

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday – No Assigned Reading\*

Monday – 2 Kings 8:16 to 10:36

Tuesday – 2 Kings 11:1 to 13:25

Wednesday – 2 Kings 14:1 to 17:41

Thursday – 2 Kings 18:1 to 21:26

Friday – 2 Kings 22:1 to 25:30

Saturday – 1 Chronicles 1:1 to 9:44

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.

\*We have gotten one day ahead of the schedule of readings, so to get back on track, we will skip the regular readings today. Up-dated copies of the schedule are on the information desk in the lobby.

## PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Today, 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.

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT TODAY: HOFSTRA CHAMBER CHOIR

Join us this afternoon at 3pm for the next Friends of Music concert featuring music for a cappella choir & choir and marimba, with Dominick DiOrio's mighty "A Dome of Many-Coloured Glass!" These young musicians are deeply committed to communicating poetry through awe-inspiring music of all kinds including traditional, contemporary and multicultural choral repertoire. Katharine Baer and husband, Tim Segado both attended Hofstra for music and have sung for many years with the group's director, Dr. David Fryling. Come experience the beauty that has inspired both of their careers in music! You don't want to miss this!

## IHOC PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S

"IHOC" – our homeless hospitality ministry – will be here this afternoon! We have open slots for dinner hosts, so please check the signup sheets in the lobby and see what days you can help. Also, breakfast food (bagels, bread, cereal, juice, etc.) and lunch meats and cheese are needed. Thanks again for all your help. God bless!

## CHERRY HILL FOOD PANTRY

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. We will collect **coffee, tea and laundry detergent on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## 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> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades–stay in the worship service, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades–room 105  
(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

### ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday		Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	11:45am	SPRC Committee – Graf Room
	1pm	IHOC Guests arrive
	3pm	Concert Series – Hofstra Chamber Choir
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
	7pm	Poverty Task Force – Graf Room
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

### ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday		FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
	8:30am	UM Men's Breakfast – Wesley Hall
	9am	Elizabeth Circle – Conference Room
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle – Lounge
	7pm	Missions – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	Noon	Keenagers – Wesley Hall
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

Please note – To observe a Lenten Fast we will not be partaking in our practice of celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Please plan to join us for our Maundy Thursday service (7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017) to break this fast.



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# St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

March 26, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30am

## 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

"Joyful Praise"

Bell Choir

## \* OPENING HYMN NO. 703

"Swing Low Sweet Chariot"

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, there is no other god who can compare to you, in heaven or on the earth.

**Even the highest heavens cannot contain you!**

And yet, you walk among us.

**We have experienced your presence in our midst, and have felt your guiding hand.**

You have faithfully kept your covenant with us,

**and shown unflinching love to all who trust in you.**

And so, we come before you with confidence.

**Give us a desire to do your will in all things,**

**So that the world may come to know that you alone are God.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Creator God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting that you will prepare the way. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## FOCUS OF LENT: Our Brokenness

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

"There is no room for failure."

"Win at all costs."

"Second place is just the first loser."

"Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

Today, we recognize our overly competitive spirit and how it contributes to our brokenness. We need to be the first, the best, we want to win. We tend to forget Jesus' words about who would be first and who would be last. It's hard for us to see a level playing field where everyone finds success and contentment. Life should not be about the trophies we collect – but how we share what we have – and who we are – with the world around us.

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

**RESPONSE** (prayed together)

**Mighty God, you alone are God and there are none above you. We gather in worship to find our place in your purpose. Help us to understand the power of humbleness and the privilege of sharing your love. We come before you seeking to know who we are in the light of your love. Heal the brokenness of our world, our lives, and our hearts. Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Kings 3:5-9 OT page 306

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** "Oh, How I Love Jesus"  
Bell Choir

**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** "God So Loved the World" by Libby Larson  
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** 1 Kings 19:11-16 OT page 326

**MESSAGE** "Saving the Day"

History is filled with stories full of people who "Save the day." Sometimes they are considered heroes, sometimes they are hardly noticed. As we go deeper in our study of the Bible, we often discover that many of those people who arrive in the nick of time are special messengers of God.

In Israel's history, these special people are often called prophet's – they arrive in the nick of time, to help bring the people back to a right relationship with God. When was the last time you encountered a prophet?

**\* CLOSING HYMN** (see insert) "Lord of All Hopefulness"

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE**

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

**Serving our church this morning...**

**Greeters:** Ron Ordonez and Kevin Layton

**Acolyte:** Melissa Blanchard

**Liturgist:** Michael Kangaju

**Ushers:** Barbara Hansen, Karen Bianco, Leo and Amy Breslin, Tim Griffis

**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:**

**Marilyn and Harry Schellack**  
2150 Route 38 Apt 358, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

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 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; 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.

**RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH**



On Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://saumcnj.org) or through St. Andrew's Online. This is a great way to enjoy good food and support St. Andrew's!!

**KEENAGERS**

Will meet at noon in Wesley Hall on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Baked Ziti will be served. And the program will be a musical performance by Kevin Pierce. Please bring a covered dish to share. Cost is \$5 with a covered dish or \$10 without one.



## Holy Week 2017 At St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

Holy Week begins with this service – complete with palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"



**Holy Thursday**  
**April 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

*Bread of Life - Service of Reflection and Holy Communion*

This service explores many of the Biblical references to bread and how our understanding of bread can give shape to our faith as well as our vision of Christ in the world.



**Good Friday**  
**April 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

*The Darkest Night – a service of Brokenness and Reproach.*

This service will begin in the Narthex and make its way into the sanctuary where we will examine how our own brokenness contributes to the need for a Savior.



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 16, 2017**  
**Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m.**

Gather on the Church lawn (along Route 70) to be among the first to worship the risen Savior!

**Early Worship – 8:30 a.m.**

Special music by the Choir accompanied by members of our church family will help us shout the wonderful truth, "Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed!"

**Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.**

Come early to get a seat as our faith community comes together to celebrate the most holy of days – the day that Christ was risen from the grave. There will be joyous music, the word proclaimed, and the celebration of the promise of life everlasting!

Bring a friend and invite your neighbors to be a part of all of these special services.