

BISHOP'S DAY: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

The Southern Region Bishop's Day for Laity will be held on September 21 at Sicklerville UMC at 7:00 p.m. All laity are invited to attend and hear the Bishop's thoughts on the direction the Conference is looking to take in the coming year.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

will rehearse today immediately following the service. We will meet with the children downstairs in the choir room! All children are invited to participate. If you have questions or need more information, contact Katharine Baer at katharinebaer@gmail.com.

ST. ANDREW'S NURSERY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

On September 12th, our nursery school began its 51st year as a mission outreach of our Church. Currently we have 215 children enrolled in twenty classes. We wish to recognize the staff, and ask God to bless them as they reach out to these young children. They are: Andrea Bourne, Yvette Chin, Karen Clark, Connie DiRocco, Diane Doto, Megan Falcone, Cindy Faraghan, Suzanne Huff, Jean Krafcik, Colleen Krebs, Nicole Matteo, Ann Meloche, Maryann Minardi, Karen Ottino, Nicole Reigel, Nancy Ryan, Betsy Saunders, Elaine Schimpf, Karen Schwarz and Deb Telschow.

During the school year, please take extra precaution when you are arriving for or departing from functions at the Church during the school hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FROM LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET

Time for school means cooler weather and the need for new jackets for growing children. If you are purchasing new jackets, kindly think about donating the used ones, in good condition, to Little Hands Little Feet – we use light weight jackets in the fall months and, of course, the heavier coats during the winter months. AND/OR even think about buying a new coat to donate for a cold/needy child. As always, we are very grateful for your donations in support of this ministry.



A NEW, EXCITING MISSION OPPORTUNITY

We have been supporting the Wayom Timoun "Kingdom of Kids" Orphanage in Haiti for several years now. What would it be like to go to Haiti and work with the children of the orphanage and surrounding community in person? Well now you can! St. Andrew's is planning a mission trip to the Wayom Timoun Orphanage in February (February 16-20th to be exact - President's Day Weekend - you will only miss two days of work!) We will be working directly with the children of the orphanage and the surrounding community of Jerusalem. The cost of the trip should be under \$1000 including airfare. If you would like more information about the mission or the trip, please contact Kristen Rone at kristenrone@verizon.net. This is a great opportunity to reach out in the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.



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 - 3rd grade–room 304, 4th-5th grades–room 303, 6th-8th grades – room 106, 9th-12th grades room 105. (Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	Noon	Children's Choir – Room 101
Monday	Noon	UMW Salad Luncheon – Wesley Hall
	1pm	UMW Mission Program – Wesley Hall
	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
	7pm	Golf Committee – Graf Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	10:30am	Golf Committee – Widerman's
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25th

Sunday	Noon	Discretionary Fund Offering
	Noon	Children's Choir – Room 101
Monday	6:30pm	Golf Committee – Widerman's
	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 – Conference Room
	7pm	Finance Committee – Graf Room
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Friday		ST. ANDREW'S GOLF CLASSIC

THE TIME IS NEAR

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Friday, September 30, 2016

RON JAWORSKI'S RAMBLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB



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Ellen Barton, Bell Choir Director

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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

September 18, 2016

10:30am

Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship as we move from summer into fall. May we be blessed in one another's presence and in the presence of our Savior.

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** (*printed inside*) "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Who can count the thoughts of God?

They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Like clay in the hand of the potter,

We are shaped into vessels of divine will.

We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

OPENING PRAYER (*prayed together*)

Boundless Shaper of people and nations, you are beyond our knowing, yet closer to us than our every breath. You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with your love, and fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart. With every thought, with every song, and with every prayer, turn these fragile, earthen vessels of our lives, into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 OT page 577

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Children will be invited by name, by Sandy Ferguson, chair of the Education Committee, to come forward and receive their new Bible.

Pastor:

Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all,

and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.

Children respond:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.
Thank you.
We will read and study the Bible together.

The children and leaders face the congregation.

Congregation to children:

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Children to congregation:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Thanks be to God.

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 Can I Keep From Singing?" Music by Greg Gilpin
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 Jeremiah 18:1-11 OT page 720

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SERMON

"How Pliable Are You?"

In the hands of a skilled potter, an ordinary clay can become a masterpiece. Perhaps it is time for us to realize that in the Hands of God – the same can happen to us!

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeters: Christine, Andrew, and Matt Smith

Acolyte: Katie Clark

Liturgist: Gene Fulghum

Ushers: Dave Layton, Greg Bristow, Cesar DeGuzman, Chuck Edgerton, Kent Fegley, Lois Stawicki

Audio: Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman

God the Sculptor of the Mountains



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
Tomorrow at noon in Wesley Hall ~ 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.



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 ... that one of the connotations of the duality of the flame of our Methodist cross was meant to represent the merger in 1968 of two denominations: The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

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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 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.



SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS

Eleanor Bean

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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.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Next Sunday, September 25th 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.