

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 April 2-8

Sunday – 1 Chronicles 10:1 to 12:40
Monday – 1 Chronicles 13:1 to 16:43
Tuesday – 1 Chronicles 17:1 to 22:1
Wednesday – 1 Chronicles 22:2 to 27:34
Thursday – 1 Chronicles 28:1 to 29:30
Friday – 2 Chronicles 1:1 to 5:1
Saturday – 2 Chronicles 5:2 to 9:31

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

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 Today**. Please leave your donations in the baskets in front of the altar or beside the information table in the lobby.

EASTER BASKET PROJECT: TAKE-A-BASKET, FILL-A-BASKET

Today, you can help the Missions Committee of St. Andrew's provide filled Easter Baskets to children under the care of DCP&P (Division of Child Protection and Permanency). Here's how you can help:



- Pick up an empty Easter Baskets in the lobby today
- Fill the basket with items that you feel the child will enjoy
- Wrap the basket in cellophane and mark it by age group:
Birth – 2yrs, 3 – 5 yrs, 6 – 10 yrs, 11 yrs and up
- Return the filled, wrapped basket on Sunday April 9th

This is a great mission project for individuals and for families. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Gismonde at 609-828-4893. Thank you for your support!!

CATHEDRAL KITCHEN

During the month of April, we'll be collecting Zip Lock Sandwich Bags. Please place your donation in the "Cathedral Kitchen Shopping Cart" located in the Narthex.

St. Andrew's sends 6 volunteers on the first Wednesday of each month. If you're interested in volunteering, please email or call Lois Stawicki at staloey@aol.com or (856) 768-3011 for more information. The next dates to volunteer are April 5 and May 4. Volunteers meet at St. Andrew's parking lot at 3:00pm, carpool together and return around 5:30pm.

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

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| Sunday | | FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION |
| | | Please note – To observe a Lenten Fast, we will not be partaking in our practice of celebrating Holy Communion today. Please plan to join us for our Maundy Thursday service (7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017) to break this fast. |
| | 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 |
| | 3pm | Cathedral Kitchen |
| Thursday | Noon | Keenagers – Wesley Hall |
| | 6pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary |
| | 7pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101 |

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 9th

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| Sunday | | PALM SUNDAY |
| | 8:45am | Confirmation Class – Room 303 |
| | 9:30am | Sunday Singers – Sanctuary |
| | 11:45am | Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101 |
| Monday | 7pm | Bible Study – Lounge |
| Tuesday | 10am | Needlecrafters – Conference Room |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Bible Study – Lounge |
| | 10am | Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307 |
| | All Day | Restaurant of the Month/California Pizza Kitchen |
| | 7pm | SPRC Meeting – Graf Room |
| Thursday | 7pm | Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary |
| Friday | 7pm | Good Friday Service – Sanctuary |



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

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

April 2, 2017

FIFTH 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

"The Beauty of the Night" by Laura Farnell
Rising Voices

* OPENING HYMN (see insert)

"Wade in the Water"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

a little girl
an army commander
a religious zealot
**for one brief moment
difference suspended
doubt superseded**
ordinary water
simple ritual
extraordinary presence
**May we have the courage of the child
to reach out to even the powerful.**
May we have the wisdom of Namaan
to ask for help when we are lost.
**May we have the faithfulness of Elisha
to love outside the lines.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Beckoning God,
as you moved in the lives of Elijah and Elisha,
move in our lives,
inviting us to journey to unknown territory,
to listen for your voice,
and to speak your prophetic word
in a world that does not want to hear.
Empowered by your Spirit,
grant us the courage we need
to journey, trust, listen, speak,
and accept your commission
to be your faithful servant people. Amen.**

FOCUS OF LENT: Our Brokenness

Last week, we looked at how our judgement leads to competitiveness
"Haves vs. have nots"
"Black vs. white"
"Republican vs. Democrat"
"You vs. me"

Today we recognize the unbearable unrest in our world. Power, jealousy, and fear guide our actions. We are unable to see what others have to offer. Refusing to compromise is tearing apart the fabric of our society. And perhaps worst of all...we are allowing unrest to separate us from the call of Jesus, to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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

RESPONSE (prayed together)

O God, our Rock and Refuge, hold us close in these times of uncertainty. We have seen the destruction of our divided lives. Bind us together once again. Help us to claim the strength of lives united for the purpose of your Kingdom. Heal the brokenness of our world, our lives, and our hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 24:1-7 OT page 358

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 "When Jesus Wept" by Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir with Ellen Barton, Flute

*** 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 Kings 5:1-14 OT page 336

MESSAGE "Go, Wash in the Jordan"

That was hardly what Naaman expected to hear.

His sense of propriety was offended.

He was to dip in dirty old Jordan, a river in his enemy's land?!

What an insult! Why there were at least two rivers in Syria that were cleaner than the Jordan, and they were on home ground at that.

Why couldn't he wash in one of those?

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 605** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeters: Bill and Joyce Crane

Acolyte: Maddie Winslow

Liturgist: Barbara Gmunder

Ushers: Connie DiRocco, Dan Proulx, Ken Saunders,
Rob Thompson

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:

Darrell Ernst

43 Harvard Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043

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 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 www.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 6th. 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.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF
OUR CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION ON APRIL 23rd ~ 10:30AM**

**Come be a Part of the Crazy and Exciting Search to Discover and
Piece Together God's Universal Plan**

*A long time ago before all things began
As I understand it – God had a plan.
But how can we find it – Just where should we look?
The Search is On*



****Parents – you can honor the children in your life and help support the Camden Forward School Scholarship by purchasing a balloon for \$5.00. Contact the church office 856-429-4469 for more information – orders must be placed by Sunday, April 16, 2017.**

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 gathering (likely to be held on Sunday before or after the Worship Service) prior to becoming a new member. And new members will be received during a Sunday morning worship service. (Dates will be announced) 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.

WANTED: COOKIES!

Our UMW Campus Ministry team will be packing and mailing cookies to the college students and military service members of our congregation. Please bake a batch of cookies that will withstand the rigors of the postal service. Bring them to church (Graf Room) on Sunday, April 23. They will be packed after church in the Graf Room.



Your contribution of cookies, \$\$ (for supplies and postage), and/or time is greatly appreciated to support our young men and women who are studying for exams or serving their country in the military. If you know of a deserving young person in college or a member of the armed forces, please contact Joyce Worthington at 856-796-9829. Sign-up in the lobby or at your April UMW circle meeting. For more information call Marcia Schmid at 489-1756.

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](tel:609-706-3552).