

## READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

In 2017, St. Andrew's is reading the Bible together. Bible Study resumes on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm and Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the lounge. All are welcome to attend. Daily readings are listed here each week.

### Bible Reading for the Week of October 29 – November 4

Sunday – Acts 15:22-17:34      Thursday – Acts 27:1-28:31  
Monday – Acts 18:1-20:38      Friday – Romans 1:1-3:20  
Tuesday – Acts 21:1-23:35      Saturday – Romans 3:21-5:21  
Wednesday – Acts 24:1-26:32

Do you have a question about something you read this week? Email your questions to the church office ([saumcch@gmail.com](mailto:saumcch@gmail.com)) or Pastor Richard ([richrdwork@msn.com](mailto:richrdwork@msn.com)) or text your question to Pastor Richard at 304-692-7175.

## TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY

 October 31, 2017, marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany. This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ ("the priesthood of all believers"), so there's no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church, but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose – Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others – and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults "with the best of them"; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany states: "In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years."

## KEENAGERS

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in Wesley Hall. Since we had to cancel last month's meeting, we have a lot to catch up on! The menu is, of course, turkey. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an interesting program as well. The cost is \$5 with a dish to share or \$10 without a dish. See you there!!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9am – Study Class for Adults – Graf Room  
10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2-year olds – room 201  
10:45am – 3 & 4-year olds-Room 202; Kindergarten - 1<sup>st</sup> grade-Room 302,  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Room 304; 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades-Room 303; 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades-  
Room 106; 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades-Room 105  
(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

### ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday		CONSECRATION SUNDAY
	Noon	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
	7pm	Education Committee – Graf Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	3pm	Cathedral Kitchen
Thursday	Noon	Keenagers – Wesley Hall
	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Friday	6pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Dinner – St. Mary's

### ACTIVITIES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday		COMMUNION AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
	8:30am	UM Men's Breakfast – Wesley Hall
	9am	Elizabeth Circle – Conference Room
	Noon	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle - Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	SPRC – Graf Room
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle – Restaurant and Graf Room
	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday	9am-3pm	Collingswood Manor Attic Sale - Collingswood



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# St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

October 29, 2017      TWENTIFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST      10:30am

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to worship! In a world — and a church — that's always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

### 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. 110      "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

My friends, we gather to worship God and serve the Christ.

How shall we live?

**With joy and justice, we will carry the light of Jesus.**

We come from diverse backgrounds, we don't all think alike, we have differing gifts and needs.

How shall we live?

**With gratitude and generosity of Spirit, we will bear Christ's light.**

We pledge to love what God loves, to serve those whom God cares for.

How shall we live?

**Believing in, caring for, proclaiming and bearing the love Jesus bears for us, and for all, let us prosper the work of God's heart in all we do!**

### OPENING PRAYER

**O Lord, as we prepare to celebrate and consecrate our plans for the coming year, may we find it in our hearts to be grateful no matter what.**

**May we praise you for what we can do**

**and praise you in spite of what we can't.**

**May we thank you for what is and what isn't,**

**for what is going well and for what is not.**

**May we thank you for what brings us joy**

**and even for that which brings us grief,**

**for if our grief testifies to anything,**

**it testifies to the depths of your love.**

**Bless us and keep us, dear God, we pray, and turn our hearts ever**

**and always toward your all-encompassing light, you who are our**

**creator and savior, our redeemer and friend. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      2 Corinthians 9:6-12      NT page 183

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

JOYFUL NOISES      "All Day, All Night"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### 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** "Take My Life That I May Be" arr. Scott Perkins  
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** Acts 4:23-31 NT page 119

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** "What Will People Say?" Rev. Work

#### STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

Bearing the light of Christ is our joy and mission. Whether it be in offering a true welcome to those seeking God's presence, or shining the light of love into tragedy, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church is pledged to make Jesus' ministry our own. We support that ministry with money, commitment, intelligence, and delight. This morning, we will receive and bless our estimates of giving for the next year so we can bear the Christ-light faithfully and well in all we do.

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGES

**Today, we celebrate our 2018 Giving Estimates.** Today, we receive not only our offerings and tithes, but our pledges and estimates for keeping the flame of care alight in the coming year. Our gifts help to keep the light of Christ's love glowing brightly at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church by sustaining the building, pastor and staff, and all in need. Our contributions flow out to aid those in need via many community missions, agencies and individuals giving hope and rebuilding lives.

