

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 9-15

Sunday – 2 Chronicles 10:1 to 13:22
Monday – 2 Chronicles 14:1 to 16:14
Tuesday – 2 Chronicles 17:1 to 20:37
Wednesday – 2 Chronicles 21:1 to 24:27
Thursday – 2 Chronicles 25:1 to 28:27
Friday – 2 Chronicles 29:1 to 32:33
Saturday – 2 Chronicles 33:1 to 36:23

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.

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

Thank you to everyone who filled an Easter basket for a child under the care of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency.



PARTNER DAY AT URBAN PROMISE

Please consider joining us for a great morning of sharing with some very eager and talented kids (and adults). The schedule for the day is below. You won't regret it. Contact Ester Falcone efalcone121@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. No email, call the church office with your questions.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Classroom Visit 9:30-10:45am

Presentation: 10:45-11:30

Lunch: 11:30-12:15 (bring your own lunch)

SUNDAY SINGERS



Add Your Voice

Did you enjoy the music of our Sunday Singers? You can join them and be part of the music here at St. Andrew's when the spirit moves you! No commitment necessary. No need to worry about

weeknight rehearsals. All you have to do is come a little bit early any 2nd Sunday of the month you'd like to sing! This ever-changing group called Sunday Singers will learn a new song and sing it as an anthem all in one morning. Rehearsal will begin at 9:30am, and by the start of the service, you will be ready to worship God with a brand-new song!



THANK YOU FROM WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

.....to the St. Andrew's members who donated the carry-on bags to the high school students who are traveling to Paris. We collected 9 bags and they were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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		PALM SUNDAY
	8:45am	Confirmation Class – Room 303
	9:30am	Sunday Singers – Sanctuary
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	1pm	IHOC Visitors move to their next location
Tuesday	10am	Needlecrafters – Conference Room
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Wednesday	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	All Day	Restaurant of the Month/California Pizza Kitchen
	7pm	SPRC Meeting – Graf Room
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle – Restaurant and Graf Room
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary
Friday	Noon	Church Office Closes
	7pm	Good Friday Service – Sanctuary
Saturday		MAY/JUNE NETWORK ARTICLES DUE

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 16th

		EASTER SUNDAY
Monday		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	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

April 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY
SIXTH 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

* **OPENING HYMN NO. 278**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is coming!

From the mountainside, from the seaside,

from the homes of the rich

and the company of the poor,

from the bedside of those who are sick,

Jesus is coming!

Along dusty roads,

with a ragged band of travelers,

Jesus comes to Jerusalem,

Jesus comes to worship.

Will we greet him with Hosannas?

OPENING PRAYER

We have come to meet you today, Jesus.

We don't know quite what to expect.

We think we know what we need,

how you can meet our needs.

But we come humbly, laying our coats before you.

It's your call.

Reveal to us who you are,

how you can be a Savior in our lives,

a Savior in our world today.

Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

FOCUS OF LENT: Our Brokenness

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

"I didn't do that."

"It wasn't me."

"Father forgive them...they don't know what they are doing."

Today we recognize our tendencies toward denial. 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 tendency to so easily deny...Will it also be easy for us to deny Jesus?

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

RESPONSE (prayed together)

Gracious Lord, our Way, our Truth, our Life, break our hardened hearts in the shadow of your glory. We will never understand the reality of your love if our hearts continue to be filled with even the slightest bit of hate and denial. Cleanse us, O God, heart, mind, and soul...make what is broken in us...whole again. Heal the brokenness of our world, our lives, and our hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11 NT page 23
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 "Lift Up Your Heads" by Victor Johnson
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 Chronicles 16:1-10 OT page 375

MESSAGE "The Importance of Who, Where and Why"

As we continue to read our way through the Bible, many have confessed that this is not a particularly favorite part of the story.

Many have even wondered why some of these stories have been included and why anyone needs to bother to read these stories today.

Yes, it may be tedious but there are some very important truths to be discovered.

* **CLOSING HYMN** (see insert) "Lord, Is It I?"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeters: Confirmation Class

Acolyte: Morgan Cook

Liturgist: Anne Thompson

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. Place 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:

Glenda Sabin

Getz Personal Care Home, Room 118,
1026 Scenic Drive, Kunkletown, PA 18058

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; 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.



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!!

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 at 5:30pm.



**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. Forms are available at the information desk or through the church office. Orders must be placed by Sunday, April 16, 2017.



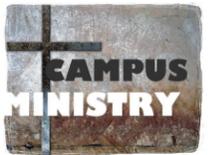
**FINAL FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT OF THE SEASON
APRIL 30th**

Alana Youssefian, Baroque violinist, will be giving a recital on April 30 at 3pm for our final Friends of Music Concert until the fall! Baroque cellist Matt

Zuker and Adam Cockerham, theorbo player, will join her in performing works by Handel, Landolfi, Mealli, Biber and more. Alana currently studies at The Juilliard School, where is pursuing a master's degree in historical performance, has performed internationally as a concertmaster and soloist, and has appeared in concerts and festivals around the world, including in Boston, Philadelphia, Moritzburg, Lucerne, Venice, and at Carnegie Hall.

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



Free Exercise Class

The Spring Exercise Session 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. 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 at the front desk, or call Barbara Hansen at [609-706-3552](tel:609-706-3552).