

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

January 1, 2017

10:30am

HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

(Prepare Prayer Request: You may write a prayer concern or joy on the cards found in each pew. Ushers will collect the prayer cards in the center aisle as the children come forward for the Children's Message.)

INTROIT

* **OPENING HYMN NO. 203** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens are bursting forth with God's glory!
God's mighty acts of power and love are sung by God's angels!
From darkness of our night, God has brought us salvation!
We have not been forgotten!
Thanks be to God who, in a little child, has again reminded us of God's love.
God's transforming love beckons us.
Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!
Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

OPENING PRAYER

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 63:7-9 OT page 693

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2 year olds – room 201
10:45am – 3 and 4 year olds–room 202, Kindergarten and 1st grade–room 302, 2nd and 3rd grade–room 304, 4th and 5th grades–room 303, 6th – 12th grades remain in the sanctuary

(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 10:30am COMMUNION SUNDAY
Monday CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 10am Anna Circle – Lounge
Wednesday 10am Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
3pm Cathedral Kitchen
Thursday Noon Keenagers – Wesley Hall
6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 8th

Sunday 11:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Monday 7pm Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday 10am Needlecrafters – Conference Room
Wednesday 9:30am Bible Study – Lounge
10am Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
7pm Staff Parish Relations Committee – Graf Room
Thursday 11:15am Esther Circle – Kaminskis and Graf Room
5pm ROTM – Ramblewood Country Club
6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

In 2017, St. Andrew's is reading the Bible together. If you would like to have a Bible that is laid out with the daily readings, they are available in the lobby for \$20 (it's a good practice to start a project like this with a new Bible, but not required). You are able to take part in this project using your own Bible.

Daily readings will be listed in the bulletin each week. You can join the conversation by attending Bible Study in the lounge on Monday at 7pm or Wednesday at 9:30am beginning January 9th. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Richard.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1ST – 7TH

Sunday – Genesis 1:1-3:24 Thursday – 12:1-14:24
Monday – Genesis 4:1-5:32 Friday – Genesis 15:1-17:27
Tuesday – Genesis 6:1-9:27 Saturday – Genesis 18:1-20:18
Wednesday – Genesis 9:18-11:32



NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our Nursery School began registration for the 2017-18 school year, and as a special gesture to our church families, you may register now.

The School has been voted a winner fifteen times in **The Best Nursery School of South Jersey** contest. SANS began as an outreach of the church in 1966 and continues to provide for children a warm and nurturing environment in which to explore and be creative. St. Andrew's Nursery School & Kindergarten offers six different programs for children ages 18 months through 6 years of age. In addition, we also offer three enrichment programs: The Literacy Lab for 3 year-olds, the Science & Math Academy for 4 year-olds and Kindergarten Enrichment for children enrolled in an outside kindergarten class. Our dedicated and loving teachers ensure that the children enjoy a well-rounded, play based learning environment.

Brochures and registration cards can be found on the table in the Narthex. Details of each program can also be found on the school's website, www.staNurserySchool.com. Please feel free to call the school office (856-429-4470) with any questions.

HAITI MISSION TRIP

St. Andrews will have its first Mission Team leaving for Haiti to visit Wayom Timoun Orphanage on February 17th! The Mission Team will be collecting the packages for sponsored children over the next month. Please have all packages for your assigned children in the Narthex or church office no later than January 28th.

If you don't remember your assigned child's name or need information related to their size, please contact Kristen Rone at [856-625-9852](tel:856-625-9852) or kristenrone@verizon.net. Additionally, if you don't have an assigned child but would like to contribute please consider donating a basketball or soccer ball to be given to the children of Wayom Timoun or children in the community. Thank you for your support.



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Ellen Youssefian and Lauren Aloia, Pianists

SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 254

“We Three Kings”

* RESPONSE

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23 NT page 2

MESSAGE “The Faith-Full Response”

Sometimes, celebration is quickly transformed into tragedy.

During the long holiday celebration commemorating Christ’s birth and the birth of a new year, how many lives will be lost, how many bodies maimed in accidents? How quickly joy can dissolve into sorrow! Matthew wants us to understand that, despite evil intentions, God is able to overcome the best efforts of those who would do us harm.

God is able to protect and deliver all people.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 251** “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Lydia Work

Liturgist: Lois Stawicki

Acolyte: Melissa Blanchard

Ushers: Jerry Jones, Connie DiRocco, Dan Proulx, Ken Saunders

Audio: Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman

 We are glad you are here. Please help us get to know you by filling out the “Welcome Visitor” brochure found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers. Thank you. Welcome to St. Andrew’s.

