

***ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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***"The True Church can never fail.  
For it is based upon a rock."***

*T.S. Eliot*

***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***

**CARDBOARD BOX CITY "THANK YOU"** The Cardboard Box City Planning Committee says "thank you so much" to everyone who participated in, volunteered with, or supported this event! A special thank you to the St. Andrew Trustees for their help and coordination; to Pastor Erik who gave his support for this effort and good-naturedly endured our Pastor In A Box Campaign; to the Naomi Circle for their financial sponsorship support and members who made and donated soup; to the St. Andrew United Methodist Men for providing Saturday morning breakfast for our participants and volunteers; to Celebrate Toms River which graciously provided the DJ; and, to our St. Andrew MYF who did so much to support this event by building a display and engaging as both volunteers and a participating Group! This article is being written before the Cardboard Box City event. We'll be able to report more fully after Cardboard Box City happens. Again, thank you and God bless you for building awareness about homeless families in Ocean County and raising funds for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County!

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SAUMC** [standrew.umctr@gmail.com](mailto:standrew.umctr@gmail.com)

Please start using immediately. Thank you!

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

**ON-LINE GIVING** We are currently moving to a new online giving platform. Our current plan is to move to the new giving platform the week of October 1st. **If you are currently giving online week to week please do not donate after September 30th. You can begin again on October 6th.** If using a phone APP to give, we will be sending an email with instructions on how to load and use the new APP. Automatic donations are not affected by this move you do not need to do a thing! Thank you for your patience while transitioning over to the new platform.

**RUMMAGE SALE** **Saturday October 13, 2018 9:00am-2:00pm.** Bag Sale from 1:00pm-2:00pm Please email Nancy Wristen at [nbwristen@aol.com](mailto:nbwristen@aol.com) or call 732-319-8679 for info and questions. Collection begins after worship on Sunday October 7th. Volunteers needed!

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

**GRANNY'S CUPBOARD** Calling all chefs and want to be chefs! Now is your time to shine! Granny's Cupboard needs your help! Let's start cooking and freezing meals to sell at our upcoming Holiday Bazaar! Make extra each meal and freeze a portion or two! Labels and freezer containers will be available soon. Thank you for your gracious help!

## ***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!

**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 HOPE CENTER AND TANZANIA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**FUNDRAISER "THANK YOU"** To everyone who bought purses made by Tanzanian women, zucchini bread, apple bread and/or pumpkin bread: Thank you so much for supporting these fundraising efforts benefiting the Tanzania Women's Development Project and the Tanzania Hope Center! We have two more purses available for sale; and, our final delivery date for pumpkin bread is Sunday October 7.

**HURRICANE AND TYPHOON DISASTER RESPONSE** In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, we are witnessing a devastating flooding crisis in North and South Carolina, with more rain and flooding extending beyond those states. In the northern part of the Philippines, Super Typhoon Mangkhut (Ompong) made landfall on September 15 and caused structural damage to buildings, ripping off roofs, uprooting trees, and dismantling power lines, and triggered a massive mudslide resulting in dozens of deaths. Our prayers are needed for those who have been affected by these disasters. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is engaged, along with their partners, with the relief and recovery efforts. At St. Andrew, you can help by donating items for UMCOR Relief Kits (Cleaning Kits, which formerly were called Flood Buckets; and Hygiene Kits). Copies of the Cleaning and Hygiene Kit Assembly Instructions, which include the lists of specific items needed, are available at the table in Fellowship Hall Lobby. You may also make financial donations to the UMCOR Disaster Response. U.S. Disaster Response Advance is #901670 to help with the flooding in the Carolinas; and, the UMCOR International Disaster Response Advance #982450. Make checks payable to St. Andrew UMC, with a note in the memo to indicate how the donation is to be directed. For additional information, please contact Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

**SPIRIT LAKE MINISTRY CENTER OUTREACH "THANK YOU"** Pastor Mike Flowers and his wife, Libby, expressed their thanks for the Christmas packages that were mailed to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota. These Christmas packages, filled with gifts, school supplies, hygiene items, and winter hats and gloves, will be distributed this Christmas to Native American children in need who live on reservations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Here is part of their thank you note: "We truly appreciate the blessing you send each year and I wish you could see the faces of the children who received these wonderful gifts. Please thank your congregation for helping spread the love of Jesus Christ with the children of the reservation."

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

**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](mailto:vitalynn@yahoo.com)) by September 30. The cost is \$23.

### **UMW SPECIAL RECOGNITION PIN**

Do you know of a church member who quietly dedicates their time, gifts and talents to the church and community? Here is a chance to thank them for their dedication and efforts by nominating them for a United Methodist Woman Special Recognition Pin. The nominee can be a woman or a man.

All nominations are to be turned in by October 14, 2018. One nomination per form. Forms can be found on tables in the lobbies. Please place nominations in the designated folders. Thank you!

### **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 Marilyn Huschak (9/23), Carol Spony (9/26), Angela Leone (9/29).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lucydebarge@yahoo.com) or by phone at 732-833-9975.

### *Weekly Servers*

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

Sept. 30 Team #4  
Oct. 7 Team #5  
Oct. 14 Team #6  
Oct 21 Team #1

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

Sept. 30 Michael Mazer  
Oct. 7 Pat Lewis  
Oct. 14 Pete Sabey  
Oct. 21 Scott Susich

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

Sept. 30 Harry Humphreys  
Oct. 7 Bob DeBarge  
Oct. 14 Linda Phander  
Oct. 21 John Phander

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

Sept. 30 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
Oct. 7 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
Oct. 14 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
Oct. 21 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

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

Sept. 30 Bob DeBarge, Dave VanDeventer  
Oct. 7 Keila Earp, Dick Green  
Oct. 14 Russ & Russ Thistle  
Oct. 21 Bob DeBarge, Valerie Earp

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun., Sept. 23</b>	<b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b>	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)
<b>Mon., Sept. 24</b>	<b>10:30-12:00PM</b>  <b>5:30PM</b> <b>6:15-6:45PM</b> <b>6:45PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tues., Sept. 25</b>	<b>10:00AM</b> <b>1:00PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>  <b>5:30-6:30PM</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)
<b>Wed., Sept. 26</b>	<b>10:00-12:00PM</b> <b>10:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>11:00-12:00PM</b>  <b>5:00-6:00PM</b>  <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> <b>7:30-8:30PM</b>	Knit Wits (rm. 4) SCAN Lunch & Lean Series The Power of Music & Medicare Overview (Fellowship Hall) 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)
<b>Thurs., Sept. 27</b>	<b>6:30-8:00PM</b>	Thursday Eve. Bible Study (Memorial Hall)
<b>Fri., Sept. 28</b>	<b>All Day</b>	Downstairs Reserved for CSI MOW Training Pantry Closed Backfield reserved for Troop all weekend
<b>Sat., Sept. 29</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
<b>Sun., Sept. 30</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>  <b>12:30-4:00PM</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 Bell Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade Coffee Hour Memorial Service in honor of Ed Tremblay (Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Reserved