

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 12th – MARCH 18th

Sunday–1 Samuel 29:1 to 31:13
Monday– 2 Samuel 1:1 to 4:12
Tuesday– 2 Samuel 5:1 to 7:29
Wednesday– 2 Samuel 8:1 to 10:19
Thursday– 2 Samuel 11:1 to 14:39
Friday– 2 Samuel 15:1 to 19:43
Saturday– 2 Samuel 20:1 to 24:25

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.

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.

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 would like to donate, a box will be in the lobby 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	Socks (no knee high Stockings)	Toothpaste
Bags		



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

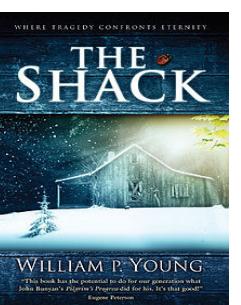
10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2 year olds – room 201
10:45am – 3 and 4 year olds–room 202, Kindergarten and 1st grade–room 302, 2nd and 3rd grade–room 304, 4th and 5th grades–room 303, 6th – 8th Grades–stay in the worship service, 9th – 12th grades–room 105
(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	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 and Evangelism – Graf Room
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 19th

Sunday	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	Noon	Positive Connections Event
	6pm	UMYF – Lounge and Gym
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	7pm	Finance – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Trustees – Conference Room
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Saturday	8:30am	Church Work Day



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

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

10:30am

March 12, 2017

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship as we are wrapped in the embrace of our loving Creator!

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. 400

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,
Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.
Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,
Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.
Strength is turning a cheek,
Strength is loving an enemy.
We come to worship
a God who redefines our vision of strength.

OPENING PRAYER

You speak in unexpected places, and with unexpected voices, Ever-loving God. And we aren't always sure how to listen. We aren't always sure who to listen to. We aren't always sure if we're really hearing you. Be blunt with us, please. Be clear. Give us the challenge of loving you, of loving the other, of loving ourselves. And help us to be prepared to live out that love. Because you are God who loves us all, even when we don't know where to turn. In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen!

FOCUS OF LENT: Our Brokenness

Last week, we looked at how our excuses lead to brokenness.

"It's not my problem."

"Why should I repent?"

"I tell you....I don't know the man."

Today, we recognize our inclinations toward denial and the brokenness it brings. How can none of the world's problems – not be our problem? How can we continue to look the other way, cross to the other side of the road, and wait for someone else to come along and clean up our mess? If it is our habit to so easily deny, how can we be sure that we will not deny Jesus?

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION (breaking of the plate representing the brokenness of denial.)

RESPONSE (prayed together)

Holy Redeemer, we hear the resounding cry of the rooster. We need to find the courage and conviction of our faith. Help us to discover the strength you have promised.... the strength we need to live a life of faithful discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our world, our lives, and our hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 10:17-24 OT page 253

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC "My God is so Big" The Joyful Noises

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 Fill Our Waiting Hearts" (Song Over the Waters)

By Marty Haugen
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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 20:27-34 OT page 265

MESSAGE "Be Careful What You Wish For...."

One of the saddest stories in all the Bible, is the story of Saul.

Saul's story is a true tragedy, a life that contained so much promise, yet ends in a great and unnecessary defeat. This is the story of a side-tracked life that veered from God's path of righteousness.

* CLOSING HYMN (see insert) "God of Great and God of Small"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Bill and Laura Mandia and Dylan, Shane and Will
Acolyte: Justin Malec
Liturgist: Barbara Hansen
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. 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:

Lorraine Rogers

288 Sunflower Court, Marco, Island, FL 34145

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

Susan Kruse, 1022 Chelten 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 Chelten Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

THANK YOU

to all who became a friend of the Neighborhood Center. We received donations totaling \$1,006! Your generosity will be used to enhance the Center's many programs that serve the Camden community. To make additional gifts to the Center, go to their website: www.neighborhoodrising.org or Facebook page or mail your donation to Neighborhood Center, Inc., 278 Kaighns Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103.

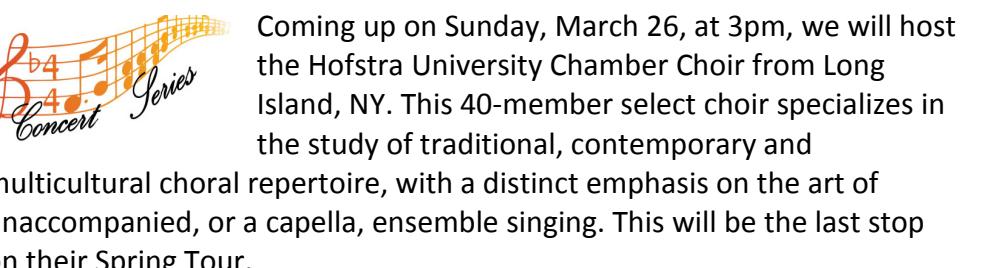
TECH BRUNCH - BRIDGING THE GAP

TODAY 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. Hope to see you there!



FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

Coming up on Sunday, March 26, at 3pm, we will host the Hofstra University Chamber Choir from Long Island, NY. This 40-member select choir specializes in the study of traditional, contemporary and multicultural choral repertoire, with a distinct emphasis on the art of unaccompanied, or a capella, ensemble singing. This will be the last stop on their Spring Tour.



IHOC PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S

Starting Sunday March 26th, through Sunday April 9th, St. Andrew's will be hosting the IHOC program, providing the men overnight shelter, meals and fellowship for the first week. We will kick start their week with a potluck dinner on the evening they arrive. Sign-up sheets for dinner and social hosts for the week of March 27th through April 1st will be in the lobby. Any help you can provide will be appreciated.

Trinity Presbyterian will be helping out and hosting the men at our church for the second week. If you have any questions, please ask or call Ron Ordonez 856-524- 9177. God has done an amazing work through this program, impacting and changing the lives of countless homeless men for 26 years and we get to be a part of it! I'm excited to see what God will do through us this year. Thanks for your support!!

VISITATION EVENT ON MARCH 19TH

Positive Connections (formerly known as Visitation Ministry) will be hosting a Visitation Event to our Shut-In Members on March 19th after the worship service. We need 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 or Amy McCausland at 856-985-2554 or amyjoy123@verizon.net.

CARRY-ON LUGGAGE NEEDED

Students from Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden, have raised the necessary funds to go on a special trip to Paris. Not many people thought it could be done, but they did it! Now they are looking for gently used carry-on luggage to carry their belongings. If you have any carry-ons you can donate, please call Pauline Kohl 856-772-2712 to arrange pick-up/ delivery. Thank you.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Hey Folks, we have a lot of work to do in and around the church building. We have a couple electrical tasks, a bunch of secure stuff to the wall tasks, a bunch of sanding and painting tasks and several others. Everyone is invited to bring their skills to help get all this work done. We are starting at 8:30am Saturday March 25th, but you can come and go as your schedule allows. The United Methodist Men said we need to have sustenance at that early hour so there will be Munchkins and coffee.

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 21st meeting is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hanna. The April 18th book is "A Man Call Ove" by Fredrik Backman. For more information, contact Pauline at 856-772-2712.

