

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

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***November 11, 2018***

***"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."***

***Martin Luther King, Jr.***

***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*

## **2018 CHURCH CONFERENCE**

The Northern Shore District Church Conference will be held **Saturday, November 17, 2018** at Calvary Korean UMC. Location: 572 Ryders Lane East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

1:45-2:00pm Gathering & Refreshments

2:00-2:45pm Church Conference for St. Andrew UMC of Toms River

## **SAUMC's FAMOUS FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sat. November 17th 8:00am-11am**

Cost: Adults \$6.00 Children (under 10) \$3.00

Menu includes: Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate, and our Famous Pancakes. Veterans Eat Free!

## **SAUMC NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew? There will be a new member class with Pastor Erik on **Thursday, November 29th at 7pm**. Feel free to call the church office at 732-349-5367 with any questions.

## **COMMUNION SCHEDULE NOV-DEC**

Communion will be served on Sunday, November 25th and **no** communion served in December.

## St. Andrew UMC presents: **HOLIDAY CHAPEL WORSHIP**

Join us in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of Christmas-focused, Christ-centered, faith-inspiring worship. Blending both traditional and contemporary styles, encounter Jesus during the season his birth in an active, participatory way each week. Prayer practices, special music, communion, Advent & Christmas hymns, and other engaging acts of worship.

**Sundays 8:30am: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23**

Holiday Chapel Worship is in addition to our 9:30am Contemporary Worship and 11:00am Traditional Worship.

## **WORSHIP THIS HOLY SEASON**

**December 2nd, 1st Sunday of Advent:** 8:30am Chapel Worship (Sanctuary); 9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**December 9th, 2nd Sunday of Advent:** 8:30am Chapel Worship (Sanctuary); 9:30am Children's Pageant (Fellowship Hall); 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**December 16th, 3rd Sunday of Advent:** 8:30am Chapel Worship (Sanctuary); 9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); 11:00am Choral Cantata **"The First Noel: Celebrating the Birthday of a King"**

**December 23rd, 4th Sunday of Advent:** 8:30am Chapel Worship Service (Sanctuary); 9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**December 24th, Christmas Eve:** 6:00pm Contemporary Candlelight Family Worship Service in the Sanctuary; 8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Worship Service in the Sanctuary; 11:00PM Midnight Candlelight Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**December 30th, Wesleyan Covenant Service:** 9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**POINSETTIA SALE!** Starting next Sunday, November 18th. Order your poinsettia for dedication to be placed on the altar in time for the Cantata and Christmas Eve worship. Order forms are available after service outside of Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex.

Please make checks payable to St. Andrew UMC, thank you. For more info call Mary VanDeventer 732-255-3704. Last date to order December 9th .

**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.

## *Women of St. Andrew*

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA:** Annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 1, at 1:00pm. We will be serving delicious finger sandwiches and desserts. The cost of the ticket is \$15.00. Program: St. Andrew Music Ministry. **All tickets must be purchased by Monday, November 26.** Tickets are available in the lobby of Fellowship Hall after Sunday services, until Sunday, November 25. If you have questions or wish to reserve a ticket, please call Betty Stein (732-886-5025) by 11/26. Each table will seat the hostess plus 5 people to make room for all the tables' goodies and decorations. (If you would be willing to host a table, please speak to Colleen Dittimo or Vita Hansen.)

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Michelle Kennedy (11/11), Dorothy Royle (11/11), Lucy DeBarge (11/16), Bernice Bowering (11/17).

**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:

11/17/2018- The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg

12/15/2018- The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Dorn Stern.

1/19/2019- The Bus to Corinth by Ladine B. Householder

2/16/2019- The Winter Soldier by Daniel Mason

3/16/2019 The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordberg

4/20/2019 The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

For the rest of the 2019 list of books please look to the flyers on the tables or contact Amy Hall (908) 278-7076 or Pat Lewis (732) 674-5538 if you have any questions.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SANDY COVE** Join the SAUMC Women February 1-3, 2019 for our 2019 midwinter adventure. Our souls long for time to focus on God's Word and listen to the still small voice of the Spirit. A Women Digging Deeper Weekend is designed to provide time to fervently study scripture under the guidance of a Bible teacher. Jan Silvius is the guest speaker. Join us, as we learn how to live as a balanced woman in an out of balance world. **Sign up begins November 4th.** See Ann Canter or go to our website [standrewtr.org](http://standrewtr.org) for details.

