

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

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***“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am,  
who I want to be, and what I can do,  
and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”***

***Martin Luther King, Jr.***

***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***

**LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE** St. Andrew UMC is looking to nominate a church leader to the position of Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. The Lay Delegate to Annual Conference must be a professing member of St. Andrew UMC for at least 2 years and have been active in Leadership for the past four or more years. This leadership position, along with the Pastor, votes at Annual Conference sessions and serves as an interpreter of the actions of the Annual Conference session to the local church. This position serves on the Administrative Board, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and the Finance Committee. This position is responsible for reporting to the local church after every session of Annual Conference. Please call or email Pastor Erik to be nominated.

**THE WAY FORWARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING DATE:** We will have a meeting on **today, February 23 at 12:15pm** in Memorial Hall for those that could not make their assigned meeting date, or if you did not receive a call with a date. If this doesn't work for you and you would still like to attend a meeting please call the church office or see Pastor Erik or Dave VanDeventer. Thank you.

**BLUE CLAWS OUTING!** **July 24th at 7:00pm** seats only \$10 Come join us for a fun family night! Signup sheets on the counter outside Fellowship Hall or contact Mary VanDeventer through the church office. All money due by June 7.

**ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS** The Endowment Fund Committee is again pleased to announce the availability of scholarships to members of St. Andrew for any post high school education. Scholarship criteria information and applications are available through the church office. If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact the Endowment Fund Chairperson, Russ Boucher through the church office. **The deadline for applications is May 1, 2020.**

**LINE DANCING** St. Andrew MYF will be hosting a night of fellowship, fun and dancing. Friday March 13th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and on sale now!!!! To reserve your tickets see any of the youth in church or contact Sam or Jacqueline through the church office.

**SAUMC CONFIRMATION CLASS** You must be in the 7th grade or older. **Wednesday May 6th** will be the first class of four consecutive Wednesdays 4:30-5:30PM in May pizza dinner included with Pastor Erik. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday May 31st at both services. Contact the church office or see Pastor Erik.

## ***Women of St. Andrew***

**WOMEN'S RETREAT AT ST. ANDREW** **Saturday, March 28, 8:15-3:00pm** *Rest for Your Soul.* The retreat will be a time to refresh and listen for God's voice in a world that is busy and consumes so much of our attention and time. The speaker is Darlene Eason who inspired us at our retreat *The Potter's Hand* several years ago. Our retreats are a time for reflection, worship, fellowship, laughter and growth in our relationship with God. Please register after Sunday services in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$25.00 adults and \$15.00 teens. Registration ends March 20. Your early registration helps us plan for materials and meals. For more information please visit the registration table, contact our registrar Betty Stein through the church office or speak to Arlene Green or Pat Lewis.

**ST. ANDREW BOOK CLUB** will meet **Saturday, March 21, at 9:30am** in Memorial Hall to discuss the book "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings, Patricia Shephard (2/23).

### ***Missions***

**FEBRUARY MISSION PRAYER** Our Mission prayer focus for February is the Neighborhood Center in Camden, NJ. We pray for God's blessing upon the people who are served by the Neighborhood Center, from the youngest child in day care to the senior adults who participate in the Sage Program. Please also lift up in prayer those who work on staff and those who volunteer at the Neighborhood Center, that God would bless their work and efforts, provide needed resources, and enlarge their capacity to love abundantly, proclaiming Christ's love through their service.

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, INC.** Begun in 1913 by UM Deaconesses, the Neighborhood Center in Camden is a United Methodist Women National Mission Institution. The mission of The Neighborhood Center is to generously love our neighbor as ourselves with abundant service and hope today and every day. The Neighborhood Center identified the need to break the cycle of poverty for children (which include poor education and poor family structures). Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, so that a child has success in life.

The programs serving children are designed to help children and young adults in a 4-fold life: mind, body, spirit, and community. The Neighborhood Center drives sustainable programs that help a child to aspire; to achieve; and to be successful in school - and, along the way, learn about Christ. The Neighborhood Center demonstrates core Christian values - Love the Lord - through programs with children and the community. Programs include:

- Child Care Center - focus on Early Childhood Development Programs.
- After School - focus on success for the next day at school, with Homework Completion and Tutoring
- Teen Evening with a Full Meal - focus on Faith Development and a Path to College (In 2019 all of the teens attending the Teen Evening Program went to college.)
- Urban Farming - The teens participating in the Teen Evening Program are offered the opportunity during the summer to work at the Urban Garden on site where they learn about Community Garden food production and mentor the younger children who attend the Summer Enrichment Program known as Camp Kumbaya.
- Noon Lunch and Food Pantry - programs which support families.

Want to know more about The Neighborhood Center or how to get involved? Contact Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who gave resources and financial gifts towards the donation drive supporting the Neighborhood Center Community Baby Shower! Your heart for the Neighborhood Center and the people who are served through their programs, such as the Community Baby Shower, is an inspiring witness to the love of Jesus which shines through your good works! Thank you!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2020 MONTHLY GUIDE**

Each month we include in the announcements a monthly guide for you to begin to personally purchase and tuck away items for OCC Shoeboxes throughout the year. Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. **For the month of February, consider purchasing accessories, like sunglasses, watches, bracelets, hair scrunchies, costume jewelry, etc.** For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, through the church office. Thank you and God bless you!

### **SAVE THE DATE: MAY 15-16, 2020 "CARDBOARD BOX CITY" TO BENEFIT INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF OCEAN COUNTY**

Cardboard Box City is a community wide event on the grounds of St. Andrew UMC to raise funds for Interfaith Hospitality Network and to raise awareness about the problem of homeless children and their families here in Ocean County. Check out Cardboard Box City event information on the St. Andrew UMC website:

<https://www.standrewtr.org/missions/cardboard-box-city-fundraiser/>

We'll be including more information about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities in future bulletin announcements.

