

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"Jesus of Nazareth always comes asking disciples to follow Him--not merely "accept Him," not merely "believe in Him," not merely "worship Him," but to follow Him: one either follows Christ, or one does not. There is no compartmentalization of the faith, no realm, no sphere, no business, no politic in which the lordship of Christ will be excluded. We either make Him Lord of all lords, or we deny Him as Lord of any."

Lee Camp,

Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a Rebellious World

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.

OUTREACH THANK YOU

Dear St Andrew Members,

On behalf of the Lakewood Middle School, we would like to thank you so much for your generous donation of uniform shirts for our students in need.

Each year, we have students who grow out their uniform shirts, or who have only one and are often out of uniform while waiting for laundry day.

Your kind generosity will serve to make these students more comfortable during a difficult time. Sincerely, Deborah Rolston Ass't Principal

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SAUMC

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Please start using immediately. Thank you!

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

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

LITTLE BLESSINGS Our first Little Blessings meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 19 from 9:30 - 11:00am in Memorial Hall. We are looking forward to an exciting year that will be filled with Biblical based themes for your child in a nurturing environment. We use age appropriate activities and crafts to teach about God's love and grace. If you have a little blessing of preschool age, come and join us and invite your preschool age friends, too!

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.

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!

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 **pumpkin bread** over the next several weeks. Please see the order blanks for 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." Our 2018 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project is well underway! Be encouraged to pick up empty shoeboxes (Preprinted decorated Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in our St. Andrew Fellowship Hall Lobby), then decide for each shoebox if you will pack for a girl or for a boy, and the age category: 2-4; 5-9; 10-14. Please pray for the child who will receive your shoebox gift. More information about our OCC Shoebox Project can be found on our St. Andrew website at <http://standrewtr.org/missions/operation-christmas-child/> Contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975 with any questions concerning our OCC Shoebox Project at St. Andrew. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CENTRAL DROP-OFF LOCATION AT ST. ANDREW We are recruiting volunteers to serve at our OCC Central Drop-Off Location at St. Andrew during

National Collection Week (November 12-19). There are a variety of volunteer opportunities: Prayer leaders and prayer team; Greeters; Unloaders (those who unload gift-filled shoeboxes from the cars of donors who are dropping off); Cartonizers (those packing shoeboxes into OCC cartons); and, Administrative support! If you sense a call to serve with this important ministry, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

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!

Women of St. Andrew

CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING The Circle of Joy and Grace will meet on **today 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 16th! For additional information, contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at (732) 833-9975.

UMW The Northern Shore **ANNUAL DISTRICT DINNER** being held at St. Andrew on **October 2, 5:00-8:30pm**. If you would like to attend, please contact Vita (732.240.5283 or vitalynn@yahoo.com) by September 30. The cost is \$23.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The CWU board is pleased to announce the **World Community Day** celebration will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1500 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ. The guest speaker will be Rev. Susan Jones. Fellowship and refreshment will begin at 10:00am followed by the program at 10:30am.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Grace Cottrell (9/22).

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:

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 Silvertown 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.

Youth Ministries

Get ready to SOAR, RISE, and THRIVE at St. Andrew UMC! That's right... we have begun 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/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. 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 CHORUS our elementary-age music ministry. Kids get to sing out their faith each week and practice for monthly and holiday Sunday performances! **Every Tuesday at 5:00pm.**

THRIVE is our **Tuesday evening** elementary-school aged youth group. It begins at **5:30pm** 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.

YES club: Middle School Youth Group. Kids gather from **5:30 to 7:30pm weekly on Wednesdays** for faith and fun! Games, activities, devotions, service projects, and outings (like bowling, ice skating, etc.) inspire our kids to grow in faith while building positive, healthy, life-long friendships.

MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship): High School Youth Group. Youth gather from **5:30 to 7:30pm weekly on Wednesdays** to build great friendships while growing in the faith, hope, and love of Jesus. Team-building activities, exciting games, and engaging faith-inspired discussions await our youth each week. We also regularly do service projects and fun outings. Every year features two different inspiring weekend retreats and an impactful week-long summer mission trip.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Sept. 30 Michael Mazer
 Oct. 7 Pat Lewis

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 30 Harry Humphreys
 Oct. 7 Bob DeBarge

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Sept. 23 Bill Koch, Valerie Earp

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 23 Keila Earp, Joe Herflicker

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Sun., Sept. 16	9:30AM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9
	10:30AM	Coffee Hour
	10:40AM	Choir Warm Up

	11:00AM 12:00PM 12:30PM	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade Coffee Hour Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall)
Mon., Sept. 17	10:30-12:00PM 5:30PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 7:00PM	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop (Fellowship Hall)
Tues., Sept. 18	10:00AM 1:00PM 5:00PM 5:30-6:30PM 7:00PM All Day	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) Social Justice Group (Memorial Hall) Fellowship Hall Kitchen Reserved
Wed., Sept. 19	9:30AM 10:00-12:00PM 11:00-12:00PM 5:00-6:00PM 5:30-7:30PM 7:30-8:30PM	Little Blessings (Memorial Hall) Knit Wits (rm. 4) BASIC.; Pastor-led group session (Shared Ministry Office) FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) BASIC.; Pastor-led group session (Memorial Hall)
Thurs., Sept. 20	6:30-8:00PM 6:30PM	Thursday Eve. Bible Study (Memorial Hall) Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall, rm.4-6)
Fri., Sept. 21	12:30-1:30PM 4:00PM on	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Cardboard Box City Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall & Field)
Sat., Sept. 22	5:00PM on 7:00PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved until noon Fellowship Hall Reserved for Luncheon Set up AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., Sept. 23	10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Choir Warm Up SAUMC 50th Anniversary Worship (Sanctuary); Family Sunday children are welcome to remain in worship. Anniversary Luncheon for those who have tickets (Fellowship Hall)