

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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On December 26, 1747, John Wesley strongly urged the Methodists to renew their covenant with God. His first Covenant Service was held on August 11, 1755. He issued this as a pamphlet in 1780 and the form was used without alterations for nearly a century. After that, various modifications were made from time to time.

*The Wesleyan Covenant Service has been
a blessing to Methodists since 1755.*

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

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVDS! If

you would like to have a full DVD presentation of the Saint Andrew 2018 Christmas Cantata, please sign-up on the Music Room piano, or see Jan Phillips. The cost of each cantata DVD is \$5 and will go directly to the Saint Andrew UMC music ministry.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall lobby. If you don't have envelopes and would like an assigned number or if you do not see your assigned number please contact the church office.

CHURCH WIDE BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to the Church Wide Breakfast sponsored by St. Andrew UM Men on **Saturday January 12, 2019**. Breakfast is FREE; however we ask that you sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall Lobby to let us know that you plan to attend. Breakfast begins at 9:00am and will include a guest speaker and special music following breakfast. Menu: The menu includes juice, coffee and tea; scrambled eggs; scrambled eggs with cheese; pancakes; French toast; two types of potatoes; sausage; and fresh fruit. Guest Speaker: Jack Santanni, Retired Marine Gunnery Sergeant with Toys for Tots who will be speaking about the Toys for Tots program. Special Music: Shore Voices, a female a capella barbershop style chorus, will be sharing their gift of music with us. For additional information about this Church Wide Breakfast, feel free to speak with any of the St. Andrew UM Men officers. *A Love Offering will be taken during the Church Wide Breakfast on January 12 which will be split between Toys for Tots and Shore Voices.*

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

Women of St. Andrew

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:

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 & Annie Barrows

5/18/2019 Radium Girls by Kate Moore

6/15/2019 Britt Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman

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. See Ann Canter or go to our website standrewtr.org for details.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Jennifer Harmon (1/5), Joan Kern (1/5).

Missions

DECEMBER MISSION PRAYER This month we remember in prayer those Ocean County non-profit agencies which give assistance and support to people in our local community who are in need. We especially remember Community Services, Inc./Meals on Wheels; Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey; Interfaith Hospitality Network; Peoples Pantry; and House of Hope. Pray for God's blessings upon the people who are served through these various non-profits, that needs would be met, resources become available, and lives transformed and enriched. Lift up in pray those who are on staff and those who volunteer in various capacities at these non-profits, that they will be strengthened and renewed in their service to those in need. We would also ask for prayers this December for our St. Andrew Food Pantry and our Christmas Outreach Projects here at St. Andrew, for blessings upon the families who receive resources and for the volunteers who help in any way with those projects. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers!

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!

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: Christian's Coffees will take a brief break on Sunday December 30 and Sunday January 6. We will resume our study of the Gospel of John on Sunday January 13.

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

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 6 Team #6; Jan. 13 Team #1; Jan. 20 Team #2; Jan. 27 Team #3

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Jan. 6 Ann Canter; Jan. 13 Heather Sabey; Jan. 20 Michael Mazer; Jan. 27 Pat Lewis

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

To be announced.

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Jan. 6 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 Jan. 13 Bill Koch, Keila Earp
 Jan. 20 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker
 Jan. 27 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 6 Dick Green, Joe Herflicker
 Jan. 13 Bob DeBarge, D. VanDeventer
 Jan. 20 Russ Thistle, Russell Thistle
 Jan. 27 Dick Green, Keila Earp

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Sun., Dec. 30 <i>Wesleyan Covenant Service</i> <i>No Children's Programs</i>	9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) In celebration of Wesleyan Covenant Sunday children are invited to remain in worship; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9 Coffee Hour Gospel Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) In celebration of Wesleyan Covenant Service children are invited to remain in worship. Coffee Hour
Mon., Dec. 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		No Music Practice Today.
Tues., Jan. 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>		Church Office Closed
Wed., Jan. 2	5:30-7:30PM 6:30PM	MYF/YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) UMW Executive Meeting (rm. 4)

Thurs., Jan. 3	10:30AM 6:30PM	Naomi Circle (Memorial Hall) Den Meeting (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4-6)
Fri., Jan. 4	4:00-7:00PM	Repast for Caren Sanns mother Mary Joan Ritter (Fellowship Hall)
Sat., Jan. 5	7:00PM	AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
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