

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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***"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord;
and our heart is restless until it rests in Thee."***

Augustine

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

SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

With permission from our District Superintendent, St. Andrew UMC will hold a special charge conference on Sunday March 29th at 12:15pm in the Shared Ministry Office to conduct the following business:

1. Approve the Clergy Compensation Report for incoming pastor Rev. Anna Gillette;
2. Elect Lisa Lockwood as Lay Member to Annual Conference.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER MARCH 21 (Postponed)

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.

SCAN LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, March 25/10:30am-1:00pm Genealogy 101 - How to get started. Free and open to the public. **RSVP to SCAN at 732-542-1326 by March 18.**

SUNDAY COUNTERS NEEDED! Please call Melissa Southard at 908-278-3656 for details, thank you.

EASTER FLOWER SALE! Please sign up starting today for our Easter Flowers to be dedicated and placed on the altar Easter Sunday. All proceeds will go to the Camden Neighborhood Center to help replace the roof. Order forms available on the counter in the Fellowship Hall or on table in the Narthex. See Mary VanDeventer or Mary Garreau. **All order forms due Sunday March 29th.** Thank you for your support!

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.

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.**

S.T.E.P. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting This course is designed to help create resilience and improve your relationships and communication skills with the children in your life. For those who care for Toddlers (2-5) & Young School Age (5-10) **Beginning Thursday, March 26 from 6-8PM** in Memorial Hall, join us for 8 weekly sessions childcare provided. Course & materials free of charge. Contact LisaAnn Hopkins email:snikpoh63@gmail.com

CENSUS 2020 Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census begin hitting mailboxes this week. The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe and important, and it's key to shaping the future of communities. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in public funds are allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers for public services like emergency response, schools, hospitals and bridges over the next 10 years. Please make sure you're counted!

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 with Pastor Erik included. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday May 31st at both services. Contact the church office or see Pastor Erik.

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, Katherine Richardson (3/17), Sharon Kunis (3/18), Ginny Miller (3/18), Brianna Smith (3/19).

CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING The Circle of Joy and Grace will meet today **Sunday March 15 at 12:15pm** in Memorial Hall at St. Andrew. We will be providing lunch and leading the congregation in a mission service project: Assembling UMCOR Health Kits. All are welcome to join us. For additional information, please see Lucy DeBarge or contact through the church office.

Missions

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING – EXTENDED Our March Communion Offering is for the UMCOR Sunday Offering. Please see the nearby article which describes the significance and impact of this special offering. When you give to the UMCOR Sunday Offering, 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. We will continue to receive your donations for the UMCOR Sunday Offering throughout the month of March.

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.

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.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27-35

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a program that helps working families, who have suddenly become homeless, get back on their feet.

A network of houses of worship take turns feeding and housing children and their family for a week.

WE NEED YOU!

Can you spare 1 night approximately every 12 weeks? Do you like to sleep? We need volunteers to spend a night while we host the families.

Please see or contact Vita Hansen through the church office.

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS DONATIONS – THANK YOU! We're taking this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who donated Hygiene items for UMCOR Hygiene Kits. As of this writing we have enough supplies to assemble approximately 60 UMCOR Hygiene Kits. We will be assembling the Hygiene Kits today Sunday March 15. At 12:15 pm in Memorial Hall we will be serving lunch, followed by the assembling activity in the same room. Thank you to the Circle of Joy and Grace who are leading us in this project, and to everyone who is participating!

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.

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!

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 at lucydebarge@yahoo.com or by phone at 732-833-9975.

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 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 Silvertown 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 Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

March 22 Team #3
 March 29 Team #4
 April 5 Team #5
 April 12 Team #6

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 22 Dave Richardson
 March 29 Michael Mazer
 April 5, Jan Phillips
 April 12 Scott Susich

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

March 22 Barrington Gooden
 March 29 John Phander
 April 5 Barbara Delman
 April 12 Linda Phander

9:30am SOUND ROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

March 22 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 March 29 Bill Koch, David Schwartz
 April 5 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 April 12 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

11:00am SOUND ROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

March 22 Russ and Russell Thistle
 March 29 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker
 April 5 Valerie Earp, Keila Earp
 April 12 Joe Herflicker, D. VanDeventer

<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) Coffee Hour
Sun., March 15	10:30AM 11:00AM 12:15PM	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Circle of Joy & Grace; Mission Service Project/Assembling UMCOR Health Kits, lunch provided (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Mon., March 16	9:00-1:00PM 5:45PM 6:45PM 7:00-8:30PM 7:30PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Son-Shine Bell Rehearsal Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop (Fellowship Hall) Cantata Practice

Tues., March 17 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>	9:00-1:00PM 10:00-12:00PM 1:30PM 2:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM	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)
Wed., March 18	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 "Rest" Healing Prayer 'anointing with oil' (Sanctuary)
Thurs., March 19	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Fri., March 20	9:00-1:00PM 11:30-3:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Arts & Crafts; Coalition on Women & Disabilities (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sat., March 21	9:30AM 7:00PM	St. Andrew Book Club "The Great Gatsby" (Memorial Hall) AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., March 22	9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); In celebration of Family Sunday children are invited to stay in worship today. Christian Coffees (Shared Ministry Office); The Wired Word (rm. 9) Coffee Hour Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)