#### Call to Live God's Vision into the Future

God cares for us in ways which are passionate, poignant, and enduring, **And we love God with all our heart and soul, mind and strength.**

We have much to give and offer:

**Passionate Worship, Extravagant Generosity and Care, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, Inspirational, Intentional Faith, Unbounded Hospitality.**

As we plan with joy our work together for 2018, let us give as we are able and ask God to consecrate all that we can bring in love, in care, in resources to the best of our ability, knowing that giving brings healing and helps us embody the life and ministry of Jesus in love and service. Let us celebrate and give thanks for the Christ-light among us!

*Please bring your Estimate of Giving Cards forward with you to the front where all will be received. This is how we will be able to determine the scope of our ministry and missions for the coming year.*

#### Prayer of Consecration (prayed together)

**Bearer of the brightest light, we thank you with joy, delight, reverence, awe, and infinite respect for what you have kindled in our lives. Accept this offering of ourselves, our money, and our time: our separate flames to be held up, joined and offered as we pray to bear your light for all in need. Bless us, that we may embody the life and ministry of your Son in ways that inspire and express our love for you. Consecrate our gifts and our very lives that we may light the path of others in the way of our brother, Jesus. For we have seen what the Lord has done, and we would live his vision into the future. Amen.**

\* **HYMN NO. 87**

"What Gift Can We Bring"

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

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

#### Serving our church this morning...

**Greeters:** Daniel Gonzalez

**Acolyte:** Maddie Winslow

**Liturgist:** Joyce Worthington

**Ushers:** Barbara Hansen, Karen Bianco, Saad Nazir, Tim Griffis, and Tom Bianco

**Audio:** Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are placed on the altar today – In loving memory of Grace Beck -- by her daughter Lisa Mylett, son-in-law Rob and grandchildren, Brett and Megan. *"Not a day goes by when you are not loved and missed. Grace will be held in our hearts forever."*



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.***

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Vince Anderer, 130 Whistler Green Court, Marlton, NJ 08053; Barbara Brown, 324 Society Hill, Cherry Hill, NJ 08053; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Dorothy Lauer, 19 Snapdragon Lane, Marlton, NJ 08053; Kathryn Phillips, Collingswood Manor, 460 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108; Susan Kruse, 1022 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Eustace Kangaju, 17 Snyder Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

## SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS

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99 East Main Street, 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.

## JOIN US FOR URBAN PROMISE PARTNER DAY

On Wednesday, November 8, we will visit Camden Forward School (27 N. 36th Street, Camden) to spend time with the students and learn about their programs. Check in is 9:15 with a classroom visit at 9:30 and a special presentation 10:30-11:30. Lunch is from 11:30-12:15 (Please bring your own!). For more information, contact Ester Falcone, [efalcone121@gmail.com](mailto:efalcone121@gmail.com). It's a great experience!

## POSITIVE CONNECTIONS



Positive Connections (formerly known as Visitation Ministry) will be hosting a "Thanksgiving" Visitation Event to our Shut-In Members on November 12th after church. We are looking for volunteers to deliver a special care package to approximately 16 members. If you can help, please sign-up on the sheet in the lobby. Any questions, please contact Mary Layton at [maryangela7@msn.com](mailto:maryangela7@msn.com) or Amy McCausland at [amyjoy123@verizon.net](mailto:amyjoy123@verizon.net).

## CATHEDRAL KITCHEN

Cathedral Kitchen provides nutritious meals for impoverished residents of Camden. Dinner is served every Monday through Friday and lunch on Saturdays. Food served at Cathedral Kitchen is cooked on the premises, plated and served at the table: there is no "soup line".

St. Andrew's volunteers at Cathedral Kitchen on the first Wednesday of each month, serving dinner from 4:00pm-5:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lois Stawicki at [staloey@aol.com](mailto:staloey@aol.com) or (856) 768-3011.

The next dates to volunteer are Wednesday, November 1 and Wednesday, December 6. We meet at 3:00pm., in St. Andrew's parking lot, carpool, and return around 5:45pm.

## COLLINGSWOOD MANOR'S ATTIC SALE

On Saturday, November 11 from 9am to 3pm, Collingswood Manor (460 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood) will hold its annual Attic Sale. You can find household items, jewelry, and many Christmas gifts for sale, Enjoy homemade chili, hot dogs, beverages, etc. at lunchtime. This sale will benefit the Collingswood Manor and its residents.

## What are some of the physiological benefits of exercise?



Having more energy, feeling better, improved sleep, living longer... If you've never tried any of our exercises classes, please be our guest for a **complimentary** class of your choice. We offer Pilates, Interval Training, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Dance/Kick/Punch exercise classes. All classes cost just \$10 – no contracts required. For more information about the classes, contact Barbara Hansen at 609-706-3552 or [Barbara.Hansen3428@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.Hansen3428@gmail.com).