

***ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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*"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

***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*

**T'AI CHI CHIH**, practice starts **Monday, April 1st at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall**. Please wear comfortable clothes and flexible shoes such as sneakers. Beginners are welcome and Adults Only. Contact Carol Fodor cell 732-608-3957 or email: cfodor4@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the Chi!

**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. The Nutrition Site, located in Fellowship Hall, is 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: IMANI MILELE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** from Uganda is Coming back to St. Andrew. Wednesday, June 26th 2019.

**UMM BREAKFAST** **Saturday, April 13, 9:00am** All men of Saint Andrew are invited to breakfast. Come out and meet our new leadership.

### **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.

### **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.

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

**NORTH CAROLINA ADULT MISSION MEETING APRIL 7**. There will be a very important meeting of the Adult Mission Team between services in Room 5 on April 7. We will be planning the trip to Washington, NC June 2. It is very important that if you are planning to join us you should attend this meeting. The St. Andrew team will be leading a large group on this trip and we need to finalize our numbers.

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

**SCAN (Social Community Activities Network) Presents OCEANSMART (Senior Mobility and Resource Training)**

**Transportation Fair April 3 10:30am-1:00pm** here at St. Andrew in Fellowship Hall. This is a Free Event but Registration Required! Call 732-542-1326. Learn about the various transportation options in Ocean County. Info available from:

NJ Transit/NJTIP@Rutgers/Ocean Ride

AAA & CarFit/AARP Driver Safety/Access Link

Greater Mercer TMA/Lyft/Uber/EZ Ride/Ryde4Life and many more!

Tour all the features of a NJ Transit Bus parked on site.

Refreshments, Prizes, Giveaways & More!

**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.**

**2019 BASKETBALL HOOP-A-THON** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Hoop-A-Thon for **Imagine No Malaria** is scheduled on 2 days this year: **Tuesday May 7 and Wednesday May 8!** On **Tuesday May 7**, we will present our traditional Hoop-A-Thon as we have in the past with the Basketball Free-Throw Event, Children's Games, and Family Fun. The Hoop-A-Thon on Tuesday May 7 is open to children in Preschool through Grade 5. Activities begin at 5:00 pm (registration begins at 4:30 pm) on May 7. On **Wednesday May 8**, the focus will be on Basketball, and the event will be open to Middle and High School kids. Here are some specific ways that you can help make the Hoop-A-Thon a success: Be a Supervisor for the Children's Games during the May 7 event; Donate baked goods for our Bake Table (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, rice crispy treats, etc.); Be a Basketball Spotter during the event on either day; Lend us a Basketball to use during the event; Be a Greeter/Assistant on either day; Help with Set Up or Break Down on Tuesday May 7. Participant Packets with Registration and Sponsor forms will soon be available. To sign up as a volunteer on either day of this year's Hoop-A-Thon, or for more information, please contact Lucy DeBarge at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.



**St. Andrew Library**

Book Idea: *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Smith (LD-2019) Insight into the spiritual influences that made this formidable First Lady so active in social justice issues.

*A reading people will always be a knowing people.* John Wesley

***Women of St. Andrew***

**150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** The Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women are holding their Spring Meeting at St. Andrew on Saturday, April 6, 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. All women of St. Andrew are invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00. Please speak to Vita Hansen, Deb Boucher or Arlene Green if you would like to attend by Sunday, March 31.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Renee Niederer (4/1), Norma McCauley (4/6). Belated wishes to Barbara Smith (3/26), Nancy O'Brien (3/28).

**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.

**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.

## ***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.) 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!**

**IMAGINE NO MALARIA** is more than just nets. It is a comprehensive approach to make sustainable victory over malaria possible. Through **Imagine No Malaria**, The United Methodist church is working in partnership with our brothers and sisters in Africa to eliminate death and suffering from malaria. Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting a cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria continues to kill a child every 2 minutes. But, there is hope! **Imagine No Malaria** is part of a global partnership and together with our partners, our generation can beat malaria once and for all. By improving the ways people fight the disease using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, and improving sanitation we have already helped reduce malaria deaths by more than half. **Imagine No Malaria** combines integrated health infrastructure, education and advocacy to address death and the debilitating effects of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

**END MALARIA FOR GOOD! (Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Spread the Buzz" Basketball Hoop-A-Thon on Tuesday May 7 and Wednesday May 8 is a fundraiser to support Imagine No Malaria. Information about the Hoop-A-Thon can be found in the CHURCH FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT ST. ANDREW section of the bulletin announcements.)**

### ***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.

**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)**

April 7 Team #1  
 April 14 Team #2 (Palm Sunday)  
 April 21 Team #3 (Easter)

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

April 7 Scott Susich  
 April 14 Jeff Canter (Palm Sunday)  
 April 21 Dave Richardson (Easter)

### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)**

April 7 Doug Clayton  
 April 14 John Phander (Palm Sunday)  
 April 21 Linda Phander (Easter)

### **9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

April 7 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 April 14 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 April 21 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

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

April 7 Bob DeBarge, Keila Earp  
 April 14 Dick Green, D. VanDeventer  
 April 21 Russ Thistle, Russell Thistle

<b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b>	<b>8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM</b>	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.
<b>Sun., Mar. 31</b>	<b>10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM  12:00PM</b>	Coffee Hour Gospel Choir Warm Up Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade. Coffee Hour
<b>Mon., April 1</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM 2:00-3:30PM 5:00-6:00PM 6:00-6:45PM 6:45PM 6:00-7PM 7:00-8:30PM 7:30PM</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) T'ai Chi Chih (Fellowship Hall) Shared Ministry Office Reserved Bell Choir Rehearsal Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) Troop (Fellowship) Cantata Practice
<b>Tues., April 2</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 1:00PM 1:30PM 5:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM</b>	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) Trustee Meeting (Shared Ministry Office)
<b>Wed., April 3</b>	<b>10:00-1:00PM  10:00-12:00PM 5:30PM</b>	OCEANSMART/Senior Mobility & Resource Training Transportation Fair (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (rm., 4-5) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall)
<b>Lenten Series</b>		

	<b>6:00PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	Covered Dish Fellowship Hall (working group; Youth Ministries) Lenten Night of Service
<b>Thurs., April 4</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Naomi Circle (Memorial Hall)
<b>Fri., April 5</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b> <b>1:00PM on</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>Sat., April 6</b>	<b>9:00-2:00PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	UMW Spring Conference (Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, rm. 4) AA (Memorial Hall)
<b>Sun., April 7</b>	<b>8:15-9:30AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b>  <b>10:30AM</b> <b>10:40AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b>	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