

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

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***November 17, 2019***

***"God commands us to give and be generous – but more importantly, He shows us how. God gave us everything we have: the world, our lives, Jesus."***

***Jack Wellman***

***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*

### **ST. ANDREW UMC AND THE WAY FORWARD**

The Pastor and Administrative Board of St. Andrew UMC have assured our congregation that our priority is the health, vitality, and unity of St. Andrew and its ministries, and that we, as a local church, will not be compelled to take a direction that we do not choose for ourselves. No one is going to be asked to change their Biblical/Theological commitments and convictions. It is therefore essential that EVERYONE have the opportunity to voice their hopes and concerns around how to be in ministry with LGBTQ people. We are beginning to schedule small group conversations to be hosted by board members together with the Pastor. There is also an open invitation for people to address the pastor or board members, one-on-one, to share hopes and concerns. Soon you will be contacted by a board member with an opportunity to attend one of these sessions. If a congregation member is uncomfortable sharing their hopes and concerns in these ways they should contact a board member to discuss other arrangements.

### **LITTLE BLESSINGS**

Little Blessings December date has moved to December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED**

Sunday mornings 9:15-10:30am and 10:45-12 noon. Must have experience with children, CPR and first aid certified a plus. Please contact Pastor Erik Hall or Harry Humphreys through the church office.

### **PROJECT THANKSGIVING 2019 – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 FINAL UPDATE**

**It's not too late to donate canned/shelf-stable food items, frozen turkeys or financial donations!** Food Sets for the Thanksgiving Baskets will be assembled this Saturday morning November 23 and distributed later that afternoon. **We welcome all donations this week – especially frozen turkeys!** Just contact Sue and Dave and they will arrange its drop-off or pickup during the week. Volunteers can still get involved in both the morning and afternoon activities on Saturday. Signup sheets are outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to contribute financially to the project is encouraged to do so, as the team is ready to do shopping this week! Please contact Dave and Sue Richardson at sasrichardson@yahoo.com or 732-914-0385 for further information. Thank you to everyone who has already donated, to those who have supported the project financially, and for your prayers for the local families this project will serve. *"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor". Proverbs 22:9*

### **COME JOIN SCOUTING**

Pack 36 for youth kindergarten through 5th grade. Girls and boys welcome. Monday nights 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Troop 36 for boys ages 11-18.

Monday nights 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

For more information see or call Doug Clayton 609-971-0044.

### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE USHER NEEDED!**

If you would like to be an usher please see or contact Shirley Stone at 732-286-9508.

### **SAUMC NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew? Join our new member orientation with Pastor Erik on **Thursday, November 21st at 7pm.**

Please call the church office let us know you'll be attending. New members will be received on Sunday November 24th.

### **ONE WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**November 24th at 9:30am in the Sanctuary** followed by brunch for all in celebration of "Commitment Sunday". Mark your calendar!

**POINSETTIA SALE!** Starting today Sunday, November 17th. Order your poinsettia for dedication to be placed on the altar in time for the Cantata and Christmas Eve worship. Order forms are available after service outside of Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew UMC, thank you. For more info call Mary VanDeventer 732-255-3704. **Last date to order December 8th.**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** **Saturday December 7th at 6:00pm** in Memorial Hall. Pizza, desserts, games and a craft. You must RSVP to Mary VanDeventer at 732-255-3704 Thank you!

## *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 Bernice Bowering (11/17), Linda Phander (11/18), Nicolette Herflicker (11/18), Keila Earp (11/19).

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** Begin your Christmas celebration by attending the annual Women's Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 7, at 1:00pm. We will be serving delicious finger sandwiches and desserts.

Tickets: \$15.00 Program: Holiday Music All tickets must be purchased by Sunday, December 1. Tickets are available in the lobby of Fellowship Hall after Sunday services, until Sunday, December 1. If you have questions or wish to reserve a ticket, please contact Betty Stein through the church office **by 12/1.** Each table will seat the hostess plus 5 people, leaving room for all the table's goodies and decorations. (More hostesses are welcome so that we can accommodate all those who wish to come. If you would be willing to host a table, please speak to Vita Hansen as soon as possible. All food is provided by our caterer.)

