

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"Hey, King! Where's your crown, where's your Cadillac? I've never seen a king before — on a donkey's back."

Paul Grant & Marian Palmer

*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

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 HOSTING 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!

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 MYF will sponsor **TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES**

A Real-world Discussion about Teen Substance Use and Underage Drinking on May 22nd 6:30 - 8-30pm at St Andrew. Who should attend? Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Youth Advisors, & Coaches. Students in grade 5 and up are invited to attend with a parent/guardian.

Refreshments will be served

PLEASE RSVP Call 732-349-5367 with your name and number in your party. Thank you!

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!

St. Andrew Library

Book Idea: *The Same Sky* (A Novel) by Amanda Ward (NC-2019) Alice, a Texas housewife, and Carla, a young girl choosing to flee the violence in Honduras, intersect as they each search for a place to belong. *A reading people will always be a knowing people.* John Wesley

Women of St. Andrew

CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING Our next Circle of Joy and Grace meeting is today **Sunday April 14 at 12:30pm in Memorial Hall at St. Andrew.** Bring your lunch and join our group as we discuss Circle and UMW business (including details about the Hoop-A-Thon) and share a time of fellowship. Our Circle meetings are open to all women who would like to join us! For additional information please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Barbara Delman (4/16), Doris Edmonds (4/18), Deb Boucher (4/21), Diana Monia (4/21), Pat Humphreys (4/23), Megan O'Brien (4/26), Diane Lawson (4/26), Amanda Spino (4/27), Linda Stobie (4/27).

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 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.)

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!

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.

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.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: *Christianity and World Religions (Revised Edition)*, our next study, begins on Tuesday, May 7, and ends on Tuesday, June 11. All are invited to take part in this study by Adam Hamilton. If you have not already signed up, please contact Arlene Green (732-477-4240) by May 1. The cost of the study is \$17.00. The study book explores four major world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism – and compares the beliefs of each with those of

Christianity. Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbors and find positive ways to share the gospel. God does not require us to be Bible scholars; rather He wants us to seek ways to know Him better and to grow in our love for Him.

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 21 Team #3 (Easter)
April 28 Team #4
May 5 Team #5
May 12 Team #6

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

April 21 Dave Richardson (Easter)
April 28 Ann Canter
May 5 Michael Mazer
May 12 Pat Lewis

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

April 21 Linda Phander (Easter)
April 28 Bob DeBarge
May 5 David Geller
May 12 Barrington Gooden

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

April 21 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker
April 28 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
May 5 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
May 12 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

April 21 Russ Thistle, Russell Thistle
April 28 Dick Green, Keila Earp
May 5 Bob DeBarge, D. VanDeventer
May 12 Russ & Russell Thistle

<p align="center"><u>Weekly Calendar</u></p> <p>Sun., April 14</p> <p align="center">Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM</p> <p>10:30AM 10:40AM 11:00AM</p> <p>12:00PM 12:30-2:00PM</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 Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall) Interfaith Begins (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Mon., April 15</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 2:00-3:30PM 5:30-6:15PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:30PM</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) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Tues., April 16</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:30PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Women's Bible Study (rm. 9) Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Wed., April 17</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 5:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (rm., 4-5) MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, Memorial Hall) Cantata Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Thurs., April 18 Holy Thursday</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Gospel Choir please be in the Choir Room Holy Thursday Choral Cantata with Communion Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Fri., April 19 Good Friday</p>	<p>9:00-1:00PM 1:30PM</p>	<p><i>Church Office Closed</i> Senior Nutrition Site - Closed Good Friday Worship Service at The Chelsea at Toms River Assisted Living; 1657 Silverton Road, Toms River Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Sat., April 20</p>	<p>12:00-5:00PM 7:00PM</p>	<p>Fellowship Hall Reserved AA (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)</p>
<p>Sun., April 21 Easter</p>	<p>6:00AM 9:30AM 10:35AM 10:40AM 11:00AM</p>	<p>Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Son-Shine Bell Choir Warm Up (Sanctuary) Gospel Choir Warm Up (Choir Room) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Please note: 9:30AM & 11:00AM Worship Nursery care available (Infants - 3yrs.) Family Sunday: No Thrive Children's Program/No Education Hour</p>