

**ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**January 6, 2019**

*"What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise."*

*Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*

**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.

### **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.*

## ***Women of St. Andrew***

**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).

**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 and 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.

**CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING** Our next Circle of Joy and Grace Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday January 13, 2018 at 12:30 PM at St. Andrew in Memorial Hall**. Bring snacks to share for our New Year celebration! Our Circle of Joy and Grace Meetings are open to all women who would like to join us. For information, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

## *Missions*

**JANUARY MISSION PRAYER** This month the theme for our mission prayer is peace. Pray for peace in our homes and families; in our communities, towns, and cities; in our country; and, in the world. We pray for peace among all the nations and peoples of the world. As an aid, printed below is a version of what is known as the Peace Prayer:

*"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*Where there is injury, pardon;*

*Where there is doubt, faith;*

*Where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light;*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek*

*To be consoled as to console,*

*To be understood as to understand,*

*To be loved as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive;*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*

*It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life."*

**JANUARY COMMUNION OFFERING** It is our tradition at St. Andrew UMC to present an opportunity for giving to a mission project on Communion Sundays. Today's Communion Offering is for the United Methodist Human Relations Day Sunday Offering (see nearby article for details). Special Offering envelopes are enclosed in today's bulletin announcements. Thank you for your generosity!

**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING** Human Relations Day Sunday is one of the Six Special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Through the Human Relations Day Offering, we are supporting ministries which serve those in communities in the United States who are living in the margins of society and are struggling to survive, those who are "the least of these". Through this special offering, we nurture at-risk youth, strengthen communities' self-improvement efforts, and advocate for the oppressed. Together we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles. *Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full. Proverbs 19:17 NRSV.* More information about the Human Relations Day Offering can be found in today's bulletin insert and at <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/human-relations-day>

**SPIRIT LAKE MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT** This project is a special outreach to Native



**LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR**

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center is dedicated to supporting the peoples of the Spirit Lake Nation and is an approved United Methodist Volunteer in Mission destination.

American children through a program sponsored by the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota (an approved United Methodist Volunteer in Mission destination). In 2018 we gathered donations and arranged them as gift-filled boxes for 22 individual children. These gift-filled

boxes were mailed to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in ND and were distributed as part of their Christmas outreach program reaching children who live on reservations in ND, SD, and Minnesota. **During January and February, we are collecting donations for Christmas 2019 (new items only, please!): winter hats, mittens and gloves; bars of mild soap; soft toothbrushes; toothpaste (expiration date in 2020); small toys, crayons, and**

**small coloring books or writing pads. The age groups include: 3-5; 6-8; 9-12; 13 and older.** Items may be placed in the marked bin in Fellowship Hall Lobby. For information about Spirit Lake Ministry Center or this outreach project, please contact Lucy DeBarge at (732) 833-9975. Thank you for your generosity!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2019 MONTHLY GUIDE** Each month during the first part of this year, Missions will include in the bulletin announcements a guide for you to begin to personally collect and hold shoebox items throughout the year. Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. For the month of January, consider looking for clothing items, like small dresses, T-shirts, socks, shoes, etc. We hope you will also pray for the children who will receive your 2019 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you!

**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](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.

**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.

## *Weekly Servers*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>WEEKLY CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Sun., Jan 6</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>  <b>10:30AM</b> <b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</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 Gospel Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade. Coffee Hour
<b>Mon., Jan 7</b>	<b>5:30PM</b> <b>6:15-6:45PM</b> <b>6:45PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Social Justice Meeting (Memorial Hall)
<b>Tues., Jan. 8</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	Women's Bible Study (Memorial Hall)

	<b>1:00PM</b> <b>5:00PM</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b> <b>8:00PM</b>	Gospel Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall) Council on Ministries Administrative Board Meeting
<b>Wed., Jan. 9</b>	<b>9:30AM</b> <b>10-12:00PM</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b>	Little Blessings (Memorial Hall) Knit Wits (rm. 4, 5) MYF/YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall)
<b>Thurs., Jan. 10</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	Den Meeting (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4-6)
<b>Fri., Jan. 11</b>		
<b>Sat., Jan. 12</b>	<b>9-11:00AM</b>  <b>7:00PM</b>	Church wide Breakfast with 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. AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
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