## *Youth Ministries*

Please see lobby tables and our website [standrewtr.org](http://standrewtr.org) for detailed information.

## *Adult Bible Studies*

**THE WIRED WORD**, a weekly study seeking to find the biblical principles at work in newsworthy events. Because of the 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](mailto: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.

## ***Missions***

**NOVEMBER MISSION PRAYER** The first two Sundays of November are set aside as the International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). At St. Andrew, let us join with fellow Christians to lift our prayers before God on behalf of Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In many nations, Christians face worship restrictions, public humiliation, and social isolation. Let us become more aware of these situations and throughout this month let us be united in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide. *"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."* Hebrews 13:3

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

(From the United Methodist Book of Discipline)

As Paul writes of the interrelatedness of the body of Christ to the Corinthians saying that when "one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26), so we recognize the presence of religious persecution throughout the world. As The United Methodist Church condemns religious intolerance and persecution of all faith groups, we heed Paul's words and acknowledge the interconnectedness we have with members of the body of Christ throughout the world who endure persecution because of their faith.

Since The United Methodist Church opposes injustice, intolerance, and bigotry and believes in the power of prayer, we encourage United Methodist congregations to observe in November an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. It is through our earnest prayers that we grow in our sense of unity with Christians around the world, as well as with all members of religious groups who endure persecution. We become more aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters who suffer because of their faith, as we defend the religious freedoms of all faith communities.

**PROJECT THANKSGIVING 2018** Our annual Thanksgiving Baskets Project is underway! Flyers are available which explain our process of gathering donations of non-perishable food items and frozen turkeys which are assembled into food sets and distributed to those in our local community who are in need of help this Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed to help with assembling the food sets on Saturday November 17 at 9:00am, and distributing the food sets to preregistered families at 3:00pm to 5:00pm also on Saturday November 17. Visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby with specific information about donating and volunteering. In a nutshell, here is what is needed: Your prayers for the people who are helped by this project and for our outreach through this project; non-perishable food; frozen turkeys; financial donations; volunteers. Let us know if you can help! Please contact Project Thanksgiving Coordinator Lucy DeBarge at [lucydebarge@yahoo.com](mailto:lucydebarge@yahoo.com) or by phone at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! *"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."* Proverbs 22:9

**"HAPPY THANKSGIVING" GREETING CARDS OUTREACH** Today Sunday November 11, everyone is invited to sign "Happy Thanksgiving" greeting cards for the residents at The Chelsea Assisted Living. Look for our table in Fellowship Hall following worship services. The cards feature colorful graphics depicting a Thanksgiving Cornucopia and pumpkins, and includes a Scripture verse from the Psalms: *Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:1-2*

**DIAPER DRIVE FOR THE MAKER'S PLACE HOPE CENTER** The Maker's Place is a new United Methodist Hope Center located in Trenton, NJ. United Methodist churches in the Central Region of Greater New Jersey are engaging in a Diaper Drive Challenge, collecting diapers of all sizes for infants and children living in poverty. Donations will be distributed through the Maker's Place. Trenton is one of our under-served urban centers. The Maker's Place mission is to connect neighbors with neighbors in order to empower people living in poverty to make the most of their lives and communities. One in three moms struggle to provide enough diapers for their babies. You can help alleviate this challenge for low-income families in Trenton. **Missions at St. Andrew is hosting a Diaper Donation Drive as a wonderful way for our congregation to contemplate the significance of the baby Jesus during the season of Advent. We are collecting diapers of any size. A collection bin will be on a shelf in the donation station in Fellowship Hall Lobby. The last date to donate is Sunday December 16.** Diapers will be transported to the Maker's Place. The diapers will be distributed as part of "First Birthday" parties for babies and their families, hosted by the Maker's Place and Trenton area United Methodist churches. For additional information or to volunteer to transport the diapers to Trenton the week of December 17, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at [lucydebarge@yahoo.com](mailto:lucydebarge@yahoo.com) or by phone at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! <sup>15</sup>*Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.* <sup>16</sup>*But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.* <sup>17</sup>*Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."* Luke 18:15-17

**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!**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY."** This is our **last call** for gift-filled shoeboxes to be returned to church. 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!

