:30-12:00PM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Son-Shine Bell Practice Summer Singers Rehearsal UMW Executive Meeting (rm. 4) YAM/Young Adults Meeting (meet at the church)
Tues., June 26	10:30AM 5:00PM 7:30PM	Kitchen Committee (Fellowship Hall) Zoe Project (Memorial Hall) Toms River Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Wed., June 27	10:00AM 10:30AM 2-9:00PM	Knit Wits (Shared Ministry Office) Spring Oak Bible Study Lifetouch Pictures (By Appointment Only rm.4-6)
Thurs., June 28	2-9:00PM 7:00PM	Lifetouch Pictures (By Appointment Only rm.4-6) SPRC Meeting
Fri., June 29	10-3:00PM 10:30AM 12-3:00PM 12:30-1:30PM	NJ Coalition on Women & Disabilities Arts & Crafts (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study at The Chelsea of Toms River Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Display Set Up (Fellowship Hall Lobby) FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sat., June 30	7:00PM	AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., July 1	8:30-9:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Chapel Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Summer Time Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Screening Summer Singers Warm Up (Choir Room) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour