

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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***“Self-denial means knowing only Christ,
and no longer oneself. It means seeing only Christ, who goes
ahead of us, and no longer the path
that is too difficult for us... Self-denial is saying only:
He goes ahead of us; hold fast to him.”***

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

***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.

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 at: cfm.russ@comcast.net. **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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER MARCH 21

MYF is sponsoring a trip to St. Mark's UMC in Hamilton, NJ to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger. GNJ has partnered with Rise Against Hunger to pack 500,000 meals in 1 day to feed the hungry around the world. We will meet at the church on March 21 at 10:00am leaving at 10:30am. We will pack meals from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Signup sheets are on the table downstairs. If you are interested please sign up by March 15. See Sam Jones for questions or details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday March 14th at 9:00am

Fellowship Hall "All Men are Welcome"

UMM BUSINESS CARD PLACE MAT

The United Methodist Men are putting together a NEW Place Mat. If you or someone you know would like to help support the UMM and put a business card advertisement on our Place Mat. Please see Doug Clayton in Fellowship Hall between services. If you do not have a Business Card and want to be a supporter we can put your name on our Booster Board. Cost: \$25.00 for a Business Card "Love Offering" for a Booster.

Women of St. Andrew

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,
Sue Richardson (3/1), Sue Magyar (3/4).

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT ST. ANDREW Saturday, March 28, 8:15-3:00pm *Rest for Your Soul*. 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.

Missions

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING Today's Communion Offering will be for the **UMCOR Sunday Offering** (formerly **One Great Hour of Sharing**). Please see the nearby article which describes the significance and impact of this special offering. When you give today, you help cover the annual operational costs for UMCOR. Your gift allows UMCOR to apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts as well as long-term education and support. Thank you for your generous gift to today's UMCOR Sunday Offering.

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING UMCOR Sunday is one of the Six Special Sundays with an offering in the United Methodist Church. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR works with vulnerable communities to strengthen self-sufficiency and encourage partnerships. UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases of poverty, ministers to refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and actively works to reduce hunger.

Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday cover the costs of doing business so that UMCOR can respond when and where it is needed most, working to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB). As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

"HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY" GREETING CARDS Everyone is invited to sign "Happy St. Patrick's Day" Greeting Cards for our senior neighbors who reside at the Chelsea Assisted Living. Join us in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour today following worship services.

MARCH MISSION PRAYER During March we lift up in prayer the programs and projects of **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**. Impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, UMCOR brings humanitarian aid to assist the most vulnerable people throughout the US and the world. When catastrophes cause suffering, UMCOR brings healing, hope and a place of refuge. Pray for the people and communities who receive assistance, that God would bless them with His compassion and grace; for UMCOR staff and volunteers, that God would strengthen them in their work; and for those who support UMCOR through financial gifts, relief-supply kits, and prayers, that God's love would motivate and inspire their generosity.

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 March, consider making Quality Craft Items** (Things of quality that you make: Sewing, crocheting, knitting, and no-sew projects. Find craft ideas on pinterest!)

<https://www.pinterest.com/OperationChristmasChild/sewing-for-shoeboxes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/OperationChristmasChild/crocheting-for-shoeboxes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/OperationChristmasChild/knitting-for-shoeboxes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/OperationChristmasChild/no-sew-projects/>

For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-833-9975. 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.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

Beginning today, March 1, St. Andrew will be hosting homeless families for the week in Memorial Hall. Set up will be between services.

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.

There is always a need for volunteers! If there are any questions about the program or you would like to volunteer to be involved with this ministry, please contact Vita Hansen through the church office

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!

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 11:00am 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!

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.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES We are currently holding Bible Study classes at two Assisted Living Facilities in Toms River. On Wednesday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am, we are at Spring Oak (2145 Whiteville Rd.); on Friday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, we are at The Chelsea (1657 Silverton Rd.). Our classes are based on the Bible Study by Phyllis Bennett, *Our Wise Counselor: Trusting God's Guidance*. We plan to hold classes through the 2nd week 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.

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.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

March 8 Team #1
March 15 Team #2
March 22 Team #3
March 29 Team #4

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 8 Scott Susich
March 15 Jan Phillips
March 22 Dave Richardson
March 29 Michael Mazer

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

March 8 Vita Hansen
March 15 David Geller
March 22 Barrington Gooden
March 29 John Phander

9:30am SOUND ROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 8 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
March 15 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
March 22 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
March 29 Bill Koch, David Schwartz

11:00am SOUND ROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

March 8 Valerie Earp, D. VanDeventer
March 15 Bob DeBarge, Dick Green
March 22 Russ and Russell Thistle
March 29 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>	9:30AM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian Coffees (Shared Ministry Office); The Wired Word (rm. 9)
Sun., March 1	10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 12:30-1:00PM 1:00-2:00PM	Coffee Hour Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour PRAISE! Worship Experience (Sanctuary) Pizza & Games (Fellowship Hall) Interfaith Begins (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Mon., March 2	9:00-1:00PM 5:45PM 6:30PM 6:45PM 7:00-8:30PM 7:30PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Son-Shine Bell Rehearsal UMW Executive Board Meeting (rm. 4) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop (Fellowship Hall) Cantata Practice Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Tues., March 3	9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 1:30PM 2:00PM 5:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Women's Bible Study (rm. 4) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Cantata Practice Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry

	5:30PM	(Choir Room) Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship Hall) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Wed., March 4	9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12PM 10:00-4:00PM 5:30PM 7:30PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (rm. 6) Shared Ministry Office Reserved MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4-5) Lenten Devotional Series "Recover"(Sanctuary) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Thurs., March 5	9:00-1:00PM 10:30AM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Naomi Circle (rm. 4, 5) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Fri., March 6	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Sat., March 7	7:00PM	AA (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen) Interfaith (Memorial Hall & Wing)
Sun., March 8	9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	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

