

St. Andrew's Purpose Statement:

*"With open hearts and minds, we **welcome** people for Christ;
we **grow** people in Christ; and we **serve** people with Christ"*

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

Worship Service

Sunday-10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

Adults, 9:00 a.m.

Children, 10:45 a.m.

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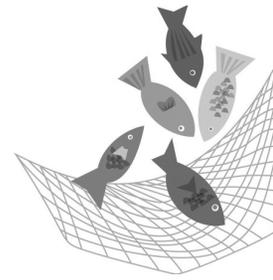
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The Network

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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

"The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

Psalm 92:12

This time of the year is really a magical time when the tulips and daffodils reappear after their deep slumber and the azalea bushes and dogwood trees burst forth with the wonderful colors of Spring. The sun will spend more time in the sky and the chill of winter was giving way to just the hint of summer. You quite literally walk outside and smile. You have to smile. After months and months of grey and darkness, when you rarely saw your neighbor nor did you venture out into the yard; now as if someone magically flipped a switch the earth is coming back to life and preparing to give us one spectacular show.

One year, during an early Spring trip to the Home Depot, I learned about the secret numbers on fertilizer bags. You see, almost every bag of fertilizer will have three (3) numbers printed on the bag. It might be 32-5-5 or 5-10-20 or 12-12-12.

So, the salesperson in the garden section of the store tried to help me understand the numbers with this little rhyme: Up, Down, All Around. The first number determined how much straight up growth you would get. This high in nitrogen fertilizer would send your grass to the moon and mean lots of additional mowing. The second number determined how much energy would go into the roots, helping the grass establish itself. The third number, All Around, would dictate to what extent the grass would reach out and fill in holes and gaps in the yard. If someone were coming for a visit I might throw some 36-0-0 on the grass just for show—it would look tall and green for weeks—but it wouldn't really help establish a strong yard.

Ok, so what on earth does this have to do with us in the church? Well, besides some rather helpful information about fertilizer I think this begs the question of what kind of spiritual fertilizer might I be in need of right now! And more importantly what kind of spiritual fertilizer would you throw on our church if you had the chance? Do we need to stand up a bit taller in the saddle and boldly proclaim our faith and gifts? Take a few chances by trying new things and looking at life and ministry in new ways.

That kind of growth is always exciting---but just like adding 36-0-0 to your lawn, it also creates a lot of work! Or perhaps we need to work on our roots - spend time in the basics. Reading the story of God's love as it comes to us in scripture and taking the time for such timeless disciplines as prayer, worship and good works. This kind of growth is key to long term health but it also takes concerted effort and desire. It doesn't just happen, you have to be intentional—it calls for patience and it takes commitment to see it through. Then again maybe what we really need to be doing is spreading ourselves out, growing our fellowship and taking up more spots in the pews and spaces in the parking lot. After all, our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to the world and there are still folks who need to hear it, or hear it without the baggage of guilt and shame that so often comes with it. This means taking the time to welcome folks, invite folks, and even let them join in on our groups and help us make decisions. This kind of growth is exciting, but it does come with a cost as we have to give up some of our control.

Do me and God a favor; work on at least one of these. Stretch yourself in new ways of living your faith, or take the time to work on your roots, or be intentional about inviting others to join us and then helping them connect. You see its spring and living things need to grow. We need to grow: Up, Down and All Around and so does our church! Let me know what kind of fertilizer you would put on our congregation right now. I tend to err toward the balanced 12-12-12; but maybe you see something that needs a little extra boost, tell me about it so we can work on it together.

Blessings, Pastor Richard



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EDUCATION

The last date for storytelling during Sunday School is May 14. Please try and return all children's books at this time.

The last Sunday for regular Sunday School will be on June 18. Summer Sunday School will begin on June 25. Please consider volunteering to help out with Sunday School during the summer months as we give our teachers a well-deserved break.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC SUNDAY

May 21, 2017, will be the 17th annual Music Sunday. The program is held in Room 304, will begin at 10:45 and run until 11:30 and is open to kids from 3rd grade through high school.

Children will have the opportunity to share their music with other students and can play more than one selection. A piano is available in the room and a CD player will be provided if singing to music accompanied on a CD.

If your child does not play a musical instrument, they are welcomed to come and enjoy their classmates' performances.

Any questions, contact Dave Treen at davetreenmusic@yahoo.com

KEENAGERS



CALLING EVERYONE YOUNG AT HEART!

Keenagers will meet on Thursday, May 4th and June 1st at noon.

For our May meeting, we will enjoy pizza!! You can bring a salad or side dish, generous enough to share with five or six other people. Desserts are needed as well. Cost is \$5.00 if you bring a covered dish; \$10.00 if you do not. After our meal, we will enjoy musical entertainment and fellowship.

Our June 1st meeting will be a picnic at the Red Bank Battlefield at 100 Hessian Avenue in National Park, NJ. Join us as we have a good, old fashioned barbeque!! Bring your favorite picnic salad or side dish to share.

Anyone wishing to carpool to the Red Bank Battlefield can meet at the church. We will have more details at our May meeting and in the bulletin.

MISSIONS



During May, donations of JUICE BOXES (that are always needed) can be placed in the "Cathedral Kitchen Shopping Cart" located in the Narthex. In June, cleaning supplies (Lysol/Clorox Wipes, Brillo/SOS Pads, Green Sponge Scouring Pads, Windex etc., or any generic brand) will be collected since there is definitely cleaning to be done when it comes to over 100,000 meals a year being made by the culinary staff and served by volunteers!

