

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

God calls us all to grow in knowledge and wisdom; to go and tell what we have seen, heard and learned. Our children are blessed by those who were willing to prepare and teach Sunday School.

As our teachers prepared these sessions, they have been blessed by their lively encounter with God's Word. We are thankful for the time they dedicate to preparation, the grace and compassion they show to our children and mostly, we are grateful for the ways in which they exhibit God's love. They have been blessed, and they will be a great blessing.

Let us pray together:

We thank you, God, for these teachers, for good curriculum, for creativity, and patience in the learning process. Over the years, our teachers have helped us all learn to know you and learn about you. Bless our teachers, we pray, infuse them, and us all, with an eagerness to dwell in you and your Word, to seek and find you in the faces of our children, most of all, we pray that this Sunday School year will fill them with joy! In Jesus' name, Amen.

CHILDREN AND TEACHERS MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

9-11 PRAYER

Almighty God, Lord of all compassion, events in recent weeks remind us that we continue to live in a broken and deeply divided world. We cannot comprehend what drives people to acts of terror and destruction, and to a willingness to kill and maim innocent people in the name of religion.

As Jesus commanded, we pray for our enemies and those who wish us ill; we pray for an end to hatred and needless violence; we pray for children left orphaned, and bereaved parents; we pray for those who live with physical and mental scars of terrorism.

And we also pray for those who work to relieve the suffering. Pour your Spirit on us to enable us and all your people to work for justice and true peacemaking, In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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 "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Mark Hayes, arr.

* 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 Matthew 12:46-50 NT page 13

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Coming Home" Rev. Bob Williams

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 348** "Softly and Tenderly"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Domenic Giancaterino
Acolyte: Collin Kolbe
Liturgist: Andrew Smith
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" 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.***



Did you know ... do you know the location of St. Andrew's Sacristy and it's Purpose? It's the small room located behind the altar. The primary purpose is for storing the SACRED elements for communion, the paraments and other things needed for Sunday services. ***The historian***

IN OUR PRAYERS

Carann Feazell, 204 Harvest Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Yvonne Moore, 118 Harvest Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; 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

Fran Mac Donald

224 N. Brookfield Drive, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Are given by Domenic Giancaterino in celebration of the lives of Evelyn Giancaterino and David Edgerly.

A MESSAGE FROM GRACE BECK-ZALANEY

I appreciate and am grateful for all of the cards and email messages that I have received these past months. They, along with all of the prayers from my St. Andrew's Church family, are a great comfort to me. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM KRISTI CHENEY PAULSON

Along with my sisters Ruth and Lynn, I would like to thank the congregation of St. Andrew's for the beautiful cards, telephone calls, emails, and warm words of condolences at the passing of our father, The Rev. Edward B. Cheney. Please join us for a celebration of his life at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 8th Street & Central Avenue Ocean City, NJ 08226 on Sunday, September 18th Visitation: 1:30 - 2:00 PM. Service: 2:00 PM. Thank you for your kindness.



Pastor's Bible Study

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK! After our summer break, our weekly Bible Study is gearing back up. Tomorrow at 7pm and Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30am we will pick up where we left off in the gospel of John, Chapter 12. Wouldn't this be a great time for you to dig deeper in the Word of God?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The entire congregation is cordially invited to attend the

St. Andrew's United Methodist Women's Annual September Salad Luncheon/Mission Event

Monday, September 19th, 2016 in Wesley Hall Luncheon - 12 noon ~ Speaker, Pastor Richard - 1 pm - 2 pm

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

If you plan to hear Pastor Richard speak, we will see you at 1 pm.