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“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

***Anne Frank,
diary of Anne Frank: the play***

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 27.

Location: St. Andrew (Memorial Hall)

Schedule:

8:30-9:15am DS meeting with SPRC

9:30-10:30am Contemporary Worship

11:00-12:00pm Traditional Worship

12:30-1:00pm Parsonage walkthrough

1:00pm Church Conference

Church Leaders and Lay Servants responsible for reports please check your email and the GNJ website. Once on the GNJ website look to the upper right side and click on 2019 Church Conference. There you will find very helpful and important information. **All reports are due to the church office September 11.** If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me or Pastor Erik.

Thank you,

Lee Boccuzzi, Admin. Coordinator

FOR ALL COUNTING TEAMS

The location of the Bank will be changing soon. Melissa Southard will be in the counting room with new keys and the banks address after first service and before second service **TODAY Sunday August 25th and Sunday September 1st**. If for you are unable to make it to Church one of those days, please contact Melissa through the church office.

INITIAL BAZAAR KICK OFF MEETING Today August 25th 10:30am-12:00pm in Memorial Hall. Join us!

TOMS RIVER AROUND THE WORLD: a celebration of culture and heritage.

Sponsored by Toms River United an initiative of Police Chief Mitch Little and leaders of faith based communities and civic leaders.

Date: Labor Day Monday, September 2

Time: 12:00 noon- 4:00 pm.

Where: Huddy Park, downtown Toms River

What to expect: a gathering of families and friends enjoying food and fun-filled activities for all ages.

For further information contact Michael M. Mazer through the church office

SCAN (Social Community Activites Network) LUNCH & LEARN September 26th 10:30-1:00pm Fellowship Hall. This is a free event - registration is required by September 19. Call 732-542-1326.

The Benefits of Respiratory Therapy; Fraud Watch Network Basics; Stand Up & Stretch.

St. Andrew Library BOOK IDEA: Youth Book (Gr. 7-10)

Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami The story of one lovable, determined nine-year-old girl's dream to play softball in California during WWII when Indian Immigrants could not become citizens or own land

A reading people will always be a knowing people. John Wesley

Box Tops for Education for Red Bird Mission in Kentucky and Aluminum Pop-Tops for Ronald MacDonald House: Yes! We are still collecting both of them. Containers for each of these items can be found in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Look for the door whose sign indicated where the containers are kept. We are looking for a volunteer to deliver the pop tops to Ronald MacDonald House not far from Monmouth Medical Center in West Long Branch once or twice a year. Please speak to Arlene Green if you could do this. Questions? Please speak to Barbara Morgan or Arlene Green.

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 Shirley Stone (8/26), Deb Beckwith (8/28), Ashley Babeu (8/29), Pat Herflicker (8/29).



BRUNCH ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, at 10am in FELLOWSHIP HALL: Joy in the Harvest Missionaries, Lowell & Claudia Wertz, will be sharing the news of their mission in Western Tanzania. Every so often the Wertzses return to the U.S. to thank their supporters and share the wonderful things that are happening there. Tickets (no charge) for this mission event are available after each of the Sunday services. (St. Andrew UMW)

Do you ever wonder where the profits from St. Andrew Rummage Sales go or exactly how St. Andrew's support of Christian mission affects the world we live in? With local missions we can often see the results; but when the work is in a place across the globe it is difficult to envision. If you are a worker/supporter of these bi-yearly events or simply interested in mission, come and find out what the fruit of our hands working in Toms River accomplishes on the continent of Africa. (This is just one of the missions these sales support). Listen to the Wertzses talk about their work in Western Tanzania. St. Andrew has been a partner in this work, financially supporting this mission program for over 10 years. Several years ago St. Andrew sent a gift of \$10,000 to Joy in the Harvest when they were building a new community center. Each year our UMW sends a gift to Joy in the Harvest to support this mission as it expands its impact. We are invested in God's work in this place! The Wertzses welcome St. Andrew as one of their supporters and appreciate our enthusiasm for their dedication to mission!

Missions

AUGUST MISSION PRAYER As we turn our thoughts to "back to school", please lift up in prayer all of our students, at all scholastic levels, who will be returning to school the end of August and beginning of September. Pray for God's blessings on them throughout this upcoming academic year, that they will realize His great love for them, and that they will seek His guidance and feel secure and optimistic about their futures. We also ask prayers for two of Rev. Mutwale's sons who are studying here in the United States. Please lift up in prayer Jean-Marc Mutwale, who is at Drew University in Madison, NJ pursuing his Masters of Divinity; and, Nathan Mutwale, who is at Kurtztown University in Kurtztown, PA pursuing a Bachelors' Degree in Social Work.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE: "THANK YOU!" By God's blessing and grace, our 2019 Back-To-School Donation Drive was a wonderful success! Missions extends a huge "Thank You!" to everyone who supported this project through donations of backpacks, school supplies, and financial donations. We especially give thanks for our ROAR VBS coordinators,

leaders, assistants, children and their parents who embraced our Back-To-School Donation Drive as their outreach project! Thanks also to our team of volunteers who packed the backpacks with school supplies earlier this week! Through your generosity and God's blessing, we have been able to provide a total of 33 filled backpacks to local Ocean County families in need. The majority have been given to Interfaith Hospitality Network for distribution to their affiliated families. *And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