## *Music News*

### **MUSIC CONCERT - Messiah & More!**

Sunday December 8, 2019 @ 2:30PM

Celebrate the season with one of the best-known choral works in Western music, Handel's Messiah, as well as added seasonal selections performed by the Garden State Philharmonic and the GSP Chorus under the direction of Steven Russell ON 12/8/19 @ 2:30PM St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 685 Hooper Ave. Toms River, NJ. Sign up for tickets (\$25) on the Music Room bulletin board or see Frank Ruzicka through the church office. to purchase.

## *Missions*

**NOVEMBER MISSION PRAYER** The first Sunday in November is set aside as the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). At St. Andrew, let us join with fellow Christians to lift our prayers before God on behalf of Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In many nations, Christians face worship restrictions, public humiliation, and social isolation. Let us become more aware of these situations and throughout this month let us be united in prayer for our persecuted

brothers and sisters worldwide. *"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."* Hebrews 13:3

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

(From the United Methodist Book of Resolutions)

As Paul writes of the interrelatedness of the body of Christ to the Corinthians saying that when "one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26), so we recognize the presence of religious persecution throughout the world. As The United Methodist Church condemns religious intolerance and persecution of all faith groups, we heed Paul's words and acknowledge the interconnectedness we have with members of the body of Christ throughout the world who endure persecution because of their faith.

Since The United Methodist Church opposes injustice, intolerance, and bigotry and believes in the power of prayer, we encourage United Methodist congregations to observe in November an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. It is through our earnest prayers that we grow in our sense of unity with Christians around the world, as well as with all members of religious groups who endure persecution. We become more aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters who suffer because of their faith, as we defend the religious freedoms of all faith communities.

**ANGEL TREE PROJECTS** The Advent and Christmas Seasons are fast approaching! At this special time of the year, we ask our St. Andrew members and friends to help provide Christmas gifts for children whose families are in need and struggling financially. There are two projects which we are highlighting in this article: our "Flash" Christmas Toy Store in early December; and, our Traditional Angel Tree Project. Both involve gifts which are being requested for children in need. The difference is the timing.

**The first group of gifts need to be turned in to church on Sunday December 1.** The tags for this group will be available for you to pick up today Sunday November 17. See Lucy DeBarge in Fellowship Hall Lobby following worship services today for the tags and details.

**The second group of gifts need to be turned in to church on Sunday December 18.** The tags for this group will be available for you to pick up on Sunday November 24. See Vita Hansen in Fellowship Hall Lobby on November 24 for the tags and details. More information will be provided on November 24 about this group of gifts. If you have any questions at this time about these Christmas outreach giving opportunities, please contact Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, through the church office. God bless you in a special way during this wonderful time of the year! Thank you for your continuing and amazing generosity! *"Blessed is the one who is kind to the needy."* Proverbs 14:21

**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!**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY."** Thank you to everyone who packed OCC shoeboxes with gifts for children in need around the world! Your generosity is truly amazing! Shoeboxes should be returned today Sunday November 17. However, you can still drop off shoeboxes at church this week in order to be included in the count for St. Andrew. Please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office if you have any questions. Again, thank you and God bless you for your compassion and kindness!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CENTRAL DROP-OFF LOCATION AT ST. ANDREW** We are recruiting volunteers to serve at our OCC Central Drop-Off Location at St. Andrew during **National Collection Week (November 18-25)**. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities: Prayer leaders and prayer team; Unloaders (those who unload gift-filled shoeboxes from the cars of donors who are dropping off); Cartonizers (those packing shoeboxes into OCC cartons); Trailer Helpers, and, Administrative support! More information about these volunteer opportunities are listed on a nearby page in the bulletin announcements. If you sense a call to serve with this important ministry, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge through the church office. Below are important dates and times relating to this outreach project.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Drop-Off Hours for the Public</b> Volunteers Greet donors and Unload Shoeboxes from cars into our building.	<b>Packing Hours</b> Volunteers pack gift-filled shoeboxes into Operation Christmas Child shipping cartons.
Mon November 18	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Tues November 19	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Tues November 19	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	
Wed November 20	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 5:30 pm
Thurs November 21	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Fri November 22	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Evening Packing Hours beginning at 4:30 pm
Sat November 23	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Afternoon Packing Hours following Drop Offs
Sun November 24*	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Afternoon Packing Hours: Following Drop-Offs
Mon November 25*	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Packing is done on this day during Drop-Off Time and following until packing is complete.

