

**ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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*“If I only had this as my guide ... if all I had was the Bible ... and I was to read this book and then start a church, what would it look like? Would it look like the thing that we've built here and all refer to as church? Or would it look radically different?”*

*Francis Chan*

***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 SUNDAY**

There will be **one worship service** on **Sunday September 23rd at 11am** in the Sanctuary. There will be no children's programs that day. Child care will be available during the worship service in rooms 4-6. Lunch will follow at 12 noon for those who have tickets.

**ANNIVERSARY LUNCH** We are distributing tickets for our luncheon which will be on **Sunday September 23rd 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 Lydia Poane 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! **Last date for tickets is TODAY.**

**ANNIVERSARY OUTREACH** As part of our celebration of the 50 years that Saint Andrew has supported missions in our community, the Council of Ministries set the goal of offering our congregation a way to support our community locally, regionally and globally. For our local project we continue to collect school uniforms for our neighbors in Lakewood. For our Global project we sponsored the Imani Milele children's choir last month, resulting in merchandise sales, a love offering and several child sponsorships to help them continue their work. For our regional project, we will be collecting items that the teachers at the Neighborhood Center in Camden have asked for in order to get their school year off to a good start. Please check out the "Apple for the Teachers at the Neighborhood Center" display in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. If you can "Be a star" and help with one of the items please take the star, and write your name next to the number on the clipboard. **There is a box below the display to collect the items, which should be returned today, September 9th.** The teachers have also asked for gift cards to the nearby teacher store Lakeshore Learning Center so they can pick up supplies, so if you are interested in supporting that you can give your cash donations to Lisa Lockwood, Scott Susich or Lucy DeBarge and we will purchase them. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Lockwood at 732-597-0181. Thank you so much for your generous support of these and all the mission projects and ministries at Saint Andrew, you are truly the hands and feet of Christ to the world!

**2018 CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE** If you are responsible for a report to the District Office for Church Conference please have your report to the church office by **September 12th**. Thank you!

**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. **\*Volunteers are needed! Several opportunities to serve at the Cardboard Box City event are available. Please inquire at the display 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.

### **NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SAUMC**

**standrew.umctr@gmail.com**

Please start using immediately. Thank you!

**CHURCH GROUNDS** Volunteers needed to help keep St. Andrew looking trim and welcoming see Dennis Poane.

**ADULT CLASS** Anyone interested in facilitating an adult class please see Dennis Poane.

## ***Missions***

**SEPTEMBER MISSION PRAYER** September is **National Hunger Action Month**, which puts the spotlight on the problem of hunger in America. During September please pray for those in America and in our local community who daily face hunger and food insecurity. Pray God's blessings upon them so that, through God's gracious provision, their physical and spiritual needs would be met. Ask God for His guidance and wisdom to discover what more we can do to help those who are hungry. To learn more about Hunger Action Month and the specific **actions** that our St. Andrew church family is being encouraged to participate in as we respond to hunger in our local community, please visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby. We have copies of the orange colored "September Is Hunger Action Month" flyer showing various actions that you can take – be sure to add your name to our Hunger Action Month Wall of Honor by signing the "Pass The Plate" graphic and indicating your action to end hunger: volunteering, donating, walking in the CROP Hunger Walk, or advocating to end hunger in our community!

**SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING** This morning's Communion Offering will go towards the UMC Tanzania Hope Center and Tanzania Women's Development Projects. These projects are related to our Covenant Missionary, Kabaka Alphonsine, and her husband, Rev. Mutwale. Information about these projects is shared in a nearby article. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

**REVISED DATE! 2018 CROP HUNGER WALK Save the Date** – This year's CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for **Sunday October 14** (Please note the revised date.) We encourage all to join our St. Andrew Walk Team! The Walk begins at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River parking lot in front of the House of Hope, located Hooper Avenue and Chestnut Street. Registration is at 1:30pm and the Walk begins at 2:00pm. The full course is approximately 2 miles, walking "around the block": along Chestnut Street, to Old Freehold Rd., to Walnut St., to Hooper Ave., and back to the parking lot. An alternate, shorter course is also available. The global sponsor of the CROP Hunger Walk

is Church World Service (CWS) which will receive approximately 75% of funds raised, with the balance of the funds to remain locally. **Interfaith Hospitality Network** will receive a large portion of the local funds. Participant Packets will soon be available. Contact for this project is Lucy DeBarge who can be reached at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975. Thank you for walking in solidarity with those throughout the world who need to walk many miles in search for water and food!

**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 **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 Tanzania women who are part of the **Women's Development Project** headed by our Covenant Missionary, Kabaka N. Alphonsine. Funds raise 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."** Information about this year's Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Project can be found on the insert included with today's announcements. Please hold onto the insert as it contains dates and other helpful information about the OCC Shoebox Project and our St. Andrew OCC Central Drop-Off Location. Most importantly, please continue to pray for the children who will receive the shoeboxes that you have packed or will be packing. Thank 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!**

### ***Music Ministry Update***

We are gearing up for our Fall SAUMC schedule and invite you to join us at one of our rehearsals **starting tomorrow...**

Monday **9/10/17**

Son-Shine Bell Choir at 5:30PM

Gospel Choir practice at 6:45PM

Tuesday **9/11/17**

Gospel Choir practice at 1PM

Thrive Chorus at 5PM (ages 4-5th Grade)

Sunday **9/16/17**

Choir Warm-Up at 10:40AM

We are looking to add more TENOR and SOPRANO voices to our Gospel Choir! If you know of any shower singers, or feel led to join us on a weekly or bi-weekly basis come on out to sing!