A GARDEN WITH A MISSION Our Mission Garden Site Project is greatly blessed and moving forward with vegetables and herbs being harvested and regularly shared with families in need in our local Ocean County community. Our summer harvest includes cilantro, slicing cucumbers, green beans, radishes, tomatoes, squashes (yellow squash, acorn squash, butternut squash, and spaghetti squash), and pickling cucumbers (being donated for pickling and sale at the upcoming Holiday Bazaar!). At this time, there are volunteer opportunities available for those who would like to get involved by watering and tending the garden. Contact Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge through the church office. Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY." Visit our display in Fellowship Hall Lobby to learn how you can participate. At the display are empty shoeboxes for you to take and fill with fun gifts for girls and boys in desperate situations around the world, as well as details about this project. The display will continue to be available through August, however, shoebox gifts may be returned any time before the middle of November. Please remember in your shoeboxes to include a personal note, a photo of yourself or your family who packed the shoebox, and a donation of \$9.00 per shoebox (checks payable to Samaritan's Purse) to cover shipping costs plus the cost for *The Greatest Gift*, the booklet included with every shoebox by Operation Christmas Child, printed in the child's language which tells the story of Jesus and His great love for the people of the world. Contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office for additional information about this project. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

TANZANIA UMC AND TANZANIA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS At St. Andrew we continue to support the Tanzania Hope Center project and the Tanzania Women's Development Project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. These projects are related to our Covenant Missionary, Kabaka Alphonsine, and her husband, Rev. Mutwale. We are offering our annual fundraising effort, which is an opportunity for you to contribute by buying quick breads. Order blanks are on the display counter in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Options include Zucchini Bread (for delivery August 25); Apple Bread (for delivery September 1 and 8); and Pumpkin Bread (for delivery September 15, 22, and 29). Contact for this fundraiser is Missions Coordinator Lucy DeBarge through the church office. Thank you for your generous support of these efforts benefiting the people of Tanzania and the expansion of God's Kingdom in Tanzania!

SAVE THE DATE – 2019 CROP HUNGER WALK 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 On September 8, our Sunday morning Christian Coffees classes will resume for the program year. We will begin 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.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP: ***Please note changes.** Our first fall study will be *Breaking the Code: A trustworthy guide to understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce Metzger and David deSilva. It begins on Tuesday morning at 10:00am, September 10, in Memorial Hall. Please speak to Arlene Green (contact her through the church office) **by Sunday, August 25**, if you are interested, as student books must be ordered. The cost of this study will be around \$17 which may be paid on the first day of class. *Although many Christians find the Book of Revelation to be full of great beauty and comfort, others find this part of the Bible bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. Bruce M. Metzger provides one of the most important and trustworthy guides of Revelation, and now it includes findings from the most current biblical research. In Breaking the Code Revised Edition, you'll still find Metzger's rich content and insights presented in his approachable, non-academic style, but now with additional teaching from New Testament scholar David deSilva.* You will be reading about 25 pages in preparation for each of the 6 sessions. There will be short DVD presentations from Dr. deSilva. **All are welcome** to enjoy the fellowship of this journey of understanding God's Word and growing in faith.

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 1 Team #4
 Sept. 8 Team #5
 Sept. 15 Team #6
 Sept. 22 Team #1

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Sept. 1 Michael Mazer
 Sept. 8 Pat Lewis
 Sept. 15 Scott Susich
 Sept. 22 Jeff Canter

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 1 Barrington Gooden
 Sept. 8 Linda Phander
 Sept. 15 David Geller
 Sept. 22 Doug Clayton

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Sept. 1 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 Sept. 8 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 Sept. 15 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips
 Sept. 22 Bill Koch, Joe Herflicker

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Sept. 1 Bill Koch, Dick Green
 Sept. 8 Bob DeBarge, Keila Earp
 Sept 15. Dick Green, Joe Herflicker
 Sept. 22 Russ & Russ Thistle

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>	8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM	Life By Design Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); Family Sunday, children are invited to remain in worship today.
Sun., Aug. 25	10:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Coffee Hour Initial Bazaar Kick Off Meeting (Memorial Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour
Mon., Aug. 26	9-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Tues., Aug. 27	9-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Wed., Aug. 28	9-1:00PM 10-12:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall) Knit Wits (4, 5)

Thurs., Aug. 29	9-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Fri., Aug. 30	9-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Sat., Aug. 31	7:00PM	AA (Memorial Hall & Kitchen)
Sun., Sept. 1	8:15-9:30AM 9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 12:00PM	Life By Design Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); Summer SOAR. Coffee Hour Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour