

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"I want all of the holiness of the Eucharist to spill out beyond church walls, out of the hands of pastors and into the regular streets and sidewalks, into the hands of regular, grubby people like you and me, onto our tables, in our kitchens and dining rooms and backyards."

Shauna Niequist

Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life Around the Table

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

COMMUNION SCHEDULE OCT-DEC

St. Andrew will be serving communion today Sunday October 28th.

There will be no communion on Sunday, November 4th. Communion will be served on Sunday, November 25th and **no** communion served in December.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE: October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the United Methodist Church. Pamphlets providing information about this topic can be found in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Topics tell about: The National Domestic Violence Hotline, the importance of and how to make a personal safety plan, the BIPP (Batterers Intervention and Prevention Program) program for abusers and other related topics. Please take some these materials and share them with others. *Knowledge brings understanding; understanding can bring action.*

EVERYONE: Please join us in Room 4 **TODAY** after the services at **10:30 or 12:00**. For about 30 minutes we will be showing some short videos about Domestic Violence, its statistics and effects, that should interest you. Come and stay the whole time or for a short while. Bring your coffee and goodies with you. Also, there are brochures in the lobby of Fellowship Hall on varying aspects of this social issue. Take what interests you and/or share them with others. Social Justice Committee

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS Voter registration & Vote-by-Mail request forms are both available in the lobby. If you are not registered, please REGISTER NOW! Time is running out! If you would rather have a paper ballot or prefer to vote without having to go to the polls on election day, Vote-by-Mail forms are also available. In need of assistance or have any questions please contact Keila Earp at 732-575-4208.

SUPPORT INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

An evening of fun, food, raffles, and prizes. Gift Auction Friday November 2nd, 2018 5pm-9pm Eagle Ridge Golf Club Lakewood NJ Tickets \$40 Contact Pastor Erik 732-773-4915

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TEXT GIVING St. Andrew now has the ability to receive donations via text giving. How it works: send a text message with the dollar amount (e.g., "10") to the text number **732-355-8084**. You will then be prompted to fill out a short form with your billing info. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message. For explicit detail contact the church office.

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!

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

ATTIC TREASURES AT THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR Now is the time to start setting aside those beautiful gift items for Attic Treasures to sell at the upcoming Holiday Bazaar. We're looking for gently used gift items of distinction – better quality household and decorative items, stemware, china, etc. If you have any items to be donated for Attic Treasures, please contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com to discuss the details. Thank you!

Women of St. Andrew

CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING The Circle of Joy and Grace will meet today **Sunday October 28 at 12:30pm** in Memorial Hall at St. Andrew UMC. Bring your own lunch and Halloween snacks to share, and enjoy fellowship with our small group. 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 today at 12:30pm! For additional information, contact Lucy DeBarge.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Susan Walter (10/28), Helen Cervenka (10/29), Arlene Green (10/30), Heather Applegate (10/31), Robin Thistle (11/1).

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.

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.

Youth Ministries

Please see lobby tables and our website 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, 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.

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

Missions

OCTOBER MISSION PRAYER This month we lift up in prayer all those around the world and in the United States who have been affected by natural disasters this year: Flooding from Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and South Carolina; Flooding and Mudslides from Super Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines; Earthquake and Tsunami in Indonesia; Wildfires in California are a partial list. We pray for God's grace, comfort, and blessing upon all who have lost so much - loved ones, homes, and possessions. We pray for God's blessing and protection upon the emergency responders and relief and recovery workers and volunteers, and for their families. We pray also for resources to meet the needs at all levels of assistance and recovery, and we thank God that it is through His gracious provisions that help is able to reach those affected by these natural disasters.

OCTOBER 28 COMMUNION OFFERING Today's Communion Offering will go towards our Thanksgiving Baskets Project. Special Offering Envelopes are included in today's bulletins. Please see a nearby article for more information about this annual outreach project which impacts approximately 50 local Ocean County families in need. Be encouraged to also visit our Project Thanksgiving display in Fellowship Hall Lobby where we have flyers listing specific non-perishable food items which are needed. Thank you for your generosity! *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PRAYER MEETING AND DINNER St. Andrew is hosting a Prayer Meeting and Dinner on **Sunday November 4 beginning at 3:00pm**. Our focus is to lift up prayers for God's blessings upon this year's Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week which is Monday November 12 through Monday November 19. This event is open to everyone who is interested in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. For additional information please contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

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 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*

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." 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 - **we have plenty of empty shoeboxes waiting for you to fill!**), 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. Below are important dates and times relating to this outreach project.

Date	Drop-Off Hours for the Public Volunteers Greet donors and Unload Shoeboxes from cars into our building.	Packing Hours 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 14	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.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Nov. 4 Team #3
 Nov. 11 Team #4
 Nov. 18 Team #5

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Nov. 4 Dave Richardson
 Nov. 11 Heather Sabey
 Nov. 18 Ann Canter

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Nov. 4 David Geller
 Nov. 11 Barrington Gooden
 Nov. 18 Vita Hansen

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Nov. 4 Keila Earp, Valerie Earp
 Nov. 11 Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Nov. 4 Russ & Russ Thistle
 Nov. 11 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Sun., Oct. 28 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	9:30AM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); In celebration of Family Sunday children are invited to remain in worship today; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9
	10:30AM	Coffee Hour
	10:40AM	Bell Choir Warm Up
	11:00AM	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); In celebration of Family Sunday children are invited to remain in worship today.
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour
	12:30-2:30PM	Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Mon., Oct. 29	10:30-12:00PM	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
	5:30PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15-6:45PM	Shared Ministry Office Reserved

	6:45PM 7:00PM 7:45PM	Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop "Court of Honor" (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall) Cantata Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Tues., Oct. 30	10:00AM 1:00PM 1:45PM 5:00PM 5:30-6:30PM	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4) Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Cantata Rehearsal (Choir Room) Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Cancelled Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Memorial Hall) Cancelled
Wed., Oct. 31	8-9:30AM 10-11:00AM 10-12:00PM 11-12:00PM 5:30-7:30PM	CSI Board Meeting (rm. 4, 5) FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Knit Wits (rm. 9) BASIC. Study with Pastor Erik (Shared Ministry Office) MYF & YES Club Cancelled
Thurs., Nov .1	10:30-12:00PM 10:00-4:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Naomi Circle (Memorial Hall) Bazaar Baskets (rm. 4-6) Den Meeting (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4-6) Social Justice Meeting (Memorial Hall)
Fri., Nov. 2	12:30-1:30PM 10:00-4:00PM	FP Distribution Appt. Only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Bazaar Baskets (rm. 4-6)
Sat., Nov. 3	7:00PM	AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., Nov. 4 No Communion Served Today	9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 12:15-1:30PM 2:00PM 3-7:00PM	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/Blood Pressure Screening Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Screening Bazaar Meeting (Memorial Hall) Fellowship Hall Reserved Operation Christmas Child Prayer Meeting Kick Off Dinner (Fellowship Hall)