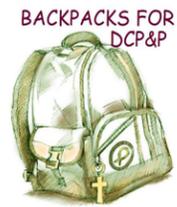


Next Sunday, we will be receiving an offering for the pastor's discretionary fund. This money is used for people in need, both within the church family and the community. If you would like to help, an offering plate will be at the back of the sanctuary to accept your donations. Thank you.

### BACKPACK COLLECTION



St. Andrew's will collect backpacks for children under the care of DCP&P until September 4<sup>th</sup>. The (empty) backpacks can be placed in the barrel in the narthex. It was requested that we collect only backpacks and not school supplies. Thank you for your support.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICE PROJECT



A big "thank you" to our summer Sunday School children who packaged 50 snack bags with a granola bar and a juice box. These will be given out to guests at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden as a healthy snack to-go. Nice work kids!!

### PAVER OPPORTUNITY



Would you like to honor a family member with a paver at the entrance of the church? With our ongoing construction project, you have the opportunity to do so. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Hansen at 856-795-3428 or [barbara.hansen3428@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hansen3428@gmail.com).

### IT'S ALMOST SEPTEMBER AND WE'RE GEARING UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have begun recruiting staff to teach, assist teachers, and collect attendance and Sunday school offerings.

We are pleased to say that a number of Sunday school staff will be returning, but we still need your help!

We have openings in every grade so you can take your pick of classes/ages to teach. This year we will have one class for our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, and another for senior high students. Want to be in on this new opportunity, or to be a positive influence on our youth, just contact Sandy Ferguson, [sandykern24@gmail.com](mailto:sandykern24@gmail.com) or 856-428-6694, or call the church office, 856-429-4469. Thank you!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2 year olds – room 201  
 10:45am – Classes for 3 year olds to 1<sup>st</sup> grade in room 304;  
 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades in room 303, 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades remain in service  
 (Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday		Back Pack Collection continues
	11:45am	Missions Food Pantry Committee – Lounge
Monday	5:30pm	Golf Committee – Graf Room
Tuesday	10am	Needlecrafters – Conference Room
Wednesday	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Trustees – Conference Room
	7pm	Education Committee – Graf Room

### ACTIVITIES WEEK OF August 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday		Discretionary Fund Offering
Wednesday	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307



### SAVE THE DATE SPREAD THE WORD

### ST. ANDREW'S GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 30, 2016

### RON JAWORSKI'S RAMBLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

# St. Andrew's united Methodist Church

August 21, 2016

10:30am

### Words of Welcome

Welcome to this time set aside for worship and Christian fellowship. We need this break from the busyness of the world – even in summer. Pause and relax in the arms of Jesus.

### 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

\* HYMN No 103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God sends light to us this day and invites us to meet one another in this light. **Light breaks forth like the dawn, drawing us into relationship with one another.** Humble yourselves for the worship of God, that you may be empowered to serve. **God calls us to trust with steady hearts and to serve with righteous compassion.** Seek not for lofty words of wisdom, but for powerful demonstrations of God's way. **God makes us to be the salt of the earth and lights to show God's works to the world.**

### OPENING PRAYER (prayed responsively)

In the dark of night God calls to us; beckoning us on, seeking us out, calling us to peace, to quietness, to wholeness.

**The world is dark around us, filled with coldness, terror and restlessness.**

It is a darkness of our creation: greed, hatred, envy: brokenness.

**Take us and heal us of every evil.**

**Bring us back into the comfort and closeness of your embrace, O God,** Your cleansing love, O God, Purifies our darkness restoring it to us: warm, comforting, restful: complete.

**In the dark of our night we hear God call,**



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Katharine Baer, Director of Music

Ellen Barton, Bell Choir Director

Irina Nenartovich, Organist

**offering love and strength and forgiveness.**

With God the darkness brings comfort not fear, love not hatred, righteousness not punishment.

Walk in the darkness of your life as in the light, for both the dark and the light belong to God, as do you.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 130:1-7 OT pg 573

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 "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling" Ronald A. Nelson arr. Madeline Yankel

\* 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 15:1-7 NT pg 78

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Reality of the Darkside"

Two weeks ago, we explored Darth Vader's seduction to the Darkside – fueled by his personal quest for power and control.

Today we will delve deeper into the Darkside attempting to discover what power – if any – the Darkside has on our own lives.

\* HYMN No. 569 "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"

\* BENECTION

\* POSTLUDE

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

Serving our church this morning...

- Greeter:** Ron Ordonez
- Organist:** Sandy Daniels
- Acolyte:** Chloe Bordner
- Liturgist:** Jerry Jones
- Ushers:** Dave Layton, Greg Bristow, Cesar DeGuzman, Chuck Edgerton, Kent Fegley, Lois Stawicki
- 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" card found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. If you have any

questions, please ask one of our ushers. Thank you. 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.***



IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Crane, 4 Taranto Lane, West Berlin, NJ 08091; Carl Walter, 287 Uxbridge Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Grace Beck-Zelaney, 139 Five Crown Royal Circle, Marlton, NJ 08053; Carol Miller, 170 Greentree Road Apt. 2239, Marlton, NJ 08053; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.



SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS

Grace Beck-Zelaney

139 Five Crown Royal Circle, Marlton, NJ 08053

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.

ST. ANDREW'S EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHY TO

The Work family, on the death, August 13<sup>th</sup> of Pastor Richard's mother Alice Work.

DEAR FRIENDS,

I would like to thank everyone in our church family for all the support and prayers that you have given to Evelyn and me over the past 6 ½ years. Evelyn's strong faith, strength and long life has come from all of you and the grace of God. Thank you and God bless you,

Domenic Giancaterino

Did you know ...

that the building next door was once St. Andrew's second parsonage? It was purchased in 1958 and the Cheney's moved in. It was the same year that ground was broken for the Education Wing.

*~The historian*

2016 FAVORITE HYMN COUNTDOWN



Everyone loves to sing their favorite hymn and here's the chance to vote for yours! We will be balloting for the "Top Ten" favorite hymns of St. Andrew's. Each Sunday, a ballot will be included in the bulletin for you to cast your vote. A "leader board" will be posted each week so you can encourage others to help your favorites come out on top (one vote per person - per Sunday). On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will reveal and sing the top ten in an old fashioned Hymn Sing service. Which hymns are your favorites? Vote today!

ST. ANDREW'S NURSERY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Is looking for volunteers to help move furniture off the floors in the 6 classrooms. Volunteers can meet in Room 202 right after services **TODAY**. We will also need volunteers to help move the furniture back on 8/28!

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN THIS SUMMER??



Then mini golf is just the thing!! From now through September 30<sup>th</sup>, Pleasant Valley Miniature Golf Club (93 Route 73 South in Voorhees) is offering a round of golf for \$5 per player and a *free* water ice when you finish. Simply present the "FUNraiser" card that is available here in the narthex. St. Andrew's will receive a \$1.00 donation for each player's round of golf. Please ask the Pleasant Valley employee to write the number of players in your group on the card. You can golf anytime – day or evening. This is a great way for anyone and everyone to have fun while supporting St. Andrew's. Pick up your card today.