

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"What would you ask of God if you were given an opportunity like that of Solomon? Do you think your request would make it as one of the great prayers of the Bible? Don't pretend with God and pray something you think sounds good or is super spiritual. Solomon's prayer was a great one because his heart was right and honest and without pretense when he made the prayer."

Anonymous

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

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH We are distributing tickets for our luncheon which will be on **Sunday September 23 at 12 noon** after our special service. This will be a catered lunch. It is a free event for our members and invited guests. We have invited our past Pastors as well as Choir Directors and hope to see many of them. Please see Mary or Dave VanDeventer, Lydia Poane, Fran Bond or Linda and John Phander for more info and for your tickets! Please make sure you can attend before you secure your ticket as we need accurate numbers for the caterers. This is a very exciting time in our church and we look forward to looking at our past and making plans for our future!

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.

FAMILY DESSERT AND GAME NIGHT! TODAY at 6pm. Join us for volleyball and kickball in the field, or just bring a chair to sit and watch. Come enjoy the fellowship! Please bring a dessert to share. Let Mary or Dave know you are coming. If it rains we will cancel.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DONATION

DRIVE Thank you so much for your generous support of our Back-To-School Donation Drive. Today is the last day that the bin will be in Fellowship Hall Lobby. However, our VBS will continue to collect items during this upcoming week. On behalf of all the families who will be receiving backpacks and school supplies, thank you for your kindness and generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the church grounds upkeep. See Dennis Poane or any SAUMC Trustee for information.

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.

Missions

AUGUST MISSION PRAYER As we turn our thoughts to "back to school", please lift up in prayer all of our students, at all scholastic levels, who will be returning to school the end of August and beginning of September. Pray for God's blessings on them throughout this upcoming academic year, that they will realize His great love for them, and that they will seek His guidance and feel secure and optimistic about their futures.

TANZANIA UMC AND TANZANIA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS We are continuing our fundraising efforts to support the UMC in Tanzania. In Fellowship Hall Lobby there are order blanks for you to preorder zucchini bread, apple bread, and pumpkin bread over the next several weeks. Please see the order blanks for products and delivery dates. Donations and sales of these quick breads will go towards the **Tanzania Hope Center** project which is moving forward to build a school for orphans and an orphanage on the site in the Dar es Salaam area of Tanzania.

In addition, we are selling purses made by Tanzanian women who are part of the **Women's Development Project** headed by our Covenant Missionary, Kabaka N. Alphonsine. Funds raised by the sales of these purses will be given to the Women's Development Project. Be encouraged to visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby – we have two purses left to sell! Thank you for your generous support of both fundraising efforts benefiting the people of Tanzania and the expansion of God's Kingdom in Tanzania!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY." Visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby to learn how you can participate. At the display are empty shoeboxes for you to take and fill with fun gifts for girls and boys in desperate situations around the world, as well as details about this project. The display will continue to be available through August, however, shoebox gifts may be returned any time before the middle of November. Please remember in your shoeboxes to include a personal note, a photo of yourself or your family who packed the shoebox, and a donation of \$9.00 per shoebox (checks payable to Samaritan's Purse) to cover shipping costs plus the cost for *The Greatest Gift*, the booklet included with every shoebox by Operation Christmas Child, printed in the child's language which tells the story of Jesus and His great love for people. Contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975 for additional information about this project. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

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!

INTERFAITH

We are starting our hosting week on Sunday, August 26.

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a partnership of congregations within our community of faith helping families regain their housing, independence. We have the opportunity to directly work to reduce homelessness and transform the lives of others.

Thank you to all at St. Andrew who volunteer to be overnight hosts, dinner hosts or cook a dinner. We ask if you can keep our volunteers and the families in the program in prayer.

If you would like to become involved, or get more information, please see or contact Vita Hansen at: 732 240 5283 or vitalynn@yahoo.com.

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 Colleen O'Dell-Multer (8/16).

TUESDAY MORNING AT THE MOVIES: The Women's Summer Study Group will be "going" to the movies and everyone is invited. Join us in **Memorial Hall** for our last movie of the summer; *August 21, 10:00-12:15 The Story of the 12 Apostles.

WOW: St. Andrew Women's Book Club meets every third Saturday at 10:30am at the church. Please feel free to join us. Upcoming book titles:
8/18/2018- Never Caught by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
09/15/2018- Anything Is Possible by Elizabeth Stroud
10/20/2018- Chocolat by Joanne Harris
11/17/2018- The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg
12/15/2018- The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Dorn Stern.
Please contact Amy Hall (908) 278-7076 or Pat Lewis (732) 674-5538 if you have any questions.

Adult Bible Studies

THE WIRED WORD, a weekly study seeking to find the biblical principles at work in newsworthy events, offers 2 unique features. Each week the class is based on a different significant happening somewhere in the world, with scripture that looks to give biblical perspective to the events, motives and outcomes in that story. This leads to discussions of how these principles can play out in our lives. Because of one-time nature of each study, ***The Wired Word*** study is perfect for those who can only attend occasionally. Beginning **Sunday September 9th**, The Wired Word will be held both at 9:30AM and 11:00AM classroom 9.