**\*Sunday November 24:** We are in need of men to load St. Andrew Shipping Cartons into trailers

**\*Monday November 25:** We are in need of Greeters/Unloaders and Packers during Drop-Off Time, and men to help load Shipping Cartons from OCC Area Teams into trailers beginning around 10:30am.

## *Weekly Servers*

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

Nov. 24 Team #4  
 Dec. 1 Team #5  
 Dec. 8 Team #6  
 Dec. 15 Team #1

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

Nov. 24 Scott Susich (Combined Service in Sanctuary 9:30am)  
 Dec. 1 Jan Phillips  
 Dec. 8 Dave Richardson  
 Dec. 15 Michael Mazer

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

Nov. 24 Scott Susich (Combined Service in Sanctuary 9:30am)  
 Dec. 1 David Geller  
 Dec. 8 Barbara Delman  
 Dec. 15 Erik Hall

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

Nov. 24 Bob DeBarge, Bill Koch  
 (Combined Service in Sanctuary 9:30am)  
 Dec. 1 Bill Koch, David Schwartz  
 Dec. 8 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
 Dec. 15 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

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

Nov. 24 Bob DeBarge, Bill Koch (Combined Service in Sanctuary 9:30am)  
 Dec. 1 Russ & Russ Thistle  
 Dec. 8 Keila Earp, Dave VanDeventer  
 Dec. 15 Bob DeBarge, Dick Green

<b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b>		
<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	Contemporary Worship ( <b>Sanctuary</b> ); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study; Christian Coffees, Shared Ministry Office; The Wired Word, rm. 9.
	<b>10:30AM</b>	Coffee Hour
	<b>11:00AM</b>	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); RISE! Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade.
	<b>12:00PM</b>	Coffee Hour Memorial Hall Reserved after worship for OCC & Thanksgiving Baskets Set Up
<b>Mon., Nov. 18</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>2:00-4:00PM</b>	Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall)
	<b>5:45PM</b>	Son-Shine Bell Practice
	<b>6:30PM</b>	Pack 36 (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>6:45PM</b>	Gospel Choir Practice
	<b>7:00PM</b>	Troop 36 (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>7:30PM</b>	Cantata Practice Memorial Hall Reserved All Day
<b>Tues., Nov. 19</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>10:00AM</b>	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4)
	<b>1:30PM</b>	Gospel Choir Practice
	<b>2:00-4:00PM</b>	Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall)

	<b>2:00PM</b> <b>5:00-5:45PM</b>  <b>5:45-6:30PM</b> <b>5:30-7:00PM</b> <b>6:00PM</b> <b>6:30PM</b>	Cantata Practice Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group ( <b>Sanctuary, rm. 4</b> ) Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall) PRAISE! Worship Experience (Sanctuary) POAC Event "Giving Back" (Fellowship Hall) Memorial Hall Reserved All Day
<b>Wed., Nov. 20</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b> <b>10:00-4:00PM</b> <b>10:00-12PM</b> <b>2:00-4:00PM</b> <b>5:30-7:30PM</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Shared Ministry Office Reserved Knit wits (rm. 6) Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall) MYF; YES CLUB (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4 -6) Memorial Hall Reserved All Day
<b>Thurs., Nov. 21</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b> <b>2:00-4:00PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall) New Member Orientation (Pastor's Study) Memorial Hall Reserved All Day
<b>Fri., Nov. 22</b>	<b>9:00-1:00PM</b> <b>2:00-4:00PM</b> <b>7:00PM On</b>	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall) Pie Making Troop Thanksgiving Feast Weekend (Fellowship Hall, Back field thru Saturday afternoon) Memorial Hall Reserved All Day
<b>Sat., Nov. 23</b>	<b>All morning -2PM</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>11AM-1:00PM</b> <b>2:00PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	Fellowship Hall Reserved thru 2PM for Troop 36 Assemble Food Sets for TG Baskets (Memorial Hall) Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall) Distribution of TG Baskets (Memorial Hall) AA ( <b>rm. 4-6</b> ) Memorial Hall Reserved All Day
<b>Sun., Nov. 24</b>	<b>9:30AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>  <b>12:30-2:30PM</b>	<b>One Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)</b> Brunch for all in celebration of "Commitment Sunday" (Fellowship Hall) Shoebox Drop Off Hours for the Public (Memorial Hall) Memorial Hall Reserved All Day