

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"Savior isn't our last chance; He is our only chance. Our only chance to overcome self-doubt and catch a vision of who we may become. Our only chance to repent and have our sins washed clean."

Sheri L. Dew

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

ST. ANDREW UMC TO HOST SENIOR NUTRITION SITE Would you like a hot nutritious meal and good company? Are you 60 years of age or older? If so, Meals on Wheels of Ocean County invites you to attend the Toms River Nutrition Site at St. Andrew UMC **beginning Monday, March 11**. The Nutrition Site, located in Fellowship Hall, will be open **Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM**. Want to know more? Stop by the information table by Fellowship Hall before or after both services.

MEALS ON WHEELS WALKATHON! March For Meals **Saturday March 9th 11:00am-6:00pm** in the Ocean County Mall. Flyers can be found on the tables outside Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex Lobby, you can also go to csimow.org or the Meals on Wheels Facebook page to register. We need walkers to make this a success! Even if you can't walk the mall come join us and do what you can. Please consider pledging to someone who is walking if you are unable to participate. This will be fun with giveaways and prize drawings every hour. T-shirts are available to everyone that walks! Please register online or see Mary or Dave VanDeventer. Thanks for your support of this important ministry of St. Andrew! All checks made payable to Meals on Wheels.

ST. ANDREW SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS ON SALE NOW!

The United Methodist Men are taking orders for Saint Andrew embroidered shirts and sweatshirts. We have two styles of shirts; Cotton and Golf (The sweatshirt is a hoodie) Color; maroon. All sizes available. Cost: \$28.00 all shirts, \$35.00 hoodie. See UMM and samples in Fellowship Hall between services.

UMM MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, **March 9, 2019**

9:00 Breakfast

All men are welcome. There will be a reorganization and planning meeting following breakfast.

T'AI CHI CHIH, experience the art of "moving meditation". Learn to have serenity in the midst of activity. (THIS IS NOT A MARTIAL ART) T'ai Chi Chih is practiced standing but may also be practiced sitting. We will practice for Eight (8) weeks on **Mondays starting April 1 through May 20, 2:00pm-3:30pm**.

Beginners are welcome and Adults Only. There will be a sign up sheet in the entrance to Fellowship Hall or contact Carol Fodor cell 732-608-3957 or email: cfodor4@gmail.com
Enjoy the Chi!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **Westhill High School Percussion Band** is returning to St. Andrew again this year. We will house them from **Saturday evening (March 16th) to Sunday morning (March 17th)**. Volunteers are needed to: Set Up Memorial Hall and Fellowship Hall to accommodate the students on Saturday and re-set both Halls for Sunday morning worship and classes. Be Overnight Hosts to help supervise and assist the Westhill students and leaders, provide refreshments on Saturday night. It would also be great to have volunteers who would cook Sunday morning breakfast sandwiches like our dear Alan did last year. Please contact Dennis Poane (732-255-7363) to volunteer or for more information.

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

ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS The Endowment Fund Committee is again pleased to announce the availability of scholarships to members of St. Andrew for any post high school education. Scholarship criteria information and applications are available through the church office. If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact the Endowment Fund Chairperson, Russ Boucher at: cfm.russ@comcast.net. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2019.

CALL TO MISSION I am excited to share with you that I am exploring a call to mission by traveling to Puerto Rico from March 16-23 with New Jersey Metro Cru. We will be working on hurricane Maria relief and evangelism on the University campus. I will be holding a bake sale on March 3rd to help support my trip. Please keep my team in your prayers as we prepare our hearts and minds for this trip. If you would to donate an item for the bake sale please see me after service or contact me at 609-339-5846. Thank you, Rebecca Clifton

SAVE THE DATE The Line Dancing Fundraiser is back! Mark your calendars for this fun event Friday **March 29th** 6:30-10:00PM in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go to SAUMC Youth Mission Trip this July.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE COMING!
SAVE THE DATE **Saturday, May 4th!**

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 Sue Magyar (3/4).

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:

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

7/20/2019 Traveling with

Pomegranates by Ann Kidd Taylor and Sue Monk Kidd

8/17/2019 Forever by Pete Hamill

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.

SAVE THE DATE! **Saturday September 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM** is the date of our local UMW General Meeting. We are pleased to announce that our special guest speakers will be **Rev. Lowell and Claudia Wertz with Joy in the Harvest Ministries.** Rev. Lowell and Claudia will be on Furlough at that time, traveling to meet with the churches which have supported their mission in Kigoma, Tanzania. Both Missions at St. Andrew and the St. Andrew United Methodist Women give financial support to Joy in the Harvest each year. It will be our privilege to have Rev. Lowell and Claudia as our guests! More information will be available closer to the date.

