

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Daily readings are listed in the bulletin each week. You can join the conversation by attending Bible Study in the lounge on Monday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:30am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5th – FEBRUARY 11th

Sunday – Numbers 11:1 to 14:45 Thursday – Numbers 26:1 to 31:54
Monday – Numbers 15:1 to 18:32 Friday – Numbers 32:1 to 36:13
Tuesday – Numbers 19:1 to 21:35 Saturday – Deuteronomy 1:1 to 4:49
Wednesday – Numbers 22:1 to 25:18

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.

CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

Today, we will collect **coffee, pancake mix and pancake syrup**. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary or by in the table in the narthex. Food donations are always necessary throughout the year. To serve needy families with a cart of food monthly, St. Andrew's is focusing on specific items each month that the pantry needs.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NURSERY SCHOOL

As many of you know, each year the Courier Post holds its "**BEST OF SOUTH JERSEY**" contest. For the last 16 years, St. Andrew's Nursery School & Kindergarten has been a winner! Once again, we have decided to enter this competition because we truly do believe that we are the best nursery school in South Jersey. If you agree, you can show your support by voting - not once, but twice! You can vote by newspaper ballot and online.

To vote online, go to www.CourierPostOnline.com, click on **VOTE NOW: Best of South Jersey 2017**, click **Best Everything Else**, scroll down and click **Child Nursery School**, click the red **VOTE** box next to St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten

Ballots are available in the Church lobby. Please note that the Category and Number are **D 14**. ALL of the Voter Information must be filled in, including your signature, otherwise the ballot will be disqualified. Completed ballots may be placed in the red box in the lobby or mailed directly to the Courier Post.

Let's let everyone know that St. Andrew's United Methodist Church sponsors the Best Nursery School in South Jersey! Thank you for your continued support.

The deadline for voting is Friday, February 10th by 5pm.

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	COMMUNION AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle - Lounge
	7pm	Missions – Graf Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Membership & Evangelism – Graf Room
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle – Tutti Toscani and Graf Room
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Saturday	2pm	Hilltop House Valentine Party – Wesley Hall

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12th

Sunday	8:45am	Confirmation Class – Room 303
	9:30am	Sunday Singers – Room 101
	11:45am	Sweetheart Brunch – Wesley Hall
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	3pm	Concert Series: Afternoon of Italian Music
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Needlecrafters – Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101



REMINDER: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

Please take note of the new email address for the church office

saumcch@gmail.com

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Ellen Youssefian and Lauren Aloia, Pianists

Megan Falcone, Director, St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

February 5, 2017

10:30am

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to worship!
May your time in the Lord be rich and blessed.

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. 413**

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, You loved the world into life.

Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom of justice, peace and an end to poverty.

Incarnate God, you taught us to speak out for what is right.

Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where despair shall be no more.

Breath of God, let there be abundant life.

Inspire us with the vision of coming together, and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, dare we pray: Lord, let the world be changed,

For we long to see the end of poverty and suffering;

Dare we pray: Lord, let the rules be changed,

For we long to see your justice to the poor and outcast;

Dare we pray: Lord let our lives be changed,

For we long to bring hope where the Good News is needed.

In the strength of your spirit, may we live a faith that inspires transformation, and inspired by your compassion, wait confidently for the day when you make all things new – so that those that weep will rejoice. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 23:9-14

OT page 110

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.

SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY "Come Let Us Eat" arr by John Carter
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 Leviticus 23:1-8 OT page 109

MESSAGE "Happy Holidays"

If you get your religion from the Bible, you'll celebrate *a lot*. Today's society doesn't seem to know that, and that is perhaps our fault. But our biblical heritage is full of wonderful events. After all, the very word *holiday* is nothing other than a condensing of *holy day*.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (prayed together)

God of amazing grace, in the cold of the winter months we are grateful for your presence, warming us. We pray this presence will strengthen us to follow in the way of Jesus, in our daily lives. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 246** "Joy to the World"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Lee Manns

Acolyte: Katie Clark

Liturgist: Karen Bianco

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

Audio: Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman

HOLY COMMUNION

May it be well with you.

And also with you.

Life is a gift and we its celebration.

May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.

We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world.

For that mystery we name God...

For the teacher we name Jesus...

For the renewing strength and freedom of the Spirit...

God of winter, the unpopular, criticized season,

God of cold, wind and storm,

God of brisk winter mornings,

frosted back lawns and stark hillsides;

of warm socks, coats and gloves,

we open ourselves to all the possibilities life offers us.

So we join our celebration to all people, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, re-creating God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

We remember the time when Jesus faced difficult decisions and destructive forces:

- in the days and nights of his searching,

- in finding ways to free others from images and ideas

that kept them captive and dependent and fearful of God,

- in breaking down social and religious barriers,

- in facing failure,

- in facing death.

When we too experience the winter of our lives may we find the courage to let go and trust in your guiding, warming light.

And as we eat together at this table

we remember the importance and the words and the actions

of all meals in the tradition of Jesus...

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends.

He filled a cup, offered thanks for it, and gave it also to his friends.

Response

Everyone is welcome to be here.

In this way, we lift up a world of inclusion, where all people live with respect and dignity.

Everyone present will receive a share.

In this way, we lift up a world of generosity, where, as in the examples of Jesus, abundance overcomes scarcity so all are fed.

Everyone is invited now to take a portion, and to see others also receive.

In this way, we lift up a world of sufficiency, where entrenched systems of privilege are challenged, wealth is shared equally, and all are satisfied with enough.

So in the memory of Jesus we break and share bread and drink the fruit of the vine, pledging ourselves to allow the spirit that moved in Jesus to move freely in our lives.

SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS:

Kathryn Phillips

9 Marigold Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Diann Wilson, 1909 West Point Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Bill Young, 1405 Farrell Avenue, Lot 245, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Sandy Daniels, 103 Ramblewood Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057; Kay Coyle, 3 Thornhill Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Susan Kruse, 1022 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Donna Shoaf, 712 Grove Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033; Eustace Kangaju, 17 Snyder Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Rose DeGuzman, 1005 Edgemoor Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

An Italian Afternoon

Sunday, February 12, 3pm

Join us for a recital featuring our very own pianist Ellen Youssefian and her son Alex, one of our violinists from Christmas Eve, for a medley of your favorite Italian songs mixed with classical standards! Close your eyes and listen or sing along to melodies such as *O Solo Mio*, *Funicoli Funicola*, and *Santa Lucia*. Also, enjoy the *Vitale Ciaconna* and Kreisler's *Preludium* and *Allegro* in the style of Pugnani. Please join this mother-son duo for a beautiful afternoon of music and a reception of Italian treats! A free will offering will be taken to support Friends of Music and other events like this.

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! A choice of sheet music or word sheets will be available to each singer so you don't have to worry about your music reading ability. Sunday Singers will meet and sing on the 2nd Sunday starting on February 12th. Contact Katharine Baer with any questions. See you then!



WINTER 2017 EXERCISE PROGRAM ~ FREE OFFER

You are cordially invited to come out to try one of our exercise classes at **NO CHARGE** in February. Here are the classes:

Mondays 5:45pm Cardio/Strength

Thursday 6:00pm Yoga

Mondays 7:00pm Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Thursday 7:00pm Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Tuesday 9:30am Pilates

Friday 9:30am Pilates

Tuesday 6:00pm Dance/Kick/Punch

Tai Chi Classes cost \$10 per class. All others cost \$8 per class. For more information, contact Barbara Hansen at Barbara.Hansen3428@gmail.com or 609-706-3552. Take advantage of this great offer!



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. 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.**