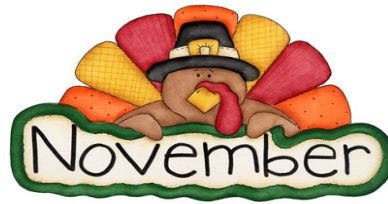


## ST. ANDREW UMC 2022 NEWSLETTER



- **SAUMC Church Conference** will be held Saturday, November 19 at 11:00am via Zoom. Conference booklets are needed for those who plan to attend. Booklets can be picked up in the church office. If you have any questions about Church Conference, please ask Pastor Anna.
- **The United Methodist Men (UMM)**. All men are welcome to join the UMM breakfast in Fellowship Hall Saturday November 12 at 9:00am. If you plan to attend the breakfast please text or call Doug at 732-232-6440, this will greatly help to order appropriately. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Combined Service Potluck Sunday!** Combined 10:00am service will be Sunday, November 13 followed by a potluck. All are welcome with or without food.
- **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** are due no later than November 13. Please bring them to church on or before then.
- **Artistic and Musical Opportunities.** SAUMC Music ministries has many different opportunities to use your gifts in our worship services. In Romans 12:1 Paul urges the believers to offer themselves as a gift to God. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Serving as an act of worship. Artistic and musical gifts are just one act of worship to our Heavenly Father.

**Adult Choir.** Meeting Wednesday Nights 7-8pm. Our choir will sing various times during the calendar year. All ages are encouraged and welcomed to join. If you have sung previously or currently singing in a school or local choir, please join us on Wednesday nights. We are focusing on singing in November and throughout the upcoming season of advent.

**Hand Bell Choir.** Meeting Wednesday Nights 6-7pm. The bell choir is a perfect ministry for all ages. Even if you have never read music before, you can easily be a part of the fun ministry. We rehearse in sections and very methodically breakdown the composition for easy and repetitive learning. Everyone is very supportive, encouraging, and just good fun. Hand bells bring a beautiful sound to a worship service. We will be playing in November and during the season of advent.

Other areas of artistic, dramatic and musical opportunities: **Dancers;** Are you are dancer? Adding dance to a hymn or worship song, can be a beautiful visual picture of the love of God for us. **Dramatic readers;** do you love to read? Reading with effective voice inflections or expressive phrasing, can paint a picturesque picture during a scripture or dramatic reading. We currently have a need for people to be a part of a drama during the season of Advent. Why not offer your gifts to bless others? **Instrumentalists;** for both our contemporary and traditional service there is opportunity to serve playing your instrument. **Sign Language;** Can you sign? What a lovely way to display the words to a hymn or song. It is a gift that can be used to worship our Lord. Maybe we missed a artistic gift you have, speak to Jim Gilbert or Pastor Anna, we would love the chance to display your talent as a gift to our Lord. We are very confident that you will be blessed and encourage by using the gifts our Father has given you.

- **Counters & Ushers Needed!** Contact Mary Garreau at [megarr0304@aol.com](mailto:megarr0304@aol.com) or call the church office 732-349-5367. Thank you!

- **Thanksgiving Baskets!** This year we expect to again provide the menu items for a full Thanksgiving dinner plus a week of pantry food to at least 50 families in our community. We need help with donations of food items, most importantly, TURKEYS! Look for the flyer, the full list of food items needed and the bins outside of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to drop off donations. Or, if it is easier to participate with a monetary donation, please feel free to do so, as the November communion offering will be dedicated to this project. Lastly, for those that want to help with shopping, organizing food, packing or distributing baskets, here are the dates and times: **Shopping - anytime after November 1; Organizing food - Thursday, November 17 at 10am; Packing baskets - Friday, November 18 at 10am; Distributing baskets - Sunday, November 20 from 12:00noon - 2pm.** The coordinators for the project are Sue and Dave Richardson. Please contact them if you plan to donate turkeys, want to volunteer or have any questions - at 732-779-2011 or [sasrichardson@yahoo.com](mailto:sasrichardson@yahoo.com)
- **Meals That Heal.** Our Oktoberfest was an overwhelming success! Our next meal will be on November 16 from 5-6:30pm. Please come and enjoy an early Thanksgiving dinner.
- St. Andrew will be sending a group to the **Camden Neighborhood Center** in order to help prepare for their Flash Thanksgiving Community Grocery Store. The group will meet at St. Andrew at 7:45am on November 21. We will return around noon. Some people choose to bring a lunch to eat on the ride home. We will be carpooling. Call the office or reach out to Sam Jones if you would like to participate. Youth are welcome. Since Monday is a school day, they need an excused absence. Forms for community service will be issued to the youth participants.
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** All women are invited every third Saturday 10 -11:00am via zoom. November's book is **The House in the Cerulean Sea** by TJ Klune. Contact Pat Lewis for zoom information.
- **SAUMC Library News.** We will soon have books on the rack outside Fellowship Hall pertaining to Thanksgiving and Christmas. The library has books for all holidays! Sunday School teachers, please feel free to bring the children to the library and provide help with the sign out card usually located in the back of the book. Fill out the date, name and telephone number. Books should come back in two weeks. Any questions please feel free to contact me at 732-240-7516, Joan Sola.
- **Trustee News.** The Trustees would like to introduce the 3rd and original AA Group presently using SAUMC. Around 1978 they began as **The Silverton Unity Group**. They relocated to SAUMC in the mid 90's and are now called **Living Sober Group of AA**. This group follows a faith based agenda for their structured meeting. The meetings are every Saturday around 7:00pm. If you would like more information about this group please contact Pastor Anna or any member of the Trustees.
- **United Women of Faith.** Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on December 3 at 1:00pm. Ticket sales begin Sunday, November 6 after both services. Last day for ticket sale is November 27, cost \$20.00 each.