

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 23 – 29

Sunday – Esther 1:1-4:17

Monday – Esther 5:1-10:3

Tuesday – Job 1:1-5:27

Wednesday – Job 6:1-14:22

Thursday – Job 15:1-21:34

Friday – Job 22:1-31:40

Saturday – Job 32:1-37:24

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.

CATHEDRAL KITCHEN

During May, donations of JUICE Boxes (that are always needed) can be placed in the "Cathedral Kitchen Shopping Cart" located in the lobby.

St. Andrew's always receives a thank you note or letter from Cathedral Kitchen for our donations. The most recent one thanked us for our donation of over 2700 heavy duty plastic forks collected in March!

If you are interested in volunteering at Cathedral Kitchen, please email or call Lois Stawicki at staloey@aol.com or 856-768-3011. Next date to volunteer is Wednesday, May 3.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

Sunday, May 7th, we will be accepting donations for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. This time, they are requesting Pancake Mix/Syrup and Toiletries (Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, etc.) Donations can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary or by the table in the lobby.

IHOC THANK YOU

It's been another fun and successful year of our 2-week Homeless Outreach program here at SAUMC. The guys had fun and are going to miss it here; we're going to miss them, too!! Our hearts and prayers go out to them as they continue on their journey to recovery and success.

Thanks to Pastor Richard Work for all his support, Tom Martin for being a great mentor, Sonya Jacobs and the entire Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council for their passion for offering homeless men a second chance at life. Thanks to the dinner hosts, overnight hosts, the counselors and life coaches that mentored the guys, the Youth Council, parents and kids, our office staff and too many more people to list!!!

Special thanks to our friends at Trinity Presbyterian for their amazing support; to Marlton Assembly of God for the bible study, Dave Treen for the music and bible study and Oaklyn Baptist for the games!! God always does incredible things through this amazing group of people!! Thank you all for your help and support. To God be the glory!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2 year olds – room 201

(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

10:30am – 3 year old to 12th grades – remain in the worship service.

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

		CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION
Sunday		
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	11:45am	Cookie Packing – Graf Room
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
	7pm	Trustees – Graf Room
Thursday	9:30am	Urban Promise Partner Day
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF APRIL 30th

Sunday	8:45am	Confirmation Class – Room 303
	10:30am	UM Women's Mission Recognition
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	3pm	Concert Series – Sanctuary
	6pm	UMYF Meeting – Lounge
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle – Lounge
	7pm	Finance Committee – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	3pm	Cathedral Kitchen
	7pm	Administrative Board – Room 101
Thursday	Noon	Keenagers – Wesley Hall
	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 23, 2017

Second Sunday in Easter

10:30am

Celebration of Children

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.)

* **HYMN** (see insert)

"A Mother Lined a Basket"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Generous God, we thank you for the gift

of children to raise, lives to share, minds to mold, bodies to nurture and spirits to enrich.

Let us never betray

our children's trust, dampen their hope, or discourage their dreams.

Help us, O God, to help each precious child

to become all you created them to be!

Let your grace and love fall on them

like gentle breezes and give them inner strength and peace and patience for the journey ahead!

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Most Gracious God, we thank you for the children you have given us.

By your grace give us the special love and patience to meet their daily needs. Help us to share our faith with love and understanding, so that this gift of life will bring us closer to you, today and every day. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:10-14 OT page 731

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

* **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

Luke 15:11-24

NT page 78

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Search is On”



*** HYMN NO. 583**

“You Are The Seed”

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeters: Peggy and Evan Wry

Acolyte: Shane Mandia

Liturgist: Sonia 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. 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:

Jean Strack

47 Churchill Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

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.

COOKIE PACKING!

Our UMW Campus Ministry team will be packing and mailing cookies to the college students and military service members of our congregation after the worship service today.



Thank you for your contributions of cookies, \$\$ (for supplies and postage), and/or time to support our young men and women who are studying for exams or serving their country in the military.

CONCERT Series



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 she 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.

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)**

GATEWAY SOUTH UNITED METHODIST’S WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Chews United Methodist Church: 319 Black Horse Pike, Glendora, NJ from 9am to noon. The theme this year is “Resurrection Women.” There will be a continental breakfast, special music and drama and a time of reflection and sharing. Come and bring a friend!

HELLO YOUTH & PARENTS



Please join us on Sunday, April 30th from 6-8pm in the Lounge as we welcome guest speaker, Mark LaPlante, retired NY State Trooper. Mark will speak about what it’s like to be a State Trooper and will share his experiences, including the joys and challenges he experienced while serving with the State Police since the age of 19.

In addition, Officer LaPlante will discuss the damaging effects of drug and alcohol abuse in the communities in which he served. He will provide advice and insight to both youth and parents on the best ways to handle a situation where drugs and alcohol are involved for the safest outcome. Officer LaPlante will also discuss how to respect authority and what to do if you’re ever pulled over or in a situation where the police are involved. We hope you’ll join us for what will be a very informative and eye-opening evening with this very special guest.

THIS YEAR’S YOUTH SUMMER MISSION will be to work with refugees in Lewiston, Maine!



Come out and support the youth as they raise money for this year’s trip! Saturday, May 13, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This year’s Menu:

- Chicken Marsala
- Baked Ziti with sausage and peppers
- Roasted Potatoes
- String Beans
- Salad

experience **MISSION** live your mission

- Garlic Knots
- And Dessert



Again, we will be taking a free will offering But...

Don’t forget to pick-up a ticket so we know you are coming! (Tickets are available at the welcome desk in the entryway) Come out and hear about what we expect to experience this year and how we hope to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ!

YOU’RE INVITED!
Please join St. Andrew’s Nursery School & Kindergarten for an evening of beautiful art and fun
Art Show & Open House
Wednesday, April 26th 6:30 – 8:00 pm