

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience.”

Pope Pius XI

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

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)

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.

POINSETTIA SALE! 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 .

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday December 8th 11am-1pm. We will have pizza and games, we ask the parents to bring dessert and I need someone to lead a craft if we are to have one. Please RSVP and let me know how you can help! Thanks, Mary VanDeventer 732-255-3704 or mdvandev@aol.com

50th ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS!! Last Call!!! Brass ornaments are still available for \$20. A great gift to give this holiday season! Please see Mary VanDeventer to purchase.

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.

POAC FUNDRAISER

Dear Friends,

I know that this time of year charities are asking you all for contributions and other holiday obligations are calling. Nevertheless, I am asking you if you can please assist me in my fundraising for an organization you may remember that is very near and dear to me. I am

fundraising for POAC Autism Services because they do amazing work to save lives and keep children and adults with autism safe. I'm inviting friends like you to support.

Here is what your donation can do:

\$25 provides 4 weeks of swimming lessons for a child.

\$50 provides a sensory kit for first responders to use to help children in crisis.

\$100 provides training for 5 police officers or other first responders

Donate any amount you are able to.

You can find out more about the organization and make a donation here:

<http://igfn.us/vf/SAFE/DanielleVaz>.

You can also text SAFE4 to 71777 to donate. Or if you rather donate by check, please make the check out to POAC. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. You are in our hearts always.

Danielle Reid Vaz

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 tomorrow 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 Lydia Poane (11/28).

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:

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 for details.

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. 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 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.

Program Note: Beginning November 25 through December 23, we will take a short break from our study of the Gospel of John in order to engage with a study for the Advent and Christmas season. *"Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels"* by Magrey R. de Vega, is a thematic Bible Study which will take us on a tour through the Gospel narratives, showing us what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, and helps us to recognize that each Gospel writer invites us to encounter a fresh experience of the birth of Christ. For additional information, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge through the contact information listed above.

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

NOVEMBER 25 COMMUNION OFFERING Today's Communion Offering will go to our Angel Tree and Christmas Outreach Projects. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

ANGEL TREE is now in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Help support a child this Christmas. Pick a tag with a child's wish on it and return it by December 9th.

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 or by phone at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! ¹⁵*Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.* ¹⁶*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.* ¹⁷*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!

INTERFAITH

1 John 3:17 ESV - But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

St. Andrew will be hosting Interfaith families the week of November 25th - December 2nd.

During our Interfaith week at St. Andrew, we provide meals and sleeping accommodations in Memorial Hall for children and their parents who have suddenly lost their housing. If you

would like to become involved, please see or contact Vita Hansen at: 732 240 5283 or vitalynn@yahoo.com.

Unlike any other time in the United States, the face of today’s homeless are primarily children and their families. The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a partnership of congregations, within the community of faith, who assist children and their families who are facing homelessness. IHN provides support and mentors families so they regain their housing and independence with dignity. It offers us the opportunity to directly work to reduce homelessness and transform the lives of others.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Dec. 2 Team #1
 Dec. 9 Team #2
 Dec. 16 Team #3

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Dec. 2 Pat Lewis
 Dec. 9 Pete Sabey
 Dec. 16 Scott Susich

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Dec. 2 Vita Hansen
 Dec. 9 Doug Clayton
 Dec.16 David Geller

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Dec. 2 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Dec. 2 Russ & Russell Thistle

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Sun., Nov. 25	9:20AM 9:30AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 10:35AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 12:30-2:30PM 5-7:00PM	Thrive Chorus Warm Up (Fellowship Hall) 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 Cantata Dance Practice Coffee Hour Bell Choir Warm Up (Sanctuary) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); In celebration of Family Sunday children are invited to remain in worship today. Coffee Hour Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Holiday Bonfire! (Backfield) Interfaith Begins (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Mon., Nov. 26	10:30-12PM	FP Distribution Appt. only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)

	5:30PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 7:00PM 7:45PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop (Fellowship Hall) Cantata Rehearsal Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Tues., Nov. 27	10:00AM 1:00PM 1:45PM 5:00PM 5:30-6:30PM 7:00PM	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cantata Rehearsal Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Memorial Hall) Social Justice (rm. 4, 5) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Wed., Nov. 28	5-6:00PM 5:30-7:30PM	FP Distribution Appt. only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Thurs., Nov 29	7:00PM	New Members Class w/Pastor Erik (Pastor's Office) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Fri., Nov. 30	12:30-1:30PM 4:00 on	FP Distribution Appt. only (Memorial Hall & Kitchen) Set Up for Women's Christmas Tea (Fellowship Hall) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Sat., Dec. 1	1:00PM 7:00PM	Women's Christmas Tea (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen) AA (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Sun., Dec. 2 No Communion	8:30-9:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Chapel Worship (Sanctuary) 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 Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade. Coffee Hour