

## READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

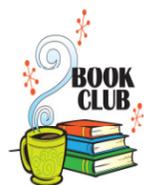
In 2017, St. Andrew's is reading the Bible together. Daily readings are listed in the bulletin each week. You can join the conversation by attending Bible Study in the lounge on Monday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:30am.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday–1 Samuel 4:1 to 7:17  
 Monday– 1 Samuel 8:1 to 12:25  
 Tuesday– 1 Samuel 13:1 to 15:35  
 Wednesday– 1 Samuel 16:1 to 17:58  
 Thursday– 1 Samuel 18:1 to 20:42  
 Friday–1 Samuel 21:1 to 24:22  
 Saturday–1 Samuel 25:1 to 28:25

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

## ALL ARE WELCOMED TO ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB



We meet every third Tuesday at 7:30pm at the home of Pauline Kohl, 162 Kirkbride Road, Voorhees. The book we are reading for our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hanna. The April 18<sup>th</sup> book is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. For more information, contact Pauline at 856-772-2712.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### "April Showers" For Collingswood Manor

Auxiliaries of the United Methodist Church are planning an "April Showers" collection for the residents of Collingswood Manor. If you have items you would like to donate, a box will be in the narthex from February 26 to March 19. All items will go to Collingswood Manor residents.

#### Suggested items are:

Dish Cloths	Pens and Pencils	Note Paper
Aftershave	Tea Towels	Needle/Thread
Comb/Brush	Dish Soap	Paper Napkins
Sponges	Kleenex	Large Bar Soap
Shower Cap	Laundry Soap	Shampoo
Paper Towels	Poly-Grip	Hand Lotion
Handy Wipes	Q-Tips	Puzzle Books
Baby Powder	Scotch Tape	Toothpaste
Safety Pins	Deodorant	Cotton Balls
Emery Boards	Wash Cloths	Denture
Ziplock Sandwich Bags	Socks (no knee high Stockings)	Toothpaste



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade–room 302, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade–room 304, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades–room 303, 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades–stay in the worship service

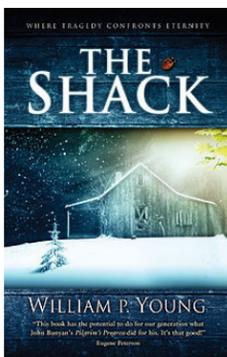
(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

### ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday		COMMUNION AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle - Lounge
Wednesday	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle – Restaurant and Graf Room
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

### ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday	8:30am	Confirmation Class – Room 303
	9:30am	Sunday Singers – Sanctuary
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	Noon	Tech Brunch with UMYF – Wesley Hall
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Needlecrafters – Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Membership & Evangelism – Graf Room
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101



### Special Lent Activity "The Shack" Time and theater to be determined.

We will meet at a local movie theater to view the movie "The Shack" based on the book by William P. Young. The Movie viewing will be followed by a discussion of our impressions of the film and how this film might impact society. Look for more details for this event in future bulletins and on St. Andrew's Online.



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# St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

March 5, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30am

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Please know that each of you is welcome to this worship service. Your attendance here gladdens us. Let joy abound!

### 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. 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here to remember God's glorious deeds –  
**recorded for all time by people  
 whose lives were touched by divine grace.**

As people of hope, they affirmed the great works of God,  
 and the importance of keeping the commandments of God.

**We are heirs of their faithfulness  
 in witnessing to the greatness of God's wondrous acts.**

Let our witness be as convincing,  
**so that generations to come**

**will continue to honor God's holy name.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**We worship you, O God, as the one in whom we have placed our hope. We share the desire of your people of old to tell of the blessings you have effected in our lives. When we think about the greatest blessing of all – the gift of Jesus Christ – we joyfully acknowledge that our hope in you is not misplaced. We choose to serve you because you chose to touch our lives so graciously in Christ. May our faithful witness and the service of our lives reveal the depth of our love and gratitude as we worship you, O God, and as we praise and adore you in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### FOCUS OF LENT: Our Brokenness

"I'm too busy....tired...."

"I have too much on my plate...."

"I've already done my part – it's somebody else's turn"

Today, we recognize our excuses and the brokenness they bring. They separate us from God and each other. They separate us from the life that God intends for us to live – a life of compassion and mercy. During this season of Lent, may we find the strength to break our cycle of excuses that cast a shadow of darkness on God's life-giving Light.

