

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 7, 2018

***"Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes
all things new."***

Anonymous

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 at St. Andrew

FREE MUSIC CONCERT!

The Ocean County Chapter of the AGO is hosting their 39th Choir Festival on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 4:30PM located at Christ Episcopal Church 415 Washington Street Toms River, NJ. Come support some of our very own Saint Andrew singers at this fine concert! See Jan Phillips for further information.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVDS! If you would like to have a full DVD presentation of the Saint Andrew 2017 Christmas Cantata, please sign-up on the Music Room bulletin board, or see Jan Phillips. The cost of each cantata DVD is \$5 and will go directly to the Saint Andrew UMC music ministry.

SAINT ANDREW PERFORMANCE TROUPE We are looking for performers of all ages to share their talents with the community at Spring Oak Independent and Assisted Living of Toms River. Our variety show style performances will take place on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. Performers will prepare their pieces on their own (there will be no rehearsals.) Get your favorite show tune ready for our first performance in January. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Saint Andrew Performance Troupe, contact Amy Hall for more information: Email: amyhall213@yahoo.com.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for pick up today on the tables in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Please contact the church office if you would like offering envelopes and don't already have them. Thank you.

ADULT MISSION TRIP to NC PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 21, 11:30am We are asking that anyone interested in participating in our Mission Trip (June 3 thru June 9 2018) to North Carolina for Hurricane Matthew recovery attend this meeting in room 5 after church at 11:30am, Sunday 1/21/18. We will be discussing all aspects of the trip at this meeting. On this trip we will be working with UMC North Carolina Conference Disaster Recovery Ministry who are managing the return of hundreds of families to their homes. Please feel free to join us with all your ideas.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SAUMC

Please take time to pick up the service opportunity posting on the back tables. We will have the latest postings available, as these opportunities will be evolving over time. If you are interested please connect with Pastor Erik Hall or the ministry leader on the posting.

HELP NEEDED

We have some families here at St. Andrew that need our help with small family projects they cannot do themselves. If you ever wanted to go on a mission trip but could not go, here is your opportunity to serve. If you would like to help, see or call Doug Clayton 732 349-5367. Doug is heading up this initiative for the UMM. All are welcome, men, women, boys and girls. We all can make a difference the same way that Christ has made a difference in our lives.

ST. ANDREW 50th ANNIVERSARY year has arrived!! Our kickoff event will be a covered dish dinner on Saturday Feb 10th at 5:00pm. Bring a dish to share and your memories old and new, bring pictures for our scrapbook! We will make copies and return so put in an envelope with your name. We will have a journal for you to add your thoughts and prayers. This will circulate all year. We would love you to join our committee with ideas. Save the date..SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23..this will be our anniversary service and lunch! Please see Mary or Lydia with ideas and memorabilia. Please sign up for dinner so we know how many to expect. Sheets will be upstairs in narthex and downstairs on bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

Missions

JANUARY MISSION PRAYER This month we lift before God the needs of those in our local community who are homeless. Please pray that our great and compassionate God will guide those who are homeless and in need to places where shelter, clothing and food will be made available to them, and that He will provide comfort and hope to them through the charitable efforts of people who will extend love, warmth, and hospitality. Pray for resources and funding for the organizations and agencies who work with the homeless population in Ocean County. Pray especially for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Ocean County, of which St. Andrew is a host congregation, as IHN works to bring the faith community together to help homeless families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matthew 25:35

SPIRIT LAKE MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT

This project is a special outreach to Native American children through a program sponsored by the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota (an approved United Methodist Volunteer in Mission destination).



LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center is dedicated to supporting the peoples of the Spirit Lake Nation and is an approved United Methodist Volunteer in Mission destination.

In 2017 we gathered donations and arranged them as gift-filled boxes for 28 individual children. These gift-filled boxes were mailed to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in ND and were distributed as part of their Christmas outreach program reaching children who live on reservations in ND, SD, and Minnesota. **During January and February, we are collecting donations for Christmas 2018 (new items only, please!): winter hats, mittens and gloves; bars of mild soap; soft toothbrushes; toothpaste (expiration date in 2019); small toys, crayons, and small coloring books or writing pads. The age groups include: 3-5; 6-8; 9-12; 13 and older.** Items may be placed in the marked bin in Fellowship Hall Lobby near the Missions Bulletin Board. For information about Spirit Lake Ministry Center or this outreach project, please contact Lucy DeBarge at (732) 833-9975. Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Parmalat Milk, Juice, Cereal, Chili, Fruit, Jelly, Ravioli, **Pasta**, Rice, Soup, Peanut Butter, Pork & Beans and Tuna.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2018 MONTHLY GUIDE Each month during the first part of this year, Missions will include in the bulletin announcements a guide for you to begin to personally collect and hold shoebox items 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. At St. Andrew, we'll still kick off our Operation Christmas Child

project in July under the "Christmas in July" banner when we'll distribute empty shoeboxes and OCC labels. By then, you should have a supply of shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls! For the month of January, consider looking for clothing items, like small dresses, T-shirts, socks, shoes, etc. We hope you will also pray for the children who will receive your 2018 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-349-5367. Thank you and God bless you!

