

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 19th – MARCH 25th

Sunday–1 Kings 1:1 to 4:34

Monday– 1 Kings 5:1 to 8:66

Tuesday– 1 Kings 9:1 to 11:43

Wednesday– 1 Kings 12:1 to 16:34

Thursday– 1 Kings 17:1 to 19:21

Friday– 1 Kings 20:1 to 22:53

Saturday– 2 Kings 1:1 to 8:15

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. TODAY is the final day for donations. All items will go to Collingswood Manor residents.

Suggested items are:

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| 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 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

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| Sunday | 11:45am | Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101 |
| | Noon | Positive Connections Event |
| | 6pm | UMYF – Lounge and Gym |
| Monday | 7pm | Bible Study – Lounge |
| | 7pm | UMW Executive Committee – Graf Room |
| 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 | 9am | Church Work Day |

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 26th

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| Sunday | | Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection |
| | 8:45am | Confirmation Class – Room 303 |
| | 11:45am | Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101 |
| | 1pm | IHOC Guests arrive |
| | 3pm | Concert Series – Hofstra Chamber Choir |
| Monday | 7pm | Bible Study - Lounge |
| Tuesday | 10am | Needlecrafters – Conference Room |
| | 7pm | Martha Circle - Lounge |
| 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 |



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

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

March 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30am

WORDS OF WELCOME

"I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing," said God to Abram (Genesis 12:2). May each of us gathered this morning be blessed so we may go out and bless others. Welcome.

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. 179

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, sing and dance before the Lord

Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Let every soul sing god's praises!

Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God,

In praise and adoration, our spirits dance before you today.

You have created this wondrous universe

and all the magnificent things within it.

You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives,

even to this day of praise and thanksgiving.

Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love.

We celebrate your love and presence with us,

and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

that we offer this prayer. Amen.

FOCUS OF LENT: Our Brokenness

Last week, we looked at how our denial leads to brokenness

"You are lazy."

"You are ugly."

"You're wrong.... I'm right."

Today, we recognize how quickly we judge and the brokenness it brings. We judge anyone.....anything.....that is different than us. We have developed an attitude of superiority and judgement. We are the only ones who know what's right, fair and acceptable. Yet, Jesus reminds us that in our judgement, we open the door to be judged. We seem to care little about this.

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

RESPONSE (prayed together)

Merciful Comforter, help us to see the hurt that results from our quick, judgmental attitude. We can be so much like the Pharisees of Jesus' day. With a vision of the cross approaching soon, we seek to adjust our attitudes and refocus our energy to share the power of your liberating love. Heal the brokenness of our world, our lives, and our hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 11:1-15 OT page 284

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

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 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a OT page 285

MESSAGE "Strolling Into Temptation"

The biblical writers were suspect with regard to public relations. They revealed most dirty secrets, foibles, and skeletons concerning major Bible characters. We read of Adam the liar, Jacob the cheat, Moses the murderer, and the mentally impaired Saul. Then we find David—brave shepherd boy, Israel's greatest king, God's favorite—caught in a steamy affair with the wife of Uriah. Proof of the Bible's genuineness is that the dirty linen was rarely washed; the writers of the Bible rarely censored the truth. We should be thankful. If we did not know the mistakes of the ancient Bible heroes, we would more likely repeat their errors.

* **CLOSING HYMN** (see insert) "You Are Mine"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Valerie, Emily and Evie Jorgensen

Acolyte: Reid Kolbe

Liturgist: Joyce Worthington

Ushers: Dave Layton, Peter Barton, Cesar DeGuzman, Chuck Edgerton, Kent Fegley, Lois Stawicki

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:

Joe Johnson

24 S Burgee Drive, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

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

Kathryn Phillips, Medford Leas Rehab, 1 Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055; Susan Kruse, 1022 Chelton 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 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

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.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES



Coming up on Sunday, March 26, 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. St. Andrew's is the last stop on their Spring 2017 Tour.

POSITIVE CONNECTIONS EVENT TODAY

Positive Connections (formerly the Visitation Ministry) is hosting their Visitation Event this afternoon after church service. All volunteers can meet in the lobby to collect your care package and Member address. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered for this wonderful event.



PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Next Sunday, March 26th, we will be receiving an offering for the pastor's discretionary fund. This money is used for people in need, both within the church family and the community. The need is great and funds are low. If you would like to help, an offering plate will be at the back of the sanctuary to accept your donations. Thank you.

IHOC PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S



Starting Sunday March 26th, through Sunday April 9th, St. Andrew's will be hosting the IHOC program here at St. Andrew's. For the first week, March 26th through April 1st, we will provide the men overnight shelter, meals and fellowship. Let us know how you can help out by signing up (in the lobby) for dinner, social hosts and other needs. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. Our good friends at Trinity Presbyterian will be helping out and providing meals and hosts for 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.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Hey Folks, we have some work to do in and around the church building. We have a couple electrical tasks, several 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 on 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.

RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH



On Wednesday, April 12th, California Pizza Kitchen at the Cherry Hill Mall will donate a portion of your purchase to St. Andrew's. Stop in anytime – lunch or dinner – and present the coupon that can be found in our lobby, on our website at saumcnj.org or through St. Andrew's Online. This is a great way to enjoy good food and support St. Andrew's!!

EXERCISE PROGRAM

The Spring Exercise Session starts on Monday, March 20th, and runs through Friday, May 26th. This program has been running for the past 10 years and has generated approximately \$40,000 for the ministries of St. Andrew's - and has also provided an affordable place to get much needed exercise in a friendly environment. If you have never tried one of our classes, please accept an invitation to try a class for FREE. We offer Interval Training, Yoga, Tai Chi, Dance/Kick/Punch, and Pilates.



For more information, you can click on a class schedule on the SAOL, pick up a hard copy on the front desk, or call Barbara Hansen at 609-706-3552.