Missions

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING

Together we reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. The UMCOR Sunday Offering (**formerly One Great Hour Of Sharing**) is a Special Sunday Offering which enables the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. When you give, you equip Christ's Body to serve in His Name. That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday, (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing). In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB). As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

MARCH MISSION PRAYER During March we lift up in prayer the programs and projects of **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**. Impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, UMCOR brings humanitarian aid to assist the most vulnerable people throughout the US and the world. When catastrophes cause suffering, UMCOR brings healing, hope and a place of refuge. Pray for the people and communities who receive assistance, that God would bless them with His compassion and grace; for UMCOR staff and volunteers, that God would strengthen them in their work; and for those who support UMCOR through financial gifts, relief-supply kits, and prayers, that God's love would motivate and inspire their generosity.

SPIRIT LAKE MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT Thank you to everyone who donated items for this special outreach to Native American children! Although the collection bin is removed from Fellowship Hall Lobby, we will continue to accept donations of small gift items throughout the next several months. Contact Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

"HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY" GREETING CARDS Everyone is invited to sign "Happy St. Patrick's Day" Greeting Cards for our senior neighbors who reside at the Chelsea Assisted Living. Join us in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour today following worship services.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2019 MONTHLY GUIDE Each month we are including a monthly guide for you to personally purchase and tuck away 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. At St. Andrew, we'll still kick off our Operation Christmas Child project in July under the "Christmas in July" banner when we'll distribute empty shoeboxes and OCC labels. By then, you should have a supply of shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls! **For the month of March,**

consider making Quality Craft Items (Things of quality that you make: Sewing, crocheting, knitting, and no-sew projects. Find craft ideas on pinterest!)

<https://www.pinterest.com/occsheboxes/sewing-for-shoeboxes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/occsheboxes/crocheting-for-shoeboxes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/occsheboxes/knitting-for-shoeboxes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/occsheboxes/no-sew-projects/>

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 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The study *Seven-Mile Miracle* by Steven Furtick begins Tuesday morning, March 5, at 10:00a.m. in room 9 and ends during Holy Week on April 16. ALL WOMEN are invited and encouraged to take part! In this seven-session study Pastor Furtick explores the last words of Christ from the very Holy Land locations at which they were spoken. Standing in these holy places, he unpacks the drama, power and deep meaning of Jesus' final hours before his crucifixion. If you are interested in this opportunity to celebrate the season of Lent, please speak to Arlene Green or call her (732-477-4240) by Friday morning, March 1.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES We are bringing weekly Bible Studies into the Chelsea Assisted Living on Silverton Rd. and into Spring Oak on Whitesville Rd. The Bible Study classes are being held during the months of February, March, and through the middle of April. Our dates and times are on Friday mornings 10:30am to 11:30am at the Chelsea, and on Wednesday mornings 10:30am to 11:30am at Spring Oak. This series of Bible Studies are based on the book *"Sharing God's Love and Joy"* by Willa Ruth Garlow. For additional information please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

March 10 Team #3
 March 17 Team #4
 March 24 Team #5
 March 31 Team #6

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 10 Jeff Canter
 March 17 Ann Canter
 March 24 Michael Mazer
 March 31 Pat Lewis

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

March 10 Barrington Gooden
 March 17 Vita Hansen
 March 24 Barbara Delman
 March 31 Harry Humphreys

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 10 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 March 17 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 March 24 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 March 31 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

March 10 Bob DeBarge, D. VanDeventer
 March 17 Keila Earp, Joe Herflicker
 March 24 Russ & Russ Thistle
 March 31 Dick Green, Joe Herflicker

<i>Weekly Calendar</i>		
Sun., Mar. 3	8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	Life By Design 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 Young Adult Ministry Gathering for Prayer, Praise & Pizza (Memorial Hall)
Mon., Mar. 4	5:30PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 6:30PM 6:00-7PM 7:00-8:30PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal UMW Executive Board Meeting (rm. 4) Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) Troop (Fellowship Hall)

	7:45PM	Cantata Practice
Tues., Mar. 5	8:30-12:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 1:00PM 1:30PM 5:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved Women's Bible Study (rm. 9) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cantata Practice Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall) Trustee Meeting (Shared Ministry Office)
Wed., Mar. 6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10:00-12:00PM 5:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Knit Wits (rm., 4-5) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) Soup & Bread, Fellowship Hall (working group; Children's Ministry) Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs., Mar. 7	10:30-12:00PM	Naomi Circle (Memorial Hall)
Fri., Mar. 8		
Sat., Mar. 9	9:00-11:00AM 7:00PM	UMM Monthly Breakfast Meeting (Fellowship Hall) AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., Mar. 10	8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 12:30-2:00PM	Life By Design 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 Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall)