

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious
in judging others."*

John Wesley

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

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

Extra! Extra! "Sing" all about it!

Music Ministry News!

Ephesians 5:19 tells us to, speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."

As we gear up for our Fall SAUMC schedule to make music from our hearts, I want to encourage you to **mark** your calendars for our starting **dates!**

We are looking for fellow singers to join our Gospel Choir. Please spread the word and invite a friend to give it a try!

Monday **9/9/19** Son-Shine Bell Choir at 5:45PM

Monday **9/9/19** Gospel Choir practice at 6:45PM

Tuesday **9/10/19** Gospel Choir practice at 1:30PM

Tuesday **9/10/19** Thrive Chorus at 5:00PM (ages 4-5th Grade)

Sunday **9/15/19** Choir Warm-Up at 10:40AM

DIAPER COLLECTION MYF will be collecting diapers for the next three weeks to bring to the Ignite Conference October 4th - 6th for distribution to Makers Place. Maker's Place is a new Hope Center in Trenton committed to creating transformative relationships that help families in poverty be makers of better lives and communities. Right now they're in diapers, metaphorically and literally! The Maker's are collecting and giving away thousands of diapers in order to gather community, grow with families, and celebrate God's abundance in our midst. A collection bin is set up outside Fellowship Hall.

HURRICANE DORIAN DISASTER RESPONSE UMCOR (UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church. As Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc on the Bahamas, UMCOR has awarded a solidarity grant to Bahamas Methodist Habitat. This grant provides immediate, emergency short term funding to address the basic human needs of those affected by this catastrophic storm. Hurricane Dorian is also affecting the eastern U.S. Coast. UMCOR is in close contact with Conference Disaster Response Coordinators in FL, GA, SC, and NC. You can help by donating to UMCOR disaster response and recovery funds. Special Offering Envelopes are included in today's bulletin. Mark your donation on the envelope for International or U.S. Domestic Relief. Checks should be payable to St. Andrew UM Church. **100% of your donation reaches the project!** Thank you for your generosity and for your continued prayers all those who are affected.

St. Andrew Library

Book Idea: *Hands on the Freedom Plow*; Editor: Faith Hosaert (LD-2019) Personal testimonies of SNCC members: early sit-ins, voter registration, freedom rides, the 1963 March on Washington, and more

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 Nancy Lewis (9/11), Myra Caggiano (9/12).

BRUNCH ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, at 10am in FELLOWSHIP HALL: Joy in the Harvest Missionaries, Lowell & Claudia Wertz, will be sharing the news of their mission in Western Tanzania. Every so often the Wertzes return to the U.S. to thank their supporters and share the wonderful things that are happening there. Tickets (no charge) for this mission event are available after each of the Sunday services. (St. Andrew UMW)

Do you ever wonder where the profits from St. Andrew Rummage Sales go or exactly how St. Andrew's support of Christian mission affects the world we live in? With local missions we can often see the results; but when the work is in a place across the globe it is difficult to envision. If you are a worker/supporter of these bi-yearly events or simply interested in mission, come and find out what the fruit of our hands working in Toms River accomplishes on the continent of Africa. (This is just one of the missions these sales support). Listen to the Wertzes talk about their work in Western Tanzania. St. Andrew has been a partner in this work, financially supporting this mission program for over 10 years. Several years ago St. Andrew sent a gift of \$10,000 to Joy in the Harvest when they were building a new community center. Each year our UMW sends a gift to Joy in the Harvest to support this mission as it expands its impact. We are invested in God's work in this place! The Wertzes welcome St. Andrew as one of their supporters and appreciate our enthusiasm for their dedication to mission

CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING The Circle of Joy and Grace will meet on **Sunday September 22 at 12:30PM** in Memorial Hall at St. Andrew UMC. Each one is encouraged to bring her own lunch as we will enjoy the fellowship of meeting together. As we begin our 2019-2020 season, some of our conversation will focus on setting goals and our schedule for this year. The Circle of Joy and Grace is open to all women who would like to be part of our group as we share and grow together in Christ's love – we invite you to please join us on the 22nd! For additional information, contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office

