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“Where God guides, He provides. No matter how things look, God is still in control. Stay in peace and be hopeful. Your blessing is coming soon.”

Germany Kent

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.

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:

We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now

by Annelise Orleck (SA-2019 Bonus Book)

Up-close-and-personal look at globalization and its cost as seen through the eyes of workers: small farmers, fast-food servers, retail cashiers, airline workers, home healthcare aides and others.

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

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 TODAY 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 1:00pm 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 (contact her 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 through the church office.

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: ***Please note changes.** Our first fall study will be *Breaking the Code: A trustworthy guide to understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce Metzger and David deSilva. It begins on Tuesday morning at 10:00am, September 10, in Memorial Hall. Please contact Arlene Green through the church office **by Sunday, August 25**, if you are interested, as student books must be ordered. The cost of this study will be around \$17 which may be paid on the first day of class. *Although many Christians find the Book of Revelation to be full of great beauty and comfort, others find this part of the Bible bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. Bruce M. Metzger provides one of the most important and trustworthy guides of Revelation, and now it includes findings from the most current biblical research. In Breaking the Code Revised Edition, you'll still find Metzger's rich content and insights presented in his approachable, non-academic style, but now with additional teaching from New Testament scholar David deSilva.* You will be reading about 25 pages in preparation for each of the 6 sessions. There will be short DVD presentations from Dr. deSilva. **All are welcome** to enjoy the fellowship of this journey of understanding God's Word and growing in faith.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Aug. 25 Team #3
Sept. 1 Team #4
Sept. 8 Team #5
Sept. 15 Team #6

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Aug. 25 Ann Canter
Sept. 1 Michael Mazer
Sept. 8 Pat Lewis
Sept. 15 Scott Susich

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Aug. 25 Barbara Delman
Sept. 1 Barrington Gooden
Sept. 8 Linda Phander
Sept. 15 David Geller

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Aug. 25 Bill Koch, David Schwartz
Sept. 1 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
Sept. 8 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
Sept. 15 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Aug. 25 Russ, Russell Thistle
Sept. 1 Bill Koch, Dick Green
Sept. 8 Bob DeBarge, Keila Earp
Sept 15. Dick Green, Joe Herflicker

<p><u>Weekly Calendar</u></p> <p>Sun., Aug. 18</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); VBS Sunday, children are invited to remain in worship today. Coffee Hour Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour</p>
<p>Mon., Aug. 19</p>	<p>9-1:00PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) UMW Executive Board Meeting (rm. 4, 5)</p>
<p>Tues., Aug. 20</p>	<p>9-1:00PM 1-3:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Pack Backpacks (Memorial Hall)</p>
<p>Wed., Aug. 21</p>	<p>9-1:00PM 10-12:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (4, 5)</p>
<p>Thurs., Aug. 22</p>	<p>9-1:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Fri., Aug. 23</p>	<p>9-1:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Sat., Aug. 24</p>	<p>7:00PM</p>	<p>AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)</p>
<p>Sun., Aug. 25</p>	<p>8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM</p> <p>10:30AM 10:30-12PM 11:00AM 12:00PM</p>	<p>Life By Design Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); Summer SOAR. Coffee Hour Initial Bazaar Kickoff Meeting (Memorial Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour</p>