

ST. ANDREW UMC 2021 NEWSLETTER



- **Card Making Workshop on October 1, 6:30-8:30pm.** Come join Patty Herflicker in Memorial Hall as she teaches us how to create beautiful greeting cards. Materials provided.

- **World Wide Communion Sunday is October 3:** This is a day when Christians around the world celebrate Communion together. In recognition of that day, we are suggesting if you have clothing that represents the country of your heritage, you wear it. Additionally, if you have items that represent a country you have visited bring them for display. We will have tables set up for display and markers to indicate the country they represent.

- **Attention Singers:** Practice for Christmas Cantata “Rhapsody in Bluegrass, a Christmas Jubilee” by Joseph Martin begins on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00pm in the Choir Room. This is really a fun cantata. No experience is needed. You don’t need a “good” voice or the ability to read music. All we ask is a willingness to praise God in song. Please come sing with us!

- **MYF and JYF** began meeting again in person on September 19. We were happy to be together again and are hoping to grow our groups. We meet the first and third Sunday of the month from 4-5:30pm. The second Tuesday of the month we will meet with youth groups from other churches in the area including First United UMC, Waretown UMC, Island Heights UMC and hopefully others. St. Andrew is hosting the first gathering on October 10 from 6-8:00pm. We are very excited to reach out and enjoy fellowship, devotions, games and future projects with our fellow youth from other churches.

- **Men's Breakfast Meeting Saturday October 16** at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited. Sign up outside both worship services. Wear your work clothes and bring your chainsaws. We will be cutting limbs around the back field.

- **Trunk or Treat Friday October 29 at 6:00pm.** We need volunteers to decorate their cars and distribute candy. We also need help in the kitchen as we will be serving a light dinner before trunk or treating. This event is for our church family and friends. See Mary or Dave VanDeventer for more information or to sign up.

- **Music News:** On Sunday, November 7 Velesca will be joined by Dennis Linde to present a recital of organ and piano music at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Dennis is the Organist/Music Director of Terrace United Methodist Church and Kynett United Methodist Church on Long Beach Island. Please plan on coming and invite your friends and neighbors.

Missions Highlights

- **Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting Week:** Our scheduled week is October 10–17. Our St. Andrew volunteers will be delivering meals and supplies to in-program families at the IHN Day Center in Toms River. Thank you to all of our wonderful St. Andrew volunteers who serve in this ministry!
- **CROP Hunger Walk:** Join our efforts to End Hunger by participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday October 10 at 2:00pm**. Due to the pandemic the CROP Hunger Walk will be accomplished through small Walk events sponsored by each participating Walk Team. Our St. Andrew UMC Walk Team will be walking around our church parking lot at 1528 Church Rd. You can help by joining our Walk Team; supporting our Walk Team through your financial donations; raising awareness by sharing on social media platforms; and through your prayers for our Walk and for the people who are served through this ministry. For additional information, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-232-1569.
- **Afghan Refugees Supplies:** Missions is sponsoring a Donation Drive to collect personal hygiene items for Afghan Refugees who are arriving in NJ. The list includes: bars of soap; toothbrushes; toothpaste; NEW Socks; NEW Underwear; Diapers (child and adult); and, Feminine Hygiene Pads (No Tampons). Reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-232-1569 with any questions. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!
- **2021 Project Thanksgiving:** During October through mid-November, we will be collecting items for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets Project. Look for our displays in Fellowship Hall Lobby and in the Narthex. The displays will have flyers with details and the list of specific items needed. Please reach out to Project Coordinators, Sue and Dave Richardson, at 732-779-2011 with any questions. *“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9*
- **2021 Operation Christmas Child:** Just a reminder that we have plenty of empty OCC shoeboxes waiting for you to take and pack with gifts for needy children around the world! Your gift-filled shoeboxes should be returned to church by the middle of November. The OCC National Collection Week is November 15-22. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness towards these precious children!

- *Operation Christmas Child is holding a Shoe Box Recipient Speaking Tour Event on Sunday evening **October 10 at 6:00 pm**. The location is **Grace Bible Church, 822 Church St., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08065**. Justin Thomas was a 13-year-old child living in South Asia when he received an OCC Shoebox gift. At this event, you can hear Justin speak about his experience of receiving a gift for the first time and coming to know Jesus as God's Greatest Gift!