

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

There's nothing better than a warm "hello" when you arrive at church. We are looking for greeters for the new year who would arrive around 10am and greet at the front entrance until the service begins. This is a great way for families, individuals (anyone!) to get to know the congregation. To volunteer, contact Meredith Blanchard at 856-848-6714 or mab1613@yahoo.com. We appreciate your help.



IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE 5 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

Please let them know there is an opportunity for them to participate in the worship service.

Each Sunday, a different child carries the flame into the sanctuary to light the Paschal Candle. If your child would like to be the acolyte on a Sunday morning, please contact Meredith Blanchard at mab1613@yahoo.com or 856-848-6714. Instructions will be given before the service, to each new volunteer. Thank you.



Get your New Year's Resolution started here at St. Andrew's! We offer a variety of exercise classes with classes held throughout the week. There is something for everyone: Pilates, Interval Training, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Dance/Kick/Punch. No contracts, low prices, great instructors, lots of fun and all proceeds benefit the ministries of St. Andrew's. Registration forms are available in the lobby and on our website at saumcnj.org.

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL: TRY ONE CLASS OF YOUR CHOICE FOR FREE!!!

For more information, contact Barbara Hansen at 609-706-3552 or Barbara.Hansen3428@gmail.com.



YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

On Sunday, January 28th, youth are welcome to join in the conversation at 6pm in the lounge. This month, our topic is "No Fear in Love". We always have great fellowship and conversation.

Youth will also begin to make plans for their fundraising dinner on March 10th. For more information, contact Ron Ordonez at RonOrdonez@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY SINGERS

Are you ready to try something new? Be part of the music here at St. Andrew's when the spirit moves you! No commitment necessary. No need to worry about weeknight rehearsals. All you have to do is come a little bit early any 2nd Sunday of the month you'd like to sing! This ever-changing group called Sunday Singers will learn a new song and sing it as an anthem all in one morning. Rehearsal will begin at 9:30am, and by the start of the service, you will be ready to worship God with a brand-new song!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9am – Study Class for Adults – Graf Room
 10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2-year olds – room 201
 10:45am – 3 & 4-year olds-Room 202; Kindergarten - 1st grade-Room 302,
 2nd - 3rd grade-Room 304; 4th - 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	Noon	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7pm	Bible Study – Graf Room
	7pm	UMW Executive Committee – Lounge
Tuesday	7pm	Finance Committee – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Administrative Board – Room 101
Thursday	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 21

Sunday		UMW Installation of Officers
	12:30pm	Dominican Republic Trip Meeting – Room 303
	Noon	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Graf Room
	7pm	Martha Circle – Lounge
	7pm	Education Committee – Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Trustees – Conference Room
Thursday	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary



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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIHANY

10:30am

WORDS OF WELCOME

At Jesus' baptism, God declared his love for him. In the desert, God's angels gave Jesus strength. May our time together remind us of God's love and provision during our celebrations and trials. God bless you as we worship.

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

HYMN NO. 519

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; It is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.

This is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose.

We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope.

We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying on grace.

Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

Forgive us, receive us, and reshape us in our image. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49:5-7

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Logan Jacob Hess

HYMN

“God Claims You”



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. Place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers. Welcome to St. Andrew’s.



We have a special place for our little ones. Children age 2 and under are invited to explore our nursery in room 301! (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 Thoughts and Prayers

Kay Coyle, 3 Thornhill Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Connie Visconti, 1919 Olney Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Vince Anderer, 130 Whistler Green Court, Marlton, NJ 08053; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Dorothy Lauer, 19 Snapdragon Lane, Marlton, NJ 08053; Susan Kruse, 1022 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Kathryn Phillips, 460 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108.

We also lift up a shut-in member each week.

Glenda Sabin

Getz Personal Care Home, #118, 1026 Scenic Drive, Kunkletown, PA 18058
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.

ATTENTION ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEMBERS!!

Our next Administrative Board meeting is this Wednesday, January 17 at 7pm in Room 101. We look forward to seeing you there. Please send your report to Connie DiRocco at conniedirosso@verizon.net. Thank you.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

This is the last Sunday that 2018 offering envelopes will be available in the lobby. After today, they will be available in the church office. If there is not a box marked with your name and you would like a box of envelopes prepared for you, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.



St. Andrew’s volunteers at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden on the first Wednesday of the month. Email or call Lois Stawicki at (856) 758-3011 or staloey@aol.com to find out about volunteering.

Next date to volunteer is Wednesday, February 7th from 3pm to 6pm. Carpool available!

During the month of January, we will collect juice boxes, which can be placed "Cathedral Kitchen Shopping Cart" located in the lobby. Thank you for your support!!

REPORT FROM LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET

On behalf of the LITTLE HANDS~LITTLE FEET Team, we would like to thank everyone very much for your extreme generosity for choosing our Giving Tree Ornaments to purchase clothing for the children in need at Christmas time. It was much appreciated! Here are the totals:

Baby Wipes(packs) 4	Blanket Sleepers 2
Diapers (boxes) 17	Scarves 4
Stuffed Animals 12	Gloves/prs. 9
Hats 6	Slacks 1
PJ’s 8	Socks/prs. 267
Tights 1	Undershirts 4
Underwear 437	

In the month of December, we provided clothing for 85 children. We provided clothing for a total of 982 children in 2017!! We are so grateful for such a supportive church as St. Andrew’s that believes in our mission.

Volunteers are welcome to help sort clothing and fill orders on Wednesday mornings at 10am in Room 307 (above the gym). We thank you for your continued support for children in need.

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Later this month, St Andrew's will send volunteers to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Can you help out?? We will join with Christ the King Catholic Church in supplying volunteers - each church will supply 6 volunteers for each session:

Tuesday 1/30 (5:15pm-7:30pm)

Thursday 2/1 (10am-1:00pm)

Tuesday 2/6 (5:15pm-7:30 pm)

Thursday 2/8 (10am-1:00pm)

Volunteers are needed to help shoppers as they shop for food in the pantry’s “grocery store” setting and assist in any other tasks that are needed.

If you haven’t experienced the Cherry Hill Food Pantry yet, we encourage you to do so! If you have, we would appreciate your support once again. There are morning and evening opportunities available. For more information, please contact Ken Ferguson at [856-261-4976](tel:856-261-4976) or kenneth.brian.ferguson@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE – IHOC MALL WALK



On Sunday, February 25th, the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council will hold it’s 12th annual Mall Walk at the Echelon Towne Center in Voorhees. The Walk begins at 1pm. IHOC has ambitiously set a goal to raise \$30,000 and with everyone’s support, they can do it! Corporate and individual sponsors are needed (forms available in our church lobby).

This is a fun afternoon for kids and adults alike that helps to fund programs for the homeless in our area. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Ordonez at RonOrdonez@hotmail.com.

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.

SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY “Waterlife” Handt Hanson
Sunday Singers

*** 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**

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-9, 29-34 NT page 91-92
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Guardians of the Galaxy – Bearers of the Light” Rev. Work

*** HYMN NO. 206** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

- Greeter:** Lee Manns
- Acolyte:** Reid Kolbe
- Liturgist:** Maria Ocasio
- Ushers:** Michael Doyle, Chris Corcoran, Pat Flynn, Keith Owens, and Louis Nazir
- Audio:** Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman