

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"The Christian life is not adding Jesus to one's own way of life but renouncing that personal way of life for His and being willing to pay whatever cost that may require."

John MacArthur

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

NORTH CAROLINA ADULT MISSION MEETING APRIL 7. There will be a very important meeting of the Adult Mission Team between services in Room 5 **today**. 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.

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 TODAY.** This is a Youth Fundraiser.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING Saturday, April 13, 9:00am **ALL** men of Saint Andrew are invited to our breakfast meeting. Enjoy good fellowship, good food and join us in our ministry works. Information: Don Sanns 732-207-9237; Dennis Poane 732-255-7363.

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 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.

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.

T'AI CHI CHIH every Monday at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Final day May 13th. 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!

CHURCH WORK DAY APRIL 13th (SATURDAY) 12:00 NOON START. Our beautiful church needs some TLC! Help beautify our building and grounds-painting doors and walls, spring cleanup of the Memorial Garden and church grounds. Trustees will supply all needed materials, just bring your enthusiasm! UMM will provide breakfast for any volunteer, starting at 9:00am, if you sign up by April 11th (Signup sheet in Fellowship Hall Lobby). Further Information: Don Sanns 732-207-9237; Dennis Dragos 732-674-3988; Dennis Poane 732-255-7363.

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.**

BLUECLAWS BASEBALL!! **Friday July 12th at 7:00PM.** This year we are doing seats and if desired, food vouchers! Seats are \$10!! Food vouchers \$5-7 depending on choices and you must order with your ticket to get the discount. Fireworks night, too! Last call is June 1st. See Mary or Dave VanDeventer call 732-255-3704, or email mdvandev@aol.com Thanks!

2019 BASKETBALL HOOP-A-THON Our 8th 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: Children's Book (ages 4-11)

All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color by Katie Rissinger An explanation and celebration of the varied shades of color found in our diverse world

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

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 Lynn Koch (4/8), Joan Maison (4/8), Valerie Earp (4/12).

SAVE THE DATE! **Saturday September 21, 2019 at 10:00AM** 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

APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING This month's communion offering is for the Native American Ministries Sunday Offering. For more information, see the nearby article about the United Methodist Native American Ministries Sunday.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY This Special Sunday with an Offering of the United Methodist Church nurtures ministries with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. Together we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully. When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

APRIL MISSION PRAYER During April please pray for the elimination of malaria deaths in Africa. Pray that our compassionate God would heal the land of Africa which is gravely affected by malaria, a disease which is 100% preventable and treatable. Pray for God's blessing on the efforts of the many anti-malaria organizations, and especially the efforts of **Imagine No Malaria**, in fighting this disease through a comprehensive approach of both prevention (distributing bed nets, indoor residual spraying, and communication) and treatment (utilizing health facilities and education). We thank God for the progress made and petition Him for His help in making greater progress in these efforts to reduce the number of malaria cases and the elimination of malaria deaths in Africa. *"God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine..." – Ephesians 3:20*

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 8th 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.)

WORLD MALARIA DAY IS THURSDAY, APRIL 25 World Malaria Day is an annual event on April 25 each year. It is a worldwide effort to raise awareness of malaria and funds for the treatment and prevention of malaria. At St. Andrew our awareness building and fundraising effort is achieved through our annual "Spread the Buzz" Basketball Hoop-A-Thon. Join us this year on two dates: Tuesday May 7 and Wednesday May 8! More information appears in a nearby bulletin announcements.

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS - THANK YOU! Thank you so very much to everyone who donated items and contributed towards the UMCOR Hygiene Kits! As of this writing, we have gathered enough supplies to assemble 40 Hygiene Kits. God bless you for your generosity and compassion towards those who benefit from these disaster relief kits!

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 April, consider purchasing stuffed animals to include in your OCC Shoeboxes** – towards the end of April you might be able to find some good buys during the after-Easter sales! 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 of the Gospel of John will conclude on Palm Sunday April 14. We will take a one-week break on Easter Sunday April 21 (no class that day), and will resume on Sunday April 28. Beginning April 28 and continuing through June 9, we will take a closer look at selections from Chapters 13-17 of John's Gospel. We will be using the teaching series, *Lessons from the Upper Room*, a DVD-driven study by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson with Ligonier Ministries. Following the DVD presentation, our class participants will engage in discussion of the selected Scripture and teaching contained in the DVD. Our Christian Coffees classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am. We encourage you to grab a cup of coffee or tea from Fellowship Hall, then join us in the Shared Ministry Office for an hour of study and discussion. For additional information, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

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 14 Team #2 (Palm Sunday)
April 21 Team #3 (Easter)
April 28 Team #4
May 5 Team #5

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

April 14 Jeff Canter (Palm Sunday)
April 21 Dave Richardson (Easter)
April 28 Ann Canter
May 5 Michael Mazer

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

April 14 John Phander (Palm Sunday)
April 21 Linda Phander (Easter)
April 28 Bob DeBarge
May 5 David Geller

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

April 14 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
April 21 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker
April 28 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
May 5 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

April 14 Dick Green, D. VanDeventer

April 21 Russ Thistle, Russell Thistle

April 28 Dick Green, Keila Earp

May 5 Bob DeBarge, D. VanDeventer

<p><u>Weekly Calendar</u></p> <p>Sun., April 7</p>	<p>8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM</p> <p>10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM</p> <p>12:00PM</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Mon., April 8</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 2:00-3:30PM 5:30-6:15PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 6:00-7PM 7:00-8:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) T'ai Chi Chih (Fellowship Hall) Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) Troop (Fellowship) Cantata Practice</p>
<p>Tues., April 9</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 1:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM 7:30PM 8:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Women's Bible Study (rm. 9) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall) Council on Ministries Cantata Practice Administrative Board Meeting</p>
<p>Wed., April 10</p> <p>Lenten Series</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 9:30-11:00AM 10:00-12:00PM 5:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Little Blessings (Memorial Hall) Knit Wits (rm., 4-5) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) Covered Dish Fellowship Hall (working group; UMM) The Lenten Journey</p>
<p>Thurs., April 11</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Fri., April 12</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Sat., April 13</p>	<p>9:00-11:00AM 7:00PM</p>	<p>UMM Breakfast Meeting (Fellowship Hall) AA (Memorial Hall)</p>
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