

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 30 – May 6

Sunday – Job 38:1-42:17

Monday – Psalms 1:1-4:8

Tuesday – Psalms 5:1-8:9

Wednesday – Psalms 9:1-12:8

Thursday – Psalms 13:1-16:11

Friday – Psalms 17:1-20:9

Saturday – Psalms 25:1-28:9

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.



St. Andrew's United Methodist Women's Annual May Salad Supper and Mission Event Monday, May 15, 2017

Salad Supper, 6-7pm and Program begins at 7pm
Pastor Richard and Mary Layton will speak about the mission trips to

Haiti and the Dominican Republic

The Annual May Salad Supper/Mission Event is open to the entire congregation. Please join us!!

If you plan to attend the Salad Supper, please bring a salad that serves 6.

To hear Pastor Richard and Mary Layton speak, we will see you at 7 pm.

Hostesses: Elizabeth & Martha Circles

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	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

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF May 7th

Sunday	8:45am	Confirmation Class – Room 303
	9am	Elizabeth Circle – Conference Room
	10:30am	Communion and Food Pantry Collection
	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
	7pm	SPRC – Graf Room
	7pm	Education Committee – Conference Room
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle –Michaelangelo's and Graf Room
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Saturday	5pm	UMYF Mission Trip Dinner – Wesley Hall



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

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday in Easter

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.)

* HYMN NO. 496

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord harkens to our call, listening to our pleas and hearing our prayers!

We will praise God who gives rest to our souls!

In the courts of the house of the LORD, in the presence of all God's people, we acknowledge our faith.

We will call on the Lord as long as we live!

We are your servant, O God; you have loosed our bonds!

We will offer sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving!

How shall we repay the Lord for all we have been given?

We will lift up our hearts and call on the name of the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given to us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:8-14

OT page 447

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

UMW SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

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

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Charles Wood, arr.

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 Nehemiah 1:5-11 NT page 78

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Fabric of Life"

Nehemiah led his people in their effort to rebuild the walls of the city of Jerusalem after years of desolation and exile. Obviously, this was not an easy task, but Nehemiah never relied on his own powers, but in all circumstances he constantly leaned on the power of God.


*** HYMN NO. 451** "Be Thou My Vision"

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...
Greeter: Anne Thompson
Acolyte: Madeleine Griffis
Liturgist: Marilyn Ivers
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:

Maria Barber


124 Carolina Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

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

Martha Shanely, 3234 Hailey Drive, Marlton, NJ 08053; 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; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

FINAL FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT OF THE SEASON TODAY!!

CONCERT Series
 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.



Vacation Bible School

Where: St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
When: Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27
6:00 - 8:00

light dinner, if needed, starts at 5:45
for registered children only

Who: Children 4 years old through finished 5th grade

Pick up registration forms at the welcome desk in the lobby
For more information contact Ellen Barton – bartonep98@comcast.net
or SAUMCCH@gmail.com

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPE

This year, the money we collect in the special Mother's Day envelope (found in your envelope box) will be used to support our Vacation Bible School budget. Vacation Bible School has been a big success with attendance doubled from the prior year! Another exciting program is being planned this year for the week of July 24. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry of St. Andrew's by making a special gift in the Mother's Day envelope or volunteering to help out. For those of you who give online through Vanco, you will be able to participate by selecting the Mother's Day Offering option under the Donations heading.



HELLO YOUTH & PARENTS



Please join us TONIGHT 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
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!

