

***ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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***"Catch on fire and people will come for miles  
to see you burn."***

***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 27th at 1:00pm** here at St. Andrew UMC in Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend!

**PROJECT THANKSGIVING 2019** Our annual Thanksgiving Baskets Project is underway! Flyers are available which explain our process of gathering donations of non-perishable food items and frozen turkeys which are assembled into food sets and distributed to those in our local community who are in need of help this Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed to help with assembling the food sets on Saturday November 23 at 9:00am, and distributing the food sets to preregistered families at 2:00pm to 4:00pm also on Saturday November 23. Visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby with specific information about donating and volunteering. In a nutshell, here is what is needed: Your prayers for the people who are helped by this project and for our outreach through this project; non-perishable food; frozen turkeys; financial donations; volunteers. Let us know if you can help! Please contact Project Thanksgiving Coordinators Dave and Sue Richardson at [sasrichardson@yahoo.com](mailto:sasrichardson@yahoo.com) or by phone at 732-914-0385. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! *"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."* Proverbs 22:9

**TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT!** Join us **Friday October 25th** at 6:00pm for a light dinner and dessert then Trunk or Treating approximately 6:45pm. We need people to decorate their cars and distribute candy, help in the parking lot and kitchen also needed. Please provide desserts. See or Call Mary VanDeventer 732-255-3704 to sign up! Thanks!

**BAZAAR MEETING** **immediately following 11:00am Worship Service today** in Memorial Hall. Bring your coffee and join us for a light brunch and planning meeting regarding the upcoming North Star Holiday Bazaar.

**SAVE THE DATE: NORTH STAR HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 16TH**

### ***Music Ministry News***

There are only 92 days left until CHRISTMAS - Yay! We are **starting** up our Christmas **cantata** practices NEXT WEEK . . .

Monday **9/30** at 7:45PM or Tuesday **10/1** at 2PM in the Music Room

Please consider joining us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior this holiday season!

### ***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 Angela Leone (9/29), Annie Leonard (10/4), Amanda Clifton (10/4).

### **INTERFAITH THANK YOU!**

Deuteronomy 15:11 "...Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

This past Sunday we finished our hosting week for the Interfaith families. Thank you to all who volunteered to set up the rooms, who cooked, who hosted dinner, who baked or brought dessert, who stayed overnight, who broke down the rooms, who took the trailer to the next host site, who took laundry and those who prayed for the volunteers and our Interfaith families.

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a partnership of congregations within the community of faith who assist children and their families who are facing homelessness. We help families regain their housing, independence, and their dignity.

It also offers us the opportunity to directly work to reduce homelessness and transform the lives of others.

Our next hosting date will start on December 8, 2019. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry please contact Vita Hansen 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" flyer on the St. Andrew website through this link: <https://www.standrewtr.org/missions/september-mission-prayer/>

**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!

**2019 CROP HUNGER WALK: OCTOBER 13** 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** Join us for 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 10:30am to 11:30am, we bring in Bible Studies at Spring Oak, located 2145 Whitesville Rd. On Friday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am, 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)**

Oct. 6 Team #3  
 Oct. 13 Team #4  
 Oct. 20 Team #5  
 Oct. 27 Team #6

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

Oct. 6 Pat Lewis  
 Oct. 13 Michael Mazer  
 Oct. 20 Scott Susich  
 Oct. 27 Jan Phillips

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

Oct. 6 Barbara Delman  
 Oct. 13 Vita Hansen  
 Oct. 20 John Phander  
 Oct. 27 Erik C. Hall

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

Oct. 6 Bill Koch, David Schwartz  
 Oct. 13 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 Oct. 20 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 Oct. 27 Bill Koch, David Schwartz

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

Oct. 6 Russ & Russ Thistle  
 Oct. 13 Dick Green, Joe Herflicker  
 Oct. 20 Keila Earp, D. VanDeventer  
 Oct. 27 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker

| <b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b> |   |   |
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| <b>Sun., Sept. 29</b>         | <b>8:15AM</b><br><b>9:30AM</b><br><br><b>10:30AM</b><br><b>11:00AM</b><br><br><b>12:00PM</b><br><b>12-1:30PM</b><br><b>6:00-7:00PM</b><br><b>7-8:00PM</b> | Life By Design<br>Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9.<br>Coffee Hour<br>Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade.<br>Coffee Hour<br>Bazaar Planning Meeting (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)<br>Young Adult Ministry (Memorial Hall)<br>Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong"(Memorial Hall) |
| <b>Mon., Sept. 30</b>         | <b>9-1:00PM</b><br><b>4:00PM</b><br><b>5:45PM</b><br><b>6:45PM</b><br><b>7:45PM</b><br><b>7-8:30PM</b>  | Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)<br>UMW District Dinner Set Up (Fellowship Hall)<br>Son-Shine Bell Practice<br>Gospel Choir Practice<br>Cantata Practice<br>Troop 36 ( <b>Memorial Hall</b> )  |
| <b>Tues., Oct. 1</b>          | <b>9-1:00PM</b><br><b>10-12:00PM</b><br><b>1:30PM</b>   | Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)<br>Women's Bible Study (Memorial Hall)<br>Gospel Choir Practice   |

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|                       | <b>2:00PM</b><br><b>5:00PM</b><br><b>5:30PM</b><br><b>5:00PM</b><br><b>5:30PM</b><br><b>7:00PM</b>   | Cantata Practice<br>UMW Registration for District Dinner (Fellowship Hall)<br>UMW District Dinner (Fellowship Hall)<br>Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room)<br>Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group ( <b>Memorial Hall</b> )<br>Trustee Meeting (Shared Ministry Office)   |
| <b>Wed., Oct. 2</b>   | <b>9-1:00PM</b><br><b>10:00-4PM</b><br><b>10-12:00PM</b><br><b>11:00-12PM</b><br><b>5:30-7:30PM</b><br><b>7:45-8:45PM</b>  | Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)<br>Shared Ministry Office Reserved<br>Knit Wits (rm. 6)<br>Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong" (rm. 4,5)<br>MYF (Fellowship Hall) YES Club (Memorial Hall)<br>Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong"(Memorial Hall)   |
| <b>Thurs., Oct. 3</b> | <b>9-1:00PM</b><br><b>10:00-12:00PM</b>  | Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)<br>Naomi Circle (rm. 4-6)  |
| <b>Fri., Oct. 4</b>   | <b>11:30-3:00PM</b>  | Women w/Disabilities Oktoberfest (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)   |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 5</b>   | <b>7:00PM</b>  | AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)   |
| <b>Sun., Oct. 6</b>   | <b>8:15AM</b><br><b>9:30AM</b><br><br><b>10:30AM</b><br><b>11:00AM</b><br><br><b>12:00PM</b><br><b>12:30-1PM</b><br><b>1-3:00PM</b><br><b>6:00-7:00PM</b><br><b>7-8:00PM</b> | Life By Design<br>Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9.<br>Coffee Hour<br>Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade.<br>Coffee Hour<br>PRAISE! Worship Experience (Sanctuary)<br>Pound It with Pepper (Fellowship Hall)<br>Young Adult Ministry (Memorial Hall)<br>Pastor Erik's Class "When Christians Get It Wrong"(Memorial Hall) |