## *Weekly Servers*

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

**Nov. 18** Team #5; **Nov. 25** Team #6; Dec. 2 Team #1

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

Nov. 18 Ann Canter  
 Nov. 25 Michael Mazer  
 Dec. 2 Pat Lewis

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

Nov. 18 Harry Humphreys  
 Nov. 25 Barbara Delman  
 Dec. 2 Vita Hansen

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

Nov. 18 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 Nov. 25 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 Dec. 2 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

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

Nov. 18 Keila & Valerie Earp  
 Nov. 25 D. VanDeventer, J. Herflicker  
 Dec. 2 Russ & Russell Thistle

<b>WEEKLY CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Please Note: Fellowship Hall Lobby &amp; Memorial Hall are reserved all week for Thanksgiving Basket Set Up and Operation Christmas Child Drop Off &amp; Packing.</b>		
<b>Sun., Nov. 11</b>	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b>  <b>10:30AM</b> <b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00-4:00PM</b>	5th Sunday Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship ( <b>Sanctuary</b> ); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9 Coffee Hour Gospel Choir Warm Up (Choir Room) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; followed by coffee hour Memorial Hall Reserved
<b>Mon., Nov. 12</b>	<b>2-4:00PM</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>6:15-6:45PM</b> <b>6:45PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b> <b>7:45PM</b>	Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop (Fellowship Hall) Cantata Rehearsal
<b>Tues., Nov. 13</b>	<b>10:00AM</b> <b>1:00PM</b> <b>1:45PM</b> <b>2-4:00PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>  <b>5:30-7:00PM</b> <b>5:30-6:30PM</b>	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cantata Rehearsal Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group ( <b>Fellowship Hall</b> )

	<b>7:00PM</b> <b>8:00PM</b>	Council on Ministries Administrative Board Meeting
<b>Wed., Nov. 14</b>	<b>9:30AM</b> <b>2-4:00PM</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b>	Little Blessings ( <b>rm. 7</b> ) Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, <b>rm. 4-6</b> )
<b>Thurs., Nov 15</b>	<b>11-2:00PM</b>  <b>2-4:00PM</b> <b>6:30-9:00PM</b>	SCAN Brain Fair Topic: Boost Your Memory! Registration: 10:30-11:00am Free! Open to the public (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4-6) Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off Troop & Dens Pie Making (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
<b>Fri., Nov. 16</b>	<b>2-4:00PM</b>	Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off Troop Camping (Fellowship Hall & Outside)
<b>Sat., Nov. 17</b>	<b>8:00-11:00AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b> <b>11-1:00PM</b> <b>12-4:00PM</b> <b>1:45-2:45PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	Church Wide Family Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) Women's Book Club (rm. 4-5) Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off Troop Thanksgiving (Fellowship Hall) Church Conference at Calvary Korean UMC AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
<b>Sun., Nov. 18</b>	<b>7-9:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b>  <b>10:30AM</b> <b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>	Operation Christmas Child Public Drop Off 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 Gospel Choir Warm Up (Choir Room) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; followed by coffee hour

**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. Below are important dates and times relating to this outreach project.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Drop-Off Hours for the Public</b> Volunteers Greet donors and Unload Shoeboxes from cars into our building.	<b>Packing Hours</b> Volunteers pack gift-filled shoeboxes into Operation Christmas Child shipping cartons.
Mon November 12	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Tues November 13	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Tues November 13	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	
Wed November 14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 5:30 pm
Thurs November 15	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm

Fri November 16	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Sat November 17	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Afternoon Packing Hours following 1:00 pm Drop Offs
Sun November 18*	7:00 am – 9:00 am	Afternoon Packing Hours: TBD
Mon November 19*	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Packing is done on this day during Drop-Off Time and following until packing is complete.

**\*Sunday November 18:** We are in need of men to load St. Andrew Shipping Cartons into trailers

**\*Monday November 19:** We are in need of Greeters/Unloaders and Packers during Drop-Off Time, and men to help load Shipping Cartons from OCC Area Teams into trailers beginning around 11:00am.