St. Andrew's always receives a thank you note or letter from Cathedral Kitchen for our donations. The most recent one thanked us for our donation of over 2,700 HEAVY DUTY PLASTIC FORKS collected in March!

If you are interested in volunteering at Cathedral Kitchen, please email or call Lois Stawicki at staloey@aol.com or (856) 768-3011. Next dates to volunteer: Wednesday, May 3 and Wednesday, June 7. We meet at 3:00 P. M., in St. Andrew's parking lot, carpool, and return around 5:30 P. M.

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY



In February, St Andrew's and Christ the King provided volunteers for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. We helped to provide food to over 150 families in need. While we had one day of bad weather, we managed well with those who were comfortable with venturing out. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to help out for this local cause.

Communion Sunday Collections:
On May 7th, we will collect pancake mix/syrup and toiletries
On June 4th, we will collect coffee, cereal, and detergent.

St. Andrew's will provide volunteers at the Food Pantry beginning May 30. Eight volunteers are needed for each sessions:
Tuesday May 30 (5:15pm-7:30 pm)
Thursday June 1 (10:15am-1:00 pm)
Tuesday June 6 (5:15pm-7:30pm)
Thursday June 8 (10:15am-1:00pm)
If interested in volunteering, you can call Ken Ferguson at [856-261-4976](tel:856-261-4976) or Kenneth.brian.ferguson@gmail.com.



St. Andrew's United Methodist Women's Annual May Salad Supper and Mission Event Monday, May 15, 2017

Salad Supper, 6-7 pm and Program begins at 7pm

Pastor Richard and Mary Layton will speak about the mission trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic

The Annual May Salad Supper/Mission Event is open to the entire congregation. Please join us!!

If you plan to attend the Salad Supper, please bring a salad that serves 6.

To hear Pastor Richard and Mary Layton speak, we will see you at 7 pm.

Hostesses: Elizabeth & Martha Circles

THERE WILL BE A NEW KIND OF BAZAAR – OCTOBER 14, 2017

In order for the United Methodist Women to keep the Bazaar updated and profitable for our mission work, we decided to change things about the Bazaar. This year, we will open it up for outside vendors to join with us. Because we are doing this, other things need to change:

WE WILL continue with the TRASH & TREASURE area, the JEWELRY BOOTH, the GARDEN OF EATIN' and the SWEET SHOPPE (bakery). We will include the Country Store, Linens and Toys in the Trash and Treasure area – but not in separate booth areas. We plan to have "GIFT BASKETS" – small to medium sized – for sale as well.

WE WILL NOT HAVE the Books, Records and DVD area – we respectfully suggest that you donate those items to the Pop-Up Library collection or the public library of your choice.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT any large items such as furniture and outside play toys, as well as any electronic equipment... this is the same as in past years. (Cherry Hill Public Works at 1 Perina Blvd., Cherry Hill accepts discarded electronic items and we suggest you take your items there.) ***Since this is a new venture for us this year, we ask for your support and patience as we work out any kinks we may encounter.***

The collection of donated items will begin after June 1st. Drop off may be made during office hours and we ask that donations be placed on the stage **BEHIND THE BROWN CURTAINS** – which allows for other events to continue to be held on the stage and in Wesley Hall up until time for the Bazaar.

IF YOU ARE A VENDOR, please contact Marilyn Ivers for a Vendor Application form and further information on pricing, etc.

Any questions please feel free to call Marilyn Ivers 856-354-0581 or Carol Allen 856-428-3741 (2017 Bazaar and Craft Show chairpersons.)



Vacation Bible School

Where: St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

When: July 24 – July 27

6:00 - 8:00

light dinner,* if needed, at 5:45

*for registered children only

Who: Children 4 years old through finished 5th grade

Pick up registration forms at the welcome desk in the lobby

For more information contact Ellen Barton – bartonep98@comcast.net or SAUMCCH@gmail.com

Mother's Day Envelope

This year, the money we collect in the special Mother's Day envelope (found in your envelope box) will be used to support our **Vacation Bible School budget**. Vacation Bible School has been a big success with attendance doubled from the prior year!

Another exciting program is being planned this year for the week of July 24. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry of St. Andrew's by making a special gift in the Mother's Day envelope or volunteering to help out. For those of you who give online through Vanco, you will be able to participate by selecting the Mother's Day Offering option under the Donations heading.



THIS YEAR'S YOUTH SUMMER MISSION

will be to work with refugees in Lewiston, Maine! Come out and support the youth as they raise money for this year's trip!



Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, May 13, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This year's Menu:

Chicken Marsala; Baked Ziti with sausage and peppers; Roasted Potatoes; String Beans; Salad Garlic Knots; And Dessert



Again, we will be taking a free will offering But...

Don't forget to pick-up a ticket so we know you are coming! (Tickets are available at the welcome desk in the entryway) Come out and hear about what we expect to experience this year and how we hope to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ!



EXERCISE AT ST. ANDREW'S

Friendly and affordable exercise that supports the ministries of St. Andrew's! Classes run through July.

Class Schedule:

Mondays, 5:45 p.m.

Interval Cardio/Strength Training

Mondays, 7 p.m.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Pilates

Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Dance/Kick/Punch – Cardio

Thursday, 6 p.m.

Yoga

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Pilates

Cost is \$10 per class. Try a class for free!! Contact Barbara Hansen at 856-795-795-3428 for more info.



ST. ANDREW'S 9TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

INDIAN SPRING COUNTRY CLUB

FRIDAY, September 29

MOORESTOWN SINGERS FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONCERT

Monday, June 12th

7:30pm

In The Sanctuary

Admission: Free Will Offering