Missions

SEPTEMBER MISSION PRAYER September is **National Hunger Action Month**, which puts the spotlight on the problem of hunger in America. During September please pray for those in America and in our local community who daily face hunger and food insecurity. Pray God's blessings upon them so that, through God's gracious provision, their physical and spiritual needs would be met. Ask God for His guidance and wisdom to discover what more we can do to help those who are hungry. To learn more about Hunger Action Month and the specific **actions** that our St. Andrew church family is being encouraged to participate in as we respond to hunger in our local community, please see the "September Is Hunger Action Month" insert in today's bulletin announcements.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY." Our Operation Christmas Child Project continues through the middle of November. Although our OCC Shoebox Project display in Fellowship Hall Lobby is removed, we have resources and information available to anyone who would like to pack gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need around the world. In addition to the OCC Shoebox Project, St. Andrew is the OCC Central Drop-Off Location for Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Flyers are available on the display station counter in Fellowship Hall Lobby with important dates and other helpful information about the OCC Shoebox Project and our St. Andrew OCC Central Drop-Off Location. The flyers also contain information about how you can get involved and volunteer opportunities. For information, please contact OCC Shoebox Project and Central Drop-Off Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, through the church office. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

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!

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. **To join our St. Andrew Team (Team Name: SAUMC) or to make an on-line donation, please use the following website link to access our Team Page:**
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oceancnj/Team/View/114069/SAUMC>

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.

THE WIRED WORD Join the 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.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES Weekly Bible Studies are offered by St. Andrew UMC at two Assisted Living Facilities in our local Toms River community. We meet during the whole month of September and through the first week of October. On Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, we bring in Bible Studies at Spring Oak, located 2145 Whitesville Rd. On Friday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, we bring in Bible Studies at The Chelsea, located 1657 Silverton Rd. Each of these Bible Studies stands on its own; they are devotional style sessions based on Willa Ruth Garlow's book, *Sharing God's Love and Joy*. For more information or to join our Bible Study team, please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 15 Team #6

Sept. 22 Team #1

Sept. 29 Team #2

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Sept. 15 Scott Susich

Sept. 22 Dave Richardson

Sept. 29 Jeff Canter

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 15 David Geller

Sept. 22 Doug Clayton

Sept. 29 Vita Hansen

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Sept. 15 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

Sept. 22 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

Sept. 29 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Sept 15. Dick Green, Joe Herflicker

Sept. 22 Russ & Russ Thistle

Sept. 29 Bob DeBarge, D. VanDeventer

<p><u>Weekly Calendar</u></p> <p>Sun., Sept. 8</p>	<p>8:15AM 9:30AM</p> <p>10:30AM 11:00AM</p> <p>12:00PM 7-8:00PM</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 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade. Coffee Hour Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong" (Memorial Hall)</p>
<p>Mon., Sept. 9</p>	<p>9-1:00PM 5:45PM 6:45PM 7-8:30PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Son-Shine Bell Practice Gospel Choir Practice Troop 36 (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Tues., Sept. 10</p>	<p>9-1:00PM 10-12:00PM 1:30PM 5-6:30PM 5:00PM</p> <p>5:30PM</p> <p>7:00PM 8:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Women's Bible Study (Memorial Hall) Gospel Choir Practice Memorial Hall Reserved Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall) Council on Ministries (rm. 4, 5) Administrative Board Meeting</p>
<p>Wed., Sept. 11 ALL PAPERWORK FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE</p>	<p>9-1:00PM 9:30AM 10-12:00PM 11-12:00PM</p> <p>5:30-7:30PM 7:45-8:45PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Little Blessings (Memorial Hall) Knit Wits (rm. 6) Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong" (rm. 4, 5) MYF (Fellowship Hall) YES Club (Memorial Hall) Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong" (rm. 4, 5)</p>
<p>Thurs., Sept. 12</p>	<p>9-1:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Fri., Sept. 13</p>	<p>9-1:00PM</p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>Sat., Sept. 14</p>	<p>9-11:00AM 10-12:00PM</p> <p>7:00PM</p>	<p>UMM Breakfast Meeting (Fellowship Hall) CROP Hunger Walk Planning Committee Mtg. (Memorial Hall) AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)</p>
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