## ***Women of St. Andrew***

**CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING** The Circle of Joy and Grace will meet on **Sunday September 16 at 12:30PM** in Memorial Hall at St. Andrew UMC. Each one is encouraged to bring her own lunch as we will enjoy the fellowship of meeting together. As we begin our 2018-2019 season, some of our conversation will focus on setting goals and our schedule for this year. The Circle of Joy and Grace is open to all women who would like to be part of our group as we share and grow together in Christ's love – please join us on the 16<sup>th</sup>! For additional information, contact Lucy DeBarge at [lucydebarge@yahoo.com](mailto:lucydebarge@yahoo.com) or by phone at (732) 833-9975.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Nancy Lewis (9/11), Myra Caggiano (9/12), Ann Canter (9/15).

**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:  
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. We meet each Sunday at 9:30AM classroom 9.

**CHRISTIAN COFFEES** Our current study is the Gospel of John. Our small group is using the John MacArthur study guide *John: Jesus – The Word, the Messiah, the Son of God*. This study will occupy our small group through March 2019. For additional

information about this study, please reach out to 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.

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** Our current study is a DVD-driven curriculum, *Dust To Glory, Lessons 1-5*. This course is a study of the book of Genesis, Chapters 1 through 36. Our Thursday Evening Bible Study small group meets at 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Memorial Hall. For additional information about this Bible Study, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

**BIBLE STUDIES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES** We are currently presenting a 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 we are at Spring Oak located 2145 Whitesville Rd. from 10:30am-11:30am. The format at Spring Oak is a book discussion in the Library. On Friday mornings we are at The Chelsea located 1657 Silverton Rd. from 10:30am-11:30am. The format at The Chelsea is 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 9<sup>th</sup>** we begin our Sunday morning children's groups!

- Exploring through games, art, music, crafts, even cooking!
- 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. At 9:40 children are dismissed with their adult group leaders to one of three age-appropriate sessions: (Pre-K/K/1<sup>st</sup>), (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>), (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>) 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. 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 11<sup>th</sup>**). 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.

And don't forget our Tuesday **THRIVE CHORUS** our elementary-age music ministry (**Beginning Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**). Kids get to sing out their faith each week and practice for monthly and holiday Sunday performances! It begins at 5:00pm.

## *Weekly Servers*

### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)**

Sept. 16 Team #2  
 Sept. 23 Team #3  
 Sept. 30 Team #4  
 Oct. 7 Team #5

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

Sept. 16 Ann Canter  
 Sept. 23 Heather Sabey  
 Sept. 30 Michael Mazer  
 Oct. 7 Pat Lewis

### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)**

Sept. 16 Vita Hansen  
 Sept. 23 Barbara Delman  
 Sept. 30 Harry Humphreys  
 Oct. 7 Bob DeBarge

### **9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

Sept. 16 Russ & Russell Thistle  
 Sept. 23 Bill Koch, Valerie Earp

### **11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)**

Sept. 16 Bob DeBarge, Dave VanD.  
 Sept. 23 Keila Earp, Joe Herflicker

<b>WEEKLY CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Sun., Sept. 9</b> <i>Worship Service with Communion</i>	<b>9:30AM</b>  <b>10:30AM</b> <b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b>	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9 Coffee Hour Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; The Wired Word, rm. 9 Coffee Hour
<b>Mon., Sept. 10</b>	<b>10:30-12:00AM</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>6:15-6:45PM</b> <b>6:45PM</b>	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tues., Sept. 11</b>	<b>10:00AM</b> <b>1:00PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>  <b>5:30-6:30PM</b>  <b>7:00PM</b>	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4, 5) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Memorial Hall) Council on Ministries

	<b>8:00PM</b>	Administrative Board Meeting
<b>Wed., Sept. 12</b>	<b>10:00-11:00PM</b> <b>10:00-12:00AM</b> <b>11:00-12:00PM</b>  <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> <b>7:30-8:30PM</b>	<b><i>Conference Paperwork Due to Church Office</i></b> FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Knit Wits (rm. 4) BASIC.; Pastor-led group session (Shared Ministry Office) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) BASIC.; Pastor-led group session (Memorial Hall)
<b>Thurs., Sept. 13</b>	<b>6:30-8:00PM</b> <b>6:30PM</b>	Thursday Eve. Bible Study (Memorial Hall) Den Meeting (Fellowship Hall, rm.4-6)
<b>Fri., Sept. 14</b>	<b>12:30-1:30PM</b>	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
<b>Sat., Sept. 15</b>	<b>10:30AM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	Women's Book Club (rm. 9) AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
<b>Sun., Sept. 16</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>   <b>10:30AM</b> <b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b> <b>12:30PM</b>	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9 Coffee Hour Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade Coffee Hour Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall)