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"Assurance after all is no more than a full-grown faith; a masculine faith that grasps Christ's promise with both hands - a faith that argues like the good centurion, if the Lord "speak the word only," I am healed. Wherefore then should I doubt? (Matt. 8:8)."

J. C. Ryle

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 CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Greater New Jersey Annual Church Conference for St. Andrew UMC will be held Sunday, October 27.

Location: St. Andrew (Memorial Hall)

Schedule:

8:30-9:15am DS meeting with SPRC

9:30-10:30am Contemporary Worship

11:00-12:00pm Traditional Worship

12:30-1:00pm Parsonage walkthrough

1:00pm Church Conference

Church Leaders and Lay Servants responsible for reports please check your email and the GNJ website. Once on the GNJ website look to the upper right side and click on 2019 Church Conference. There you will find very helpful and important information. **All reports are due to the church office September 11.** If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me or Pastor Erik.

Thank you, Lee Boccuzzi, Admin. Coordinator

FOR ALL COUNTING TEAMS

The location of the Bank will be changing soon. Melissa Southard will be in the counting room with new keys and the banks address after first service and before second service on Sunday August 25th and Sunday September 1st. If for you are unable to make it to Church one of those days, please contact Melissa through the church office.

SCAN SOCIAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES NETWORK Seniors & Technology: Perfect Together!

Date: Wednesday August 14

Time: 10:30am-1:00pm

Location: St. Andrew UMC

Register Now for this FREE Event! Call SCAN: 732-542-1326

INITIAL BAZAAR KICK OFF MEETING August 25th 10:30am-12:00pm in Memorial Hall. Details to follow.

TOMS RIVER AROUND THE WORLD: a celebration of culture and heritage.

Sponsored by Toms River United an initiative of Police Chief Mitch Little and leaders of faith based communities and civic leaders.

Date: Labor Day Monday, September 2

Time: 12:00 noon- 4:00 pm.

Where: Huddy Park, downtown Toms River

What to expect: a gathering of families and friends enjoying food and fun-filled activities for all ages.

For further information contact Michael M. Mazer through the church office.

St. Andrew Library

BOOK IDEA: *Be Still* by Gordon Stewart (SG-2019) Essays reminding each of us to stop and *Be Still* in today's fast-paced 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 Marilyn Morris (8/12), Colleen O'Dell-Multer (8/16).

Missions

AUGUST MISSION PRAYER As we turn our thoughts to "back to school", please lift up in prayer all of our students, at all scholastic levels, who will be returning to school the end of August and beginning of September. Pray for God's blessings on them throughout this upcoming academic year, that they will realize His great love for them, and that they will seek His guidance and feel secure and optimistic about their futures. We also ask prayers for two of Rev. Mutwale's sons who are studying here in the United States. Please lift up in prayer Jean-Marc Mutwale, who is at Drew University in Madison, NJ pursuing his Masters of Divinity; and, Nathan Mutwale, who is at Kurtztown University in Kurtztown, PA pursuing a Bachelors' Degree in Social Work.

A GARDEN WITH A MISSION Our Mission Garden Site Project is greatly blessed and moving forward with vegetables and herbs being harvested and regularly shared with families in need in our local Ocean County community. Our summer harvest includes cilantro, slicing cucumbers, green beans, radishes, tomatoes, squashes (yellow squash, acorn squash, butternut squash, and spaghetti squash), and pickling cucumbers (being donated for pickling and sale at the upcoming Holiday Bazaar!). At this time, there are volunteer opportunities available for those who would like to get involved by watering and tending the garden. Contact Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge through the church office. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY." Visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby to learn how you can participate. At the display are empty shoeboxes for you to take and fill with fun gifts for girls and boys in desperate situations around the world, as well as details about this project. The display will continue to be available through August, however, shoebox gifts may be returned any time before the middle of November. Please remember in your shoeboxes to include a personal note, a photo of yourself or your family who packed the shoebox, and a donation of \$9.00 per shoebox (checks payable to Samaritan's Purse) to cover shipping costs plus the cost for *The Greatest Gift*, the booklet included with every shoebox by Operation Christmas Child, printed in the child's language which tells the story of Jesus and His great love for the people of the world. Contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office for additional information about this project. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

"BACK TO SCHOOL" DONATION DRIVE Missions is sponsoring a "Back To School" Donation Drive during the months of July and August. We are collecting school supplies and sturdy backpacks for school-aged children. Items will be donated to Interfaith Hospitality Network for distribution to families who are affiliated with IHN, either in the active program or have been through the active program and are now in their homes but struggling financially. **Final Sunday to donate is August 18, 2019.** Look for our collection bin in Fellowship Hall Lobby behind the marked cabinet door. Thank you for your generous support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help sort "**Back To School**" supplies and stuff backpacks. We scheduled this activity on Tuesday August 20 at 1:00 pm in Memorial Hall. Please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, through the church office. if you would like to be part of this team. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE – 2019 CROP HUNGER WALK The 2019 CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for **Sunday October 13**. Last year St. Andrew was well represented with 24 Walkers at the 2018 Walk, and we were the second largest donor in the 2018 Walk! We would love to continue our tradition of expanding our support for the CROP Hunger Walk through increased participation by Walkers and donors. Missions at St. Andrew is actively involved on the planning committee for the local Ocean County 2019 Walk. The global sponsor of the CROP Hunger Walk is Church World Service (CWS), a leader in providing services for those affected by hunger and poverty, disaster, and displacement. CWS is also an UMCOR partner. In addition, **25% of funds raised remain in our local Ocean County community. Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is the organization which receives the local funds.** Please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, for additional information about the 2019 CROP Hunger Walk, or if you would like to get involved in helping to plan this year's Walk.