NURSERY CARE

For those of you with children age 2 and under, we have a nursery in room 201. (Please see one of our ushers for location/ directions.) It is professionally staffed by Jennie Armour, a lovely young woman who has been caring for children for many years. ***In addition, there is a rocking chair available in the back of the sanctuary so you can comfort your child and remain in the worship service.***

IN OUR PRAYERS

Darrell Ernst, 43 Harvard Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043; Ina Jeronimus, 99 East Main Street, Marlton, NJ 08053; Eustace Kangaju, 17 Snyder Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Rose DeGuzman, 1005 Edgemoor Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Donna Shoaf, 712 Grove Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS:

Alfreda Dannhauser

99 East Main Street, #104, Marlton, NJ 08053

We will lift up a shut-in member each week. We hope you will pray for them, give them a call, send a card or drop in and visit them. If you know anyone who could be on our list, please contact the church office.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Andrew’s wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church’s bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Electronic Giving lets you go to www.saumcnj.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and information are available from the church office at saumcch@gmail.com or 856-429-4469.

KEENAGERS ~ CALLING EVERYONE YOUNG AT HEART!

For those of you who don’t know what a “Keenager” is - it’s anyone who is old enough to be an AARP member! Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 5th at 12 noon in Wesley Hall. *For those who received a postcard, please note the corrected date.* Bring a side dish to share, and be ready to enjoy the special entertainment following the meal. To help cover costs, there is a \$5.00 cover charge if you bring a covered dish - \$10.00 if you don’t. Hope to see you there!

NEW AND GENTLY USED BOOKS NEEDED!!

The Gateway South Poverty Task Force is collecting new and gently used books for a “Pop-up Library” that will be on site at food distribution centers and other locations. Donate books of all genres for all ages. This library will make books accessible to folks who may not otherwise have quality literature available and books are free.

Books will be tagged and sorted at the Pine Hill UMC starting at 9am on Monday, January 16th (MLK Day). Feel free to help out!! Look for the donation barrel in the lobby and place your book donations there. Thank you for your support!



“We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone – Ronald Reagan

In short, taking the time, putting forth the effort, spending the money, helps you as well as the other person. One of the “little things that will make a difference” **volunteering at Cathedral Kitchen** any first Wednesday of the month. Email or call Lois Stawicki at [\(856\) 758-3011](tel:8567583011) or staloey@aol.com to find out what is involved. We meet in St. Andrew’s parking lot at 3:00 P. M., and return by 6:00 P. M. Upcoming dates to volunteer: Wednesday, January 4 and Wednesday, February 1.

Another difference . . . **donating Paper Towels and Paper Napkins** during January and February and placing them in the “Cathedral Kitchen Shopping Cart” located in the Narthex.

LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET

Is our clothing program for children in need. In addition to clothing, underwear, socks, diapers and blankets, we also provide a stuffed animal for each child. Our supply is running low. If you have gently used, or can purchase new small (beanie baby size) stuffed animals, we would be very grateful. Please leave your donations in the box in the narthex under the LHLF sign.



A FUTURE WITH HOPE UPDATE



AFWH is one of the last organizations on the ground helping with Superstorm Sandy recovery. There are 4000 people still unable to return to their homes 4 years after the storm. In an October, 2016 letter, commemorating the 4th anniversary of the storm, Governor Chris Christi made the following statement. “The United Methodist Church and A Future With Hope have contributed to the Garden State’s recovery by helping with the construction of 247 homes for elderly, disabled and low income residents. As Governor, I applaud your tireless efforts in making strides in the recovery process for your respective communities and commend those that will continue to rebuild—stronger and better than ever.”

In a recent E-mail, our District Superintendent, Myrna Bethe, thanked St. Andrew’s for our contribution of \$13,456.26. This contribution has been given over the last 4 years. GNJ continues working toward fulfilling its commitment to rebuild more than 300 homes. If you would like to help the Church continue toward reaching this goal, you can make checks payable to St. Andrew’s marked AFWH.



St. Andrew’s offers a variety of exercise classes with the next session starting the week of January 2nd. There is something for everyone: Pilates, Interval Training, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Dance/Kick/Punch. No contracts, low prices, lots of fun and all proceeds benefit the ministries of St. Andrew’s. **A win-win.** For more information, contact Barbara Hansen at [609-706-3552](tel:6097063552) or Barbara.Hansen3428@gmail.com.