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. Alyssa Mistretta (1/7), Jaelyn Sabey (1/10) Claudia Parisi Mena (1/11).

Bible Study

THE WIRED WORD, a weekly study seeking to find the biblical principles at work in newsworthy events, offers 2 unique features. Each week the class is based on a different significant happening somewhere in the world, with scripture that looks to give biblical perspective to the events, motives and outcomes in that story. This leads to discussions of how these principles can play out in our lives. Because of one-time nature of each study, ***The Wired Word*** study is perfect for those who can only attend occasionally. **Meeting Sunday Morning 9am in Memorial Hall.**

CHRISTIAN COFFEES

We are continuing our journey to study all four Gospels as we begin a new study on Sunday January 7, 2018 using the John MacArthur Study Guide, *Mark – The Humanity of Christ*. The gospel of Mark, more than any other Gospel, gives us precious glimpses into Christ's humanity. Our Christian Coffees study group meets at 9:00 am in Classroom #9 (next to Memorial Hall). We encourage you to grab a cup of coffee or tea from Fellowship Hall, then join us for an hour of study and discussion. Class participants may find it helpful to read Chapters 1 and 2 of the gospel of Mark before the first class. For additional information please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our current study continues on consecutive Thursday evenings through March 22, 2018. Our class is using the DVD-driven study, *True Spirituality – Becoming A Romans 12 Christian*, by Pastor Chip Ingram with Living on the Edge Ministries. Have you ever wondered what an authentic follower of Christ looks like? Focusing on lifestyle factors that are relational, grace-based, faith-focused, and practical, Pastor Ingram explores the biblical model laid out in Romans 12. You'll discover a profile of a true disciple and the spiritual pathway that God intends for you! Our Thursday Evening Bible Study class meetings are in Memorial Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975.

WHILE WE WAIT Living the Questions of Advent is being offered Thursday nights, 7:00-9:00pm by Ladies Loving, Learning & Serving the Lord at St. Andrew, beginning 1/11/18. This is a beautiful Advent study, we had to wait to do, because life happened and we were too busy! But, you will love this unique and valid look at this time in Christ's coming into our world as a baby.

The following link offers us a broad view that supports the relevance of studying these miraculous events after our calendar date of December 25th!

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/christ-is-born>

We have 3 new books available. Cost \$14

We will meet in the Shared Ministry Office. Contact Ann Canter with any questions at twosongs@comcast.net,. Be sure to identify yourself by name if you text & include the SUBJECT so I don't SPAM your inquiry!

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP GREETERS (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 14 Pat & Harry Humphreys Jan. 21 Doris Edmonds, Pat Graf Jan. 28 Alice Powers Feb. 4 Dotti & Bob Royle

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 14 Team #3 Jan. 21 Team #4 Jan. 28 Team #5 Feb. 4 Team #6

(Please contact Shirley Stone at 732-349-5367 if you are interested in volunteering to be an usher.)

WORSHIP LEADER (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 14 David Geller Jan. 21 Barbara Delman Jan. 28 Harry Humphreys

WORSHIP LEADER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Jan 14. Robin Susich Jan. 21 Pat Lewis Jan. 28 Scott Susich Feb. 4 Jeff Canter

SOUNDRoom SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 14 Dick Green
 Jan. 21 Dick Green, Maddy Peterson
 Jan. 18 Valerie Earp, Keila Earp
 Feb. 4 Dick Green, Maddy Peterson

SOUNDRoom SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Jan. 14 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker
 Jan. 21 Russ and Russell K Thistle
 Jan. 28 Bob DeBarge, Maddy Peterson
 Feb. 4 Joe Leuth, Bill Koch

<i>WEEKLY CALENDAR</i>		
Sun., Jan. 7	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15AM	Blood Pressure Screening Adult Bible Study (Christian Coffees rm.9; Wired Word in Memorial Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., Jan. 8	5:30PM 6:15-6:45PM 6:45PM 7:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop 36 (Fellowship Hall)
Tues., Jan. 9	10:00AM	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4, 5)

	1:00PM 5-5:30PM 5:30-6:30PM 7:00PM 8:00PM	Gospel Choir Rehearsal Thrive Choir Thrive Education ages 4 through 8th grade (Memorial Hall) YES Club grades 5-8 (rm. 4, 5) Council on Ministries Administrative Board Meeting
Wed., Jan. 10	9:30AM 10:00AM 5:30-7:30PM 6:30PM	Little Blessings (Memorial Hall) Knit Wits (rm. 4, 5) MYF (Fellowship Hall) UMW Executive Meeting (rm. 4)
Thurs., Jan. 11	6:30PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Dens (Fellowship Hall, 4-5) Thursday Evening Bible Study (Memorial Hall) "While We Wait" Advent Study (Shared Ministry Office)
Fri., Jan. 12		
Sat., Jan. 13	7:00PM	AA (Memorial Hall)
Sun., Jan. 14	9:00AM 10:15AM 10:15AM	Adult Bible Study (Christian Coffees rm.9; Wired Word in Memorial Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)