



**Pancake Breakfast on December 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall!!!**

This February will mark the 8<sup>th</sup> year that St. Andrew's has sent a team to the Dominican Republic to build houses for families in the mountains of Salamanca and the village of Los Cocos.

It takes \$4,250 to purchase the materials to build one house with a steel roof and a cement floor that is the size of a one to two car garage in the U.S. The seven houses financed by St. Andrew's in previous years were a huge blessing to the families that received them. They were so grateful to have a permanent structure in which to raise their families.

Please join us in supporting this mission of love and dedication in the name of St. Andrew's UMC by coming to the breakfast or by making a monetary donation (payable to St. Andrew's and marked Dominican Republic). All funds will go toward building costs.

Santa arrives at 9:00 a.m. Tell your neighbors and your friends!!

**WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING**



Please join us December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the sanctuary as we take part in the 20<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Candle Lighting. This event is held annually on the second Sunday of December to remember and celebrate the lives of children and siblings that have left us too soon. Candles are lit around the world in every time zone at

7:00pm creating a virtual wave of light that encompasses the globe.

Especially during the busy holiday season, let us take a little time to honor those young people that are so close to our hearts, but are not physically here to celebrate with us. If you are unable to attend, but would like your loved one included, please let us know.

For more information, contact Ayoma Finlay [ayofin@verizon.net](mailto:ayofin@verizon.net) or 856-768-2414.



**Open House at the Parsonage**

425 Burning Tree Road Cherry Hill  
Sunday, December 18, 2016  
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Stop by and take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season to enjoy some fellowship and refreshments with friends!

**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 1<sup>st</sup> grade–room 302, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade–room 304, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades–room 303, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades – room 106 and 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades room 105.

(Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Sunday	11:45am	Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection Children's Choir and "Grumpy Shepherd" Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Monday	6pm 7pm	Poverty Task Force – Graf Room Bible Study – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am 10am	Bible Study – Lounge Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	Noon 6pm 7pm	Keenager's – Wesley Hall Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Messiah Sing-Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday	2 and 7:30pm	Pine Baron's Concert – Sanctuary

**ACTIVITIES WEEK OF DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday	8:30am 9am 11:45am	Communion UM Men's Breakfast – Wesley Hall Elizabeth Circle – Conference Room Children's Choir and "Grumpy Shepherd" Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Monday	3pm 7pm	Messiah Sing-A-Long – Sanctuary Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am 7pm	Anna Circle – Silver Diner Missions Committee – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am 10am 7pm	Bible Study – Lounge Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307 Trustees – Conference Room
Thursday	11:15am 6pm 7pm 7pm	Esther Circle – Restaurant and Graf Room Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101 Dominican Republic Trip meeting – Room 303
Saturday	8:30am 10am	Breakfast With Santa – Wesley Hall Grumpy Shepherd Rehearsal - Sanctuary



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Ellen Youssefian, Pianist

**St. Andrew's United Methodist Church**

November 27, 2016

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.)*

**INTROIT**

\* **OPENING HYMN** (see insert) "God Almighty We Are Waiting"

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

All creation holds its breath.

**The time is almost here.**

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

**Excitement is all around us.**

Prepare our hearts – the grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God with Us, comes to us.

**We gather to make ready our hearts**

**For the coming of Christ, our hope.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him, all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We, too, believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

(The First Advent Candle is lit.)

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**CONGEGATIONAL RESPONSE "A STAR SHONE BRIGHT"**

From Bethlehem come to our day,

Reveal to us your holy way.

Be born again, Eternal Fire.

O, Spirit come our souls inspire.

**ADVENT PRAYER (prayed together)**

**God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father, too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 2:1-5 OT page 631

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** "Visit Us, Emmanuel" by Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir

**\* RESPONSE**

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 24:36-44 NT page 27

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* HYMN NO. 218** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

**SERMON** "Come to the Manger: The Potter"

**\* CLOSING HYMN NO. 219** "What Child is This?"

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE**

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

**Serving our church this morning...**  
**Greeter:** Bill and Marilyn Ivers  
**Acolyte:** Collin Kolbe  
**Liturgist:** Oskar and Barbara Gmunder, Bryan, Christel and Bianca Sylvester  
**Ushers:** Barbara Hansen, Jim and Susan Badaracco, Karen Bianco, and Tim Griffis  
**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 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.***

**ROSEBUD**

The rosebud on the altar is given by Leon Rothamel and Barbara Tessier-Rothamel, honoring the birth of their great-granddaughter, Emmalyn Rose Encinosa on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to my St. Andrew's Family for the prayers, cards, phone calls, rides and gifts of food. All these well wishes helped in my recovery. Yvonne Moore

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Donna Shoaf, 712 Grove Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

**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.

**GIFT CARD SALE**

The holidays are fast approaching! With this in mind, we hope you will once again benefit the church by purchasing your GIFT CARDS through St. Andrew's. In addition to using the cards as gifts, please consider gift cards for your own needs to purchase your groceries, gasoline or your daily Starbucks or Wawa coffee! Information and order forms will be available in the Narthex, on our website [www.sauamcnj.org](http://www.sauamcnj.org) and through St. Andrew's online. All orders and payment will be due by Sunday December 4th, and will arrive for pickup by December 11th... in plenty of time for the holidays. Take a sneak peek at the hundreds of retailers available at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Contact Colleen at 856-429-4469 with any questions. All proceeds support St. Andrew's.



**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Today, 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.

**Did you know ...**

That Cornerstone-laying ceremonies were held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October? Dr. Franklin Buck was the speaker on October 24, 1954.

*The historian*

**LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET**

Is in need of new or gently used baby blankets. We place a blanket in the bag of clothing given to every child twelve months and younger. Our requests have been many, and our blankets are scarce. If you knit/crochet baby blankets and have some to spare, that would be very welcome. Just place them in the bin in the narthex, and we will see that a deserving child receives them. Thank you.

**TOY COLLECTION HAS BEGUN**

With all of the holiday sales beginning this month, keep our DCP Christmas Party in mind. The party will be held on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (NOTE corrected date) in Wesley Hall. We will host children of all ages under the care of DCP&P (formerly DYFS) for a Christmas party complete with food, crafts, gifts and more. Toy donations can be placed in the narthex starting today. Thank you for your support.

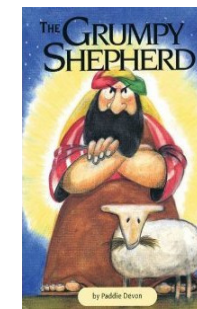


**THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

This year, the money we collect in our special Thanksgiving envelope that is found in your envelope box will be used to support our music budget. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these efforts by making a special gift in the Thanksgiving envelope. Those of you who give online through Vanco, can participate by selecting the Thanksgiving offering option under the "Donations" heading.

**NEVER TOO LATE ....**

It is not too late to return an Estimate of Giving card for the 2017 budget. The 2017 budget is a bare bones budget and needs to be fully funded for the important ministries of St. Andrew's to continue uninterrupted at their full potential. If you have not yet committed to our upcoming budget, please consider doing so today. If you need an Estimate of Giving card, simply ask one of your ushers, they will be glad to assist.



**THE GRUMPY SHEPHERD**  
Presented by the children of St. Andrew's UMC  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**During the Morning Worship Service.**

Joram was often grumpy. 'Same old thing every night...Stupid sheep...boring, boring!' Even when an angel brought great news of the birth of the King, Joram could not believe it was true. But when he went to the stable, something amazing happened to grumpy Joram. You won't want to miss this adorable collection of Angels, Shepherds and sheep as they bring the story of Jesus' birth to life.

