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*"Beauty and blessings follow the surrender. . . God wants you to
move beyond your comfort to your call."*

Gwen Smith

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 18**. The Nutrition Site, located in Fellowship Hall, will be open **Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. RESERVATION REQUIRED CALL 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE 732-240-9779**. Want to know more? Stop by the information table by Fellowship Hall before or after both services.

SAUMC CONFIRMATION CLASS You must be in the 7th grade or older. **Wednesday May 1st** will be the first class of four consecutive Wednesdays 4:30-5:30PM with Pastor Erik. Confirmation will be June 9th at both services. Contact the church office or see Pastor Erik.

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.

MYF FUNDRAISER MYF is selling Old Monmouth candy bars \$2 each. Anyone interested in purchasing please see any member of the MYF.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

St. Andrew has a new distributor along with new pricing! If you would like to purchase Easter flowers for our annual display on Easter Sunday, April 21st, order forms are available upstairs in the narthex or downstairs on the counters in Fellowship Hall lobby. **Checks made payable to St. Andrew MYF**. If you'd like to pay cash see Bev Miller or Sam Jones. All order **forms due Sunday, April 7th**. This is a Youth Fundraiser.

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!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE COMING!

SAVE THE DATE **Saturday, May 4th!**

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SAVE THE DATE **Sunday, June 9th at noon**. Volunteers needed please see Mary VanDeventer.

SCAN (Social Community Activities Network) LUNCH & LEARN

March 21st 10:30am-1:00pm here at St. Andrew in Fellowship Hall. This is a Free Event but Registration Required! RSVP by March 14 - Call 732-542-1326. Topics include:

- Healthy Eating = Healthy Living
- How to Protect Yourself When Going It Alone
- Your Library Card - Full Access to More Than Just Books

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.**

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

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 Katherine Richardson (3/17), Sharyn Kunis (3/18), Ginny Miller (3/18), Brianna Smith (3/19), Sue Herflicker (3/23).

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:

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

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.

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING EXTENDED! 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.

***Note:** Although our initial opportunity to make a donation for the 2019 UMCOR Sunday Offering was on Communion Sunday March 3, we continue to receive your financial gifts for UMCOR Sunday Offering throughout the month of March. Special UMCOR Sunday Offering envelopes are on the outreach station in Fellowship Hall Lobby and on the table in the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew UMC; include in the memo "UMCOR Sunday Offering". Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS DONATION DRIVE Missions at St. Andrew is asking for your help in gathering supplies for UMCOR Hygiene Kits. Below is a list of items that are needed. A marked collection bin is in Fellowship Hall Lobby. **We will need the supplies by Sunday March 31.**

We are offering two opportunities to assemble the UMCOR Hygiene Kits. Assembling of the UMCOR Hygiene Kits will be during our Lenten Series Night of Service on Wednesday April 3 when we will engage our congregation. We will also assemble Kits at Spring Oak at Toms River on Wednesday morning April 3 at 10:30 am when we will engage the Bible Study participants who reside at Spring Oak in this activity. This Service Project is in conjunction with our current Bible Study being held at Spring Oak. *If you can help assist at Spring Oak on April 3 at 10:30 am, please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office.*

Hygiene Kit Materials (All Items Must be New!)

- **Hand towels:** 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches

Note: Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels **not acceptable**

- **Washcloths**

- **Toothbrushes:** Adult size only

Note: **Do not** remove from original packaging

- **Adhesive bandages:** ¾ inch by 3 inches-size only (Common household Band-Aids; **no** cartoon characters)

- **Bath-size soap:** 3 oz. and larger sizes only

Notes: **No** Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content.

Do not remove from original packaging

- **Combs:** Comb needs to be sturdy and **at least 6 inches long**

Notes: No pocket combs or picks, please. Rattail combs and combs without handle are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth

- **Toenail or Fingernail Clippers**

Notes: **No** emery boards or metal nail files

- **Plastic bags:** One-gallon size sealable bag only

- **\$1.00** to purchase toothpaste

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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/occs shoeboxes/sewing-for-shoeboxes/>

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

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

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.

2019 Lenten Series ***Covered Dish 6:00PM / Programs 7:00PM***

The Lenten season is upon us! People of all ages are invited to join us at the church on Wednesday nights March thru April to experience Lent. The interactive services and programs are designed to enhance your faith journey.

The Lenten Experience II
March 20, 2019

There are so many ways to practice Lent meaningfully that we had to make a second service to fit them all in!

**Candlelight Prayer and Healing Service
March 27, 2019**

Join us for a special night of music, prayer, and special readings to usher God's light, love, and healing to the world.

**Lenten Night of Service
April 3, 2019**

One of the most meaningful Lenten practices is to serve. Join us at the church and complete a community service project or two.

**The Lenten Journey
April 10, 2019**

Throughout our facility there will be stations set up with activities designed to stimulate reflection and discovery this Lenten Season.

**Holy Thursday Service April 18, 2019
Choral Cantata "Living Last Supper"**

On the night Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread and wine, shared it with his friends, and made a new promise: my body given for you, my blood shed for you, my life for you... so that you may live.

Easter Sunday Services April 21, 2019

6:00AM Sunrise Worship Service (Memorial Garden)

9:30AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

March 24 Team #5

March 31 Team #6

April 7 Team #1

April 14 Team #2 (Palm Sunday)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 24 Michael Mazer

March 31 Robin Susich

April 7 Scott Susich

April 14 Jeff Canter (Palm Sunday)

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

March 24 Harry Humphreys

March 31 Barbara Delman

April 7 Doug Clayton

April 14 John Phander (Palm Sunday)

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 24 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

March 31 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

March 24 Russ & Russ Thistle

March 31 Dick Green, Joe Herflicker

<u>Weekly Calendar</u> Sun., Mar. 17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	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
Mon., Mar. 18	9:00-1:00PM 5:30PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 6:00-7PM 7:00-8:30PM 7:45PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) Troop (Fellowship Hall) Cantata Practice
Tues., Mar. 19	9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 1:00PM 1:30PM 5:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) 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) 5th Sunday Band Practice (Fellowship Hall)
Wed., Mar. 20 Lenten Series	9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 11:00-3:00PM 5:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (rm., 4-5) NJ Coalition Women & Disabilities Arts & Crafts (Memorial Hall) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) Covered Dish Fellowship Hall (working group; Family/Missions) The Lenten Experience II
Thurs., Mar. 21	10:30-1:00PM	SCAN Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
Fri., Mar. 22	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Sat., Mar. 23	7:00PM	AA (Memorial Hall)
Sun., Mar. 24	8:15-9:30AM 8:15AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Life By Design 5th Sunday Warm Up (Fellowship Hall) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); Family Sunday, Children are invited to remain in worship today; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9. Coffee Hour Gospel Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); Family Sunday, Children are invited to remain in worship today Coffee Hour