**UMCOR HYGIENE KITS DONATION DRIVE** Missions at St. Andrew is asking for your help in gathering supplies for **UMCOR Hygiene Kits**. A list of items that are needed are on an insert included in today's bulletin announcements. A marked collection bin is in Fellowship Hall Lobby. **We will need the supplies by Sunday March 15.**

We are also offering an opportunity for the congregation to be engaged to assemble the UMCOR Hygiene Kits. Assembling of the UMCOR Hygiene Kits will be following the 11:00 Worship Service on **Sunday March 15**. We are inviting you to come to Memorial Hall at 12:15pm for lunch, followed by the Assembling Activity. This Service Project will be led by Missions in collaboration with the Circle of Joy and Grace. Details are listed on the enclosed insert. **Please RSVP** by signing the Sign Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall Lobby, or by contacting Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, through the church office. Thank you for your generous support!

**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.**

**We also include hygiene items and household cleaning items with the food sets for our Food Pantry clients. This is a great help and a blessing to those who receive them. As you are able, please drop off to our pantry: Full-Size Hygiene Items (such as bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, etc.) and Household Cleaning Items (such as Pine Sol, bathroom cleaners, etc.). For this**

**type of distribution, we prefer the regular size, not the small hotel size or trial size items. Products from the Dollar Tree are perfectly acceptable!** THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity!

## *Adult Studies*

### **CHRISTIAN COFFEES**

Our Christian Coffees Bible Study group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Shared Ministry Office on the upper level near the Sanctuary. At this time, we are continuing our verse by verse study of the Letter to the Hebrews. For additional information, please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

**THE WIRED WORD**, a 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 LOCAL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES** Beginning the first week in February, we are holding Bible Study classes at 2 Assisted Living Facilities in Toms River. On Wednesday mornings beginning on February 5, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, we will be at Spring Oak (2145 Whitesville Rd.); on Friday mornings beginning on February 7, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, we will be at The Chelsea (1657 Silverton Rd.). Our classes are based on the Bible Study by Phillis Bennett, *Our Wise Counselor: Trusting God's Guidance*. We plan to hold classes through the beginning of April. If you would like to help by assisting at these classes (welcoming the residents to the class; helping them into their chairs; distributing handouts, etc.), please contact with Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

## *Weekly Servers*

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

March 1 Team #6  
March 8 Team #1  
March 15 Team #2  
March 22 Team #3

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

March 1 Pat Lewis  
March 8 Scott Susich  
March 15 Jan Phillips  
March 22 Dave Richardson

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

March 1 Linda Phander  
March 8 Vita Hansen  
March 15 David Geller  
March 22 Barrington Gooden

### **9:30am SOUND ROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

March 1 Bill Koch, David Schwartz  
March 8 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
March 15 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips  
March 22 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

**11:00am SOUND ROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)**

March 1 Russ and Russell Thistle  
 March 8 Valerie Earp, D. VanDeventer  
 March 15 Bob DeBarge, Dick Green  
 March 22 Russ and Russell Thistle

<p><b><u>Weekly Calendar</u></b></p> <p><b>Sun., Feb. 23</b></p>	<p><b>9:30AM</b></p> <p><b>10:30AM</b>  <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b>  <b>12:15PM</b>  <b>7:00-8:00PM</b></p>	<p>Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); In celebration of Family Sunday children are invited to remain in worship today; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees (Shared Ministry Office); The Wired Word (rm. 9)                  Coffee Hour                  Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)                  Coffee Hour                  The Way Forward Informational Meeting (Memorial Hall)                  The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life (Memorial Hall)</p>
<p><b>Mon., Feb. 24</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>5:45PM</b>  <b>6:45PM</b>  <b>7:00-8:30PM</b>  <b>7:30PM</b></p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)                  Son-Shine Bell Rehearsal                  Gospel Choir Rehearsal                  Troop Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)                  Cantata Practice</p>
<p><b>Tues., Feb. 25</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>10:00-12:00PM</b>  <b>1:30PM</b>  <b>2:00PM</b>  <b>5:00PM</b>  <b>5:30PM</b></p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)                  Women's Bible Study (rm. 4)                  Gospel Choir Rehearsal                  Cantata Practice                  Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room)                  Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p><b>Wed., Feb. 26</b>   <b>Ash Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-1:00PM</b>  <b>10:00-12PM</b>  <b>10:00-4:00PM</b>  <b>11:00-12PM</b>  <b>5:30-7:30PM</b>  <b>6:00PM</b>  <b>7:00PM</b></p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)                  Knit Wits (rm. 6)                  Shared Ministry Office Reserved                  The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life (rm. 4, 5)                  MYF &amp; YES Club (<b>Memorial Hall</b>, rm. 4-5)                  Soup &amp; Bread (Fellowship Hall)                  Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>Thurs., Feb. 27</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-1:00PM</b></p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p><b>Fri., Feb. 28</b></p>	<p><b>9:00-1:00PM</b></p>	<p>Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p><b>Sat., Feb. 29</b></p>	<p><b>5:00PM on</b>  <b>7:00PM</b></p>	<p>Memorial Hall Reserved for Private Party  <b>AA (Fellowship Hall &amp; Kitchen)</b></p>
<p><b>Sun., March 1</b></p>	<p><b>9:30AM</b></p> <p><b>10:30AM</b>  <b>11:00AM</b>  <b>12:00PM</b>  <b>12:30-1:00PM</b>  <b>1:00-2:00PM</b></p>	<p>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)                  Coffee Hour                  PRAISE! Worship Experience (Sanctuary)                  Pizza &amp; Games (Fellowship Hall)                  Interfaith Begins (Memorial Hall &amp; Wing)</p>