TANZANIA UMC AND TANZANIA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS At St. Andrew we continue to support the Tanzania Hope Center project and the Tanzania Women's Development Project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. These projects are related to our Covenant Missionary, Kabaka Alphonsine, and her husband, Rev. Mutwale. We are offering our annual fundraising effort, which is an opportunity for you to contribute by buying quick breads. Order blanks are on the display counter in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Options include Zucchini Bread (for delivery August 25); Apple Bread (for delivery September 1 and 8); and Pumpkin Bread (for delivery September 15, 22, and 29). Contact for this fundraiser is Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge through the church office. Thank you for your generous support of these efforts benefiting the people of Tanzania and the expansion of God's Kingdom in Tanzania!

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

CHRISTIAN COFFEES On September 8, our Sunday morning Christian Coffees classes will resume for the program year. We will begin a new study of the *Letter to the Hebrews*. We will be using the John MacArthur Study Guide, *Hebrews: Christ – Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest*. In this Study Guide, we will explore the contrast between the Old and New Covenants and the author's teachings on how Christ is higher than any Old Testament character, priest, ritual, or sacrifice. For those interested in ordering the study guide or for more information, please contact 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 during our regular program year 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.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP: Our first Fall study, *The Struggle Is Real*, by Nicole Unice will begin on Tuesday morning at 10:00am, September 10, in Memorial Hall. Please contact Arlene Green through the church office by Friday, August 30, if you are interested. The cost of the book and participant guide is \$23, which may be paid on the first day of class. The following is a blurb about the study: *The struggle is real, friends. It may not be major stuff. Lives are not on the line here. But it makes us feel awful . . . and then we feel guilty for stressing when other people have "real" problems that are so much more serious. Yet the fact remains: We live in a world that often feels harder than we think it should be. And so it can be easy to believe the stories we tell ourselves--that we're doing it wrong, that we'll be stuck in this place forever, that God doesn't love us. We struggle to practice gratitude, to make godly choices, and to live our daily lives with confidence and contentment. So what can we do? Nicole Unice offers practical tools to help you navigate the daily ups and downs, and ways to rewrite your struggle into a new, God-centered life story.* There will be short DVD presentations by the author to accompany the lessons. (6 weeks) Please come and enjoy the fellowship of this journey of growing in faith and drawing closer to God.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Aug. 18 Team #2

Aug. 25 Team #3

Sept. 1 Team #4

Sept. 8 Team #5

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Aug. 18 Jeff Canter

Aug. 25 Ann Canter

Sept. 1 Michael Mazer

Sept. 8 Pat Lewis

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Aug. 18 Harry Humphreys

Aug. 25 Barbara Delman

Sept. 1 Barrington Gooden

Sept. 8 Linda Phander

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Aug. 18 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

Aug. 25 Bill Koch, David Schwartz

Sept. 1 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

Sept. 8 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Aug. 18 Dave VanDeventer, Keila Earp

Aug. 25 Russ, Russell Thistle

Sept. 1 Bill Koch, Dick Green

Sept. 8 Bob DeBarge, Keila Earp

<p><u>Weekly Calendar</u></p> <p>Sun., Aug. 11</p>	<p>8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM</p> <p>10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM</p>	<p>Life By Design Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); Summer SOAR. Coffee Hour Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour</p>
<p>Mon., Aug. 12</p>	<p>9-12:00PM</p>	<p>VBS "ROAR" (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Tues., Aug. 13</p>	<p>9-12:00PM 7:00PM 7:30PM</p> <p>8:00PM</p>	<p>VBS "ROAR" (Fellowship Hall) Council on Ministries Toms River Municipal Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) Administrative Board</p>
<p>Wed., Aug. 14</p>	<p>9-12:00PM 10:30-1PM</p> <p>10-12:00PM</p>	<p>VBS "ROAR" (Memorial Hall) SCAN Seniors & Technology: Perfect Together (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (4, 5)</p>
<p>Thurs., Aug. 15</p>	<p>9-12:00PM 7:00PM</p>	<p>VBS "ROAR" (Fellowship Hall) The Daniel Plan with Amy Hall</p>
<p>Fri., Aug. 16</p>	<p>9-12:00PM</p>	<p>VBS "ROAR" (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Sat., Aug. 17</p>	<p>7:00PM</p>	<p>AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)</p>
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