

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

January 8, 2017

10:30am

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. 152** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

OPENING PRAYER

In the beginning, You O God created all things, and saw that they were good. At our beginning, You created us unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted, known and treasured by your mercy. In all our new beginnings, create something new O God, so we will seek You in the freshness of the morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in the beauty of this place. Lord God, King of Creation, open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, so that our lives, and our faith may be a constant witness to your grace. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 3:1-8 OT page 2

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 – 8th Grades–room 106, 9th – 12th grades–room 105

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

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 11:45am Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
11:45am Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting-Sanctuary
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
7pm Membership & Evangelism – Conference Room
Thursday 11:15am Esther Circle – Kaminski's and Graf Room
5pm ROTM – Ramblewood Country Club
6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 15th

Sunday 8:30am UMM Breakfast Meeting – Wesley Hall
8:45am Confirmation Class
11:45am Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Monday Church Office Closed – Martin Luther King Holiday
7pm Bible Study – Graf Room
7pm UMW Executive Meeting – Lounge
Tuesday 7pm Finance Committee – Lounge
Wednesday 9:30am Bible Study – Lounge
10am Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
7pm Administrative Board – Sanctuary
Thursday 6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Room 101



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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8th – 14th

Sunday – Genesis 21:1 – 23:20 Thursday – Genesis 31:1 – 36:43

Monday – Genesis 24:1 – 25:18 Friday – Genesis 27:1 – 41:57

Tuesday – Genesis 25:19 – 28:9 Saturday – Genesis 42:1 – 45:28

Wednesday – Genesis 28:10 – 30:43

Do you have a question about something you read this week? Email your questions to the church office (saumcch@gmail.com) or Pastor Richard (richrdwork@msn.com) or text your question to Pastor Richard at 304-692-7175.

Did you know.....

As you begin reading through the Bible, you may wonder why there are contradictions or repetitive stories (i.e. the 2 different Creation accounts). Here is some information that gives you a bit of perspective:

The first of five books of the Bible of the Hebrew Scripture (what we traditionally call the "Old Testament") are known as Pentateuch (from Greek penta – meaning "Five" and teukhos meaning tool or scroll) also known as the Torah (or Law). We believe these books were compiled by four sources:

P = Priestly: this source is mainly concerned with Priestly matters such as ritual law, origins, shrines rituals and genealogy – often expressed in a formal repetitive style.

D = Deuteronomist: This includes material found in Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings and Jeremiah. Deuteronomist has its own specific Theology based on a covenant between the Israelites and YHWH (Yahweh = I Am who I Am = God).

E = Elohist: This source always refers to God as Elohim or El (until the revelation of God's name to Moses, which was YHWH). Elohist has a penchant for the traditions of the Northern Kingdom and favors Israel over Judah. Elohist also speaks negatively of Aaron (i.e. the story of the golden calf).

J = Jahwist: This source often refers to God as YHWH, has a fascination with traditions concerning Judah, focuses on Judahite cities such as Jerusalem and the legitimacy of the Davidic Dynasty.

NETWORK NEWSLETTER

The next NETWORK newsletter will be the February-March edition. Any news or upcoming events should be sent to the church office (saumcch@gmail.com) by January 15th. Thank you!!

SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY "Lo How a Rose" E. R. Blooming
Chancel Choir

* RESPONSE NO. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 6: 1-9 OT page 5

MESSAGE "Always Begin...At the End"
What kind of advice is that?

It may just be the best advise a person could receive.

No one ever won a race without having the finish line in their sight.

And any successful person will readily admit that it is

important to consider what the end of a project will look like.

So whether you are planning a day or a lifetime,
it is a good idea to have the end in sight.

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 383** (vv. 1-4) "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Phil and Martha Claxton

Liturgist: Ken Saunders

Acolyte: Renee Cunningham

Ushers: Michael Doyle, Chris Corcoran, Pat Flynn, Keith Owens

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:

Robert and Elma Jane Magee
The Evergreens, 309 Bridgeboro Road, Apt 1225,
Moorestown, NJ 08057

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Is being offered to children in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Any youth above eighth grade who has not been confirmed is welcome to take part as well. Confirmation in the United Methodist Church is a rite of passage when students make their faith their own and have an opportunity to become members of the church. We will meet twice a month on Sunday morning beginning January 15th at 8:45am. There will be an **informational meeting** and time for questions **TODAY** following the worship service for the students and their parents.

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!

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. Also, please remember to include \$5.00 to offset shipping costs.

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.



NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our Nursery School began registration for the 2017-18 school year. 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.

THANK YOU FROM LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET

for your extremely generous donations to the Giving Tree at Christmastime!!! Because of you, we received:

343 pairs of socks	7 pair of pajamas
460 pair of underwear	1 pair of slippers
6 pair of gloves	1 scarf
2 hats	



Just a little side note – we needed a pair of pajamas in a size we didn't have in the room, so we ran down to the Giving Tree and found exactly what we needed! We are so very grateful! God bless each and every person who contributed to our mission.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER IN FEBRUARY

The Neighborhood Center has been a presence in Camden for 104 years! At any given time, there are babies as young as two months to senior citizens in their eighties utilizing the Center's many programs. Individuals in need of food are provided meals through the Community Kitchen, the Emergency Bagged Food Program, and the Urban Community Farm. *Sages*, the senior adult program provides transportation to and from the Center for a time of Christian Fellowship and enrichment programs. Children have the opportunity to hear the good news of God's love through their Childcare Learning Center, After School Care, Teen Leadership and the summer enrichment program—Kumbaya.

Each of these existing programs is growing, and this growth is a testimony to the continuing needs of the Camden community. Visit their website at www.ncicamden.org or visit the Center on Facebook. Please help the Neighborhood Center with your prayers, time and contributions.

During the month of February, become a Friend of the Neighborhood Center by donating \$5.00 or more to their vital mission. Place your donation into the **PINK envelope** located in a pew pocket, and either put it in the collection plate or hand it to Marcia or Joe Schmid. Thank you for your generosity!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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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:609-706-3552) or Barbara.Hansen3428@gmail.com.