CHRISTIAN COFFEES This fall we are continuing our commitment to read and study all four gospels, with an eye to observing what Jesus said and did as He shared the good news of grace and salvation. We have completed our studies of three of the gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. On **September 9** we will begin to study the gospel of John, using the John MacArthur study guide *John, Jesus – The Word, the Messiah, the Son of God*. This study will occupy our small group for 24 weeks (approximately September 2018 through March 2019). For those interested in ordering the study guide or for more information, please contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975. Christian Coffees is the name of our small group. We meet each Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Shared Ministry Office (upstairs next to the Narthex). We encourage you to grab a cup of coffee or tea from Fellowship Hall and join us for an hour of study and discussion.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING STUDY On **Tuesday, September 11**, we will begin the study *Three Simple Rules* by Jeanne Torrence & Rueben Job. This is a 6-week study based on John Wesley's principles of the Christian life: do no harm, do good and stay in love with God, meeting at 10:00am in room 4. Rueben Job is an editor for *The Upper Room*. All women are invited to be a part of this time of fellowship and growing in faith. The cost for the study book and other materials is \$10.00. Please contact/pay Arlene Green 732-477-4240 (checks: "Arlene Green") to order your book before August 31.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Beginning **September 6, 2018** and for a total of 5 consecutive Thursday evenings, we will offer a DVD-driven study, *Dust To Glory, Lessons 1-5*. This course will be a study of the book of Genesis, Chapters 1 through 36. Our Thursday Evening Bible Study small group meets at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in Memorial Hall. For those interested or for more information, please contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES We will present a 7-week Bible Study at two Assisted Living Facilities in Toms River, and you are invited to join us! The study is titled "*God As He Longs For You To See Him*", which explores seven attributes of God: His Goodness, Sovereignty, Holiness, Wisdom, Justice, Love, and Faithfulness. The study's author is Pastor Chip Ingram with Living on the Edge Ministries. **On Wednesday mornings beginning August 15, we will be at Spring Oak at 2145 Whitesville Rd. from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. The format at Spring Oak will be a book discussion in the Library. On Friday mornings beginning August 17, we will be at The Chelsea at 1657 Silverton Rd. from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. The format at The Chelsea will a DVD presentation followed by discussion in the Activities Room.** For additional information, please contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

Christian Education for Children

Get ready to SOAR, RISE, and THRIVE at St. Andrew UMC! That's right... **on Sunday Sept 9th** we begin our Sunday morning children's groups!

- Discovering the great stories of the Christian faith
- Exploring through games, art, music, crafts, even cooking! How to live the Christian life today
- Making positive, healthy relationships that last a lifetime

SOAR begins at 9:30am in contemporary worship where the children experience being a part of the whole congregation. Uplifting and special music, prayer, and weekly children's message sets the engaging tone for the morning. At 9:40 children are dismissed with their adult group leaders to one of three age-appropriate sessions: (Pre-K/K/1st), (2nd/3rd), (4th/5th) where they are inspired to grow in faith, hope and love.

RISE! begins at 11:00am in traditional worship where the children experience being a part of the whole congregation. Uplifting and special music, prayer, and weekly children's message sets the engaging tone for the morning. At 11:10 children are dismissed with their adult group leaders to a single all-ages group where they will engage in age-appropriate opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love.

THRIVE is our Tuesday evening elementary-school aged youth group (**Beginning Sept 11th**). It begins at 5:30 and offers all of the creative, engaging, and wonder-inspiring experiences a child could hope for! Faith exploration in an action-packed, hands-on, fun and games 'youth group' environment.

All three of these kid's opportunities promise:

- No boring classroom structure
- Each week activity stands on its own (no disadvantages for missing a week)
- Constantly new and rotating activity focus to keep kids interested

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

August 19 Team #4
 August 26 Team #5
 Sept. 2 Team #6
 Sept. 9 Team #1

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

August 19 Pete Sabey
 August 26 Scott Susich
 Sept. 2 Heather Sabey
 Sept. 9 Dave Richardson

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

August 19 David Geller
 August 26 Linda Phander
 Sept. 2 John Phander
 Sept. 9 Barrington Gooden

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

August 19 Jan Phillips, Russ K Thistle
 August 26 Russ Thistle Sr., Valerie Earp
 Sept. 2 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

August 19 Keila & Valerie Earp
 August 26 Bob DeBarge, Keila Earp
 Sept. 2 Bob DeBarge

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Sun., Aug. 12	8:30-9:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 5:30PM 6:00PM	Chapel Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Summer Time Coffee Hour Summer Singers Warm Up (Choir Room) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour Young Adult Ministry (Meet in Choir Room) Family Dessert & Game Night (Fellowship Hall & Back Field)
Mon., Aug. 13	9AM-12:00PM 1:00-2:00PM 6:30PM	VBS; 4yrs. - 5th grade (all downstairs) Shared Ministry Office Reserved Summer Singers Rehearsal
Tues., Aug. 14	9AM-12:00PM 7:00PM 7:30PM 8:00PM	VBS; 4yrs. - 5th grade (all downstairs) Council on Ministries Toms River Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) Administrative Board Meeting

Wed., Aug. 15	9AM-12PM 10:00-12:00PM 5:00-6:00PM	VBS; 4yrs. - 5th grade (all downstairs) Knit Wits (<i>Shared Ministry Office</i>) FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Thurs., Aug. 16	9AM-12:00PM	VBS; 4yrs. - 5th grade (all downstairs)
Fri., Aug. 17	9AM-12:00PM 12:30-1:30PM	VBS; 4yrs. - 5th grade (all downstairs) FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sat., Aug. 18	10:30-12:00PM 7:00PM	WOW; St. Andrew Women's Book Club (rm. 9) AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., Aug. 19	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 Summer Singers Warm Up (Choir Room) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour