

**ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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*"If creators of Christian culture hope to produce work that will bear good fruit, we must draw our life from the true source - our living Savior. He is real. He is present. But all too often we reduce Him to an abstraction, giving Him intellectual assent, but not our hearts."*

*Michael O'Brien*

***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*

**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](mailto:lucydebarge@yahoo.com) or by phone at 732-833-9975.

**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.

**ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS** Scholarship criteria information and applications are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or church office. If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact our Endowment Fund Chairperson, Russ Boucher at: [cfm.russ@comcast.net](mailto:cfm.russ@comcast.net).

**The deadline for applications is May 1, 2019.**

**T'AI CHI CHIH** every Monday at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. **Final day May 20th.** 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](mailto:cfodor4@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the Chi!

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!

**SAUMC NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew? There will be a new member orientation class with Pastor Erik on **Thursday, June 6th at 7pm**. Feel free to call the church office at 732-349-5367 with any questions. We will be receiving new members on Sunday June 9th.

**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.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** Sunday **June 9th** just about noon, right after church services! Please bring a picnic dish to share. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks! We are providing pony rides for the kids and a petting zoo, cotton candy too! We need you to bring any outside games you may have and baseball equipment if you wish to play. Please sign up on the clip board outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex or call me at 732-255-3704. Dress casual for church and leave your dish prepared in the Fellowship Hall on the tables set up. We can use your help with set up and clean up! Thanks!! Mary and Dave VanDeventer

The **IMANI MILELE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is back.

Come and enjoy a fun filled, interactive and inspirational concert for all ages. These children from Uganda will showcase the True Africa with their cultural music, dance and drum routines along with their vibrant costumes, enthusiastic energy and dynamic presentation, it is not to be missed. Wednesday **June 26th**, covered dish dinner will be at 6:00pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm.

Invite your friends and bring a dish to share and interact with these children.

The concert is Free, however, we are accepting a Love offering. If you missed last year's performance make sure you don't this year. For further information contact Barrington at 732 534-7343. See you there.

**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](mailto:mdvandev@aol.com) Thanks!

**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.

**BOX TOPS for EDUCATION for RED BIRD MISSION in KENTUCKY and ALUMINUM POP-TOPS for RONALD MACDONALD HOUSE** Yes! We are still collecting both of them. Containers for each of these items can be found in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Look for the door whose sign indicated where the containers are kept. We are looking for a volunteer to deliver the pop tops to Ronald MacDonald House not far from Monmouth Medical Center in West Long Branch once or twice a year. Please speak to Arlene Green if you could do this. Questions? Please speak to Barbara Morgan or Arlene Green.



## **St. Andrew Library**

Book Idea: *Where Do We Go from Here* by Martin Luther King, Jr. (SA-2019) This prophetic work, his final manuscript, lays out his plan for America's future – a Universal Message of Hope. *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 Melissa Monia (5/1), Maria Berrios (5/1), Mary Hall (5/3), Sara Leonard (5/3).

**WOW:** St. Andrew Women's Book Club meets every **third Friday at 6:00pm** at the church. Please feel free to join us. Upcoming book titles:

5/17/2019 Radium Girls by Kate Moore

6/14/2019 Britt Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman

7/19/2019 Traveling with

Pomegranates by Ann Kidd Taylor and Sue Monk Kidd

8/16/2019 Forever by Pete Hamill

9/20/19 The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah

10/18/19 All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

11/15/19 The Sewing Machine by Natalie Fergie

12/20/19 Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva

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 10:00AM** 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.

### ***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 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.)**

**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 is a 6-week examination of themes from the Upper Room Discourse recorded in Chapters 13-17 of the Gospel of John. This study uses excerpts from 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.

### *Weekly Servers*

#### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)**

May 5 Team #5  
May 12 Team #6  
May 19 Team #1  
May 26 Team 2

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

May 5 Michael Mazer  
May 12 Pat Lewis  
May 19 Scott Susich  
May 26 Jeff Canter

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

May 5 David Geller  
May 12 Barrington Gooden  
May 19 Vita Hansen  
May 26 Barbara Delman

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

May 5 Bill Koch, David Schwartz  
May 12 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker  
May 19 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
May 26 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

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

May 5 Bob DeBarge, D. VanDeventer  
May 12 Russ & Russell Thistle  
May 19 Dick Green, Keila Earp  
May 26 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker

<p><b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b></p> <p><b>Sun., April 28</b></p>	<p><b>8:15-9:30AM</b>  <b>9:15AM</b>  <b>9:30AM</b></p> <p><b>10:30AM</b>  <b>10:40AM</b>  <b>11:00AM</b></p> <p><b>12:00PM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b></p>	<p>Life By Design  Thrive Chorus 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  Son-Shine Bell Choir Warm Up  Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); Family Sunday, Children are invited to remain in worship today.  Coffee Hour  Rummage Collection Begins (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p><b>Mon., April 29</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-2:30PM</b>  <b>9:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>2:00-3:30PM</b>  <b>5:30-6:15PM</b>  <b>6:00-7:00PM</b>  <b>6:45pm</b>  <b>7:00-8:30PM</b></p>	<p>Rummage Collection (Fellowship Hall)  Senior Nutrition Site <b>(Closed)</b>  T'ai Chi Chih <b>(Memorial Hall)</b>  <b>NO</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal  Cub Scouts <b>(Memorial Hall)</b>  Gospel Choir Rehearsal  Troop <b>(Memorial Hall)</b></p>
<p><b>Tues., April 30</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-3:00PM</b>  <b>9:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>10:00AM</b>  <b>1:00PM</b>  <b>5:00PM</b>  <b>5:30PM</b></p>	<p>Rummage Collection (Fellowship Hall)  Senior Nutrition Site <b>(Closed)</b>  <b>No</b> Women's Bible Study (rm. 9)  Gospel Choir Rehearsal  Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room)  Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group <b>(Memorial Hall)</b></p>
<p><b>Wed., May 1</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-2:30PM</b>  <b>9:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>8:00PM</b>  <b>10:00-12:00PM</b>  <b>4:30-5:30PM</b>  <b>5:30PM</b></p>	<p>Rummage Collection (Fellowship Hall)  Senior Nutrition Site <b>(Closed)</b>  CSI Board Meeting (rm. 4, 5)  Knit Wits (rm. 4, 5)  Confirmation Class (Shared Ministry Office)  MYF &amp; YES Club <b>(Memorial Hall, rm. 4-6)</b></p>
<p><b>Thurs., May 2</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-2:30PM</b>  <b>9:00-1:00PM</b></p>	<p>Rummage Collection (Fellowship Hall)  Senior Nutrition Site <b>(Closed)</b></p>
<p><b>Fri., May 3</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-3:00PM</b>  <b>9:00-1:00PM</b></p>	<p>Rummage Set Up (Fellowship Hall)  Senior Nutrition Site <b>(Closed)</b></p>
<p><b>Sat., May 4</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-2:00PM</b>  <b>1:00-2:00PM</b>  <b>7:00PM</b></p>	<p>Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)  Bag Sale (Fellowship Hall)  AA (Memorial Hall)</p>
<p><b>Sun., May 5</b></p>	<p><b>8:15-9:30AM</b>  <b>9:15AM</b>  <b>9:30AM</b></p> <p><b>10:30AM</b>  <b>10:40AM</b>  <b>11:00AM</b></p> <p><b>12:00PM</b>  <b>12:30-2:00PM</b></p>	<p>Life By Design  Thrive Chorus Warm Up (Fellowship Hall)  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 &amp; Grace (Memorial Hall &amp; Kitchen)  Interfaith Begins</p>