## RESPONSE

Gracious God, forgive us, we don't know what we are doing. Please, be patient with us. Bring a focus to our lives – a focus on those things which bring grace and commitment into our lives and our world. Inspire in us a perspective of discipleship and the walk of the faithful. Heal the brokenness of our world, our lives, and our hearts. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Samuel 1:1-11 OT page 244

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** "Ave Verum Corpus" W. A. Mozart  
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** Ruth 4:13-22 OT page 244

**MESSAGE** "There is More to the Story, Far More"

There is usually more to a story or circumstance than meets the eye. That is almost always universally true. But when we are talking about the stories of faith, we must realize that the "more to the story" is God – always present and working behind the scenes.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

\* **CLOSING HYMN** (see insert) "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**Greeter:** Abby and Chloe Bordner

**Acolyte:** Kaitlyn Bianco

**Liturgist:** Joe Schmid

**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.

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.***

## SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS:

Eleanor Bean

510 Society Hill Blvd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

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; Sandy Daniels, 103 Ramblewood Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057; Susan Kruse, 1022 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Eustace Kangaju, 17 Snyder Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Rose DeGuzman, 1005 Edgemoor Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Maryann Edgerton, 107 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

## THANK YOU

From Rose DeGuzman for all the prayers, cards, calls, flowers and visits she received during her illness. She is thankful to God for her St. Andrew's family.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER WINTER GALA



Join the Neighborhood Center for their 104<sup>th</sup> Winter Gala on March 11, 2017 at the Camden County Boathouse. The Gala is the primary source of funds for their Teen Programs. It features live entertainment, a meet and greet with the Center's youth and music by the Stan Maltz Big Band. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to

[www.NEIGHBORHOODRISING.COR/GALA/GALA-TICKETS](http://www.NEIGHBORHOODRISING.COR/GALA/GALA-TICKETS).

## LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Little Hands Little Feet We could use some help!! If you can help out, meet us in Room 307 (above the gym) Wednesday mornings at 10am-noon Any time you can spare will be appreciated. For more information, contact Ruth Birchmeier at [ruthb14@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthb14@hotmail.com) or 857-261-7301.



## IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Little Hands Little Feet provided clothing for 45 children. (97 year to date). Thank you for your support.

## TECH BRUNCH - BRIDGING THE GAP

On Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 12 noon in Wesley Hall, the St. Andrew's Youth Group will be hosting a Q&A class on Smartphone usage. All are invited. A light lunch will be provided. The Youth will be available to answer and advise on the many questions you may have on *how to's* and *where to's* and maybe even *why to's* for your cell phone. Have you wanted to know how to change the font size on your screen or put an entry in your calendar or even to enter a new friend in your contact list? Did you know you could take a picture with your phone? And then take that picture and send it to a friend. Well, our youth will be happy to show you how. Please join us for this very informative event. You can pose the top 5 questions about your Smartphone by filling out a request form (on the information desk in the lobby) to help the Youth prepare for the event. Any questions about this event, please contact Amy McCausland at [amyjoy123@verizon.net](mailto:amyjoy123@verizon.net) or 856-985-2554. Hope to see you there!



## VISITATION EVENT ON MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>

Positive Connections (formerly known as Visitation Ministry) will be hosting a Visitation Event to our Shut-In Members on March 19<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver a special care package to approximately 22 Members. If you would like to participate in this wonderful event, please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

The Members we will be visiting are: Marilyn & Harry Schellack; Darrell Ernst; Jean Strack; Maria Barber; Merk Raffensberger; Joanna Burris; Martha and Tom Seaney; Alfreda Dannhauser; Ina Jeronimus; Kathryn Phillips; Fran MacDonald; Buzz Wilkinson; Eleanor Bean; Doris Soden; Carol and Jim Miller, Susan Kruse and Marge Houston. Any questions, please feel free to talk to Mary Layton 856-489-6648 or [maryangela7@msn.com](mailto:maryangela7@msn.com) or Amy McCausland at 856-985-2554 or [amyjoy123@verizon.net](mailto:amyjoy123@verizon.net).

## NEW MEMBERS

We are offering the opportunity for you to join our family of faith. Any adult who is interested in becoming a member can connect with Pastor Richard. You will be asked to attend one class prior to becoming a new member. And new members will be received during a Sunday morning worship service. (Dates will be announced in the bulletin and on St. Andrew's OnLine) Please contact Meredith or Colleen in the office at 429-4469 to let us know that you would like to join. Child care can be provided. Mention that you will need child care when you RSVP. Thank you.



## FOOD PANTRY REQUEST



Today, we will be accepting donations for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. This time, they are requesting pancake mix and syrup. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary or by the table in the lobby.

# Invitation



Dear friends, on this first Sunday in Lent we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

**He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!**

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

**With him, we will walk the path to life.**

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

**With hearts full of joy, we come, giving thanks to God, our maker, and offering our praise!**

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner. You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love. We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy...**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Remembering and Giving Thanks*

Now, O God, we remember Jesus.

He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried.

**He relied on you for everything.**

He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.

**He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.**

He was betrayed and deserted.

He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.

**You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend.**

He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

**Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you,

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given

let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine

let it become for us the cup of salvation. Bless us also who eat and drink,

that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by

these gifts to be willing servants of your world

until Your Kingdom comes, and every creature beholds it. **Amen.**

*Breaking Bread and Sharing Bread and Cup...*

*This morning we are celebrating Communion by*

*Intinction. You will be invited to take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it in the cup and then eat the bread.*

*You are invited to kneel and pray at the altar if you wish.*

*Prayer After Communion*

Let us give thanks!

**Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion —**

**oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. Amen.**

**WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO SING YOUR PRAISE**