

COME TO THE MESSIAH SING TODAY!!

Today at 3pm our sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of Handel's *Messiah* and some of our favorite Christmas carols to help our spirits prepare for the Christmas season. A small orchestra and our very own pianist, Ellen Youssefian, will accompany our choir, and Katharine Baer will conduct. We have several invited guests joining our choir, along with professional soloists from the area. Please join us to help kick off this brand-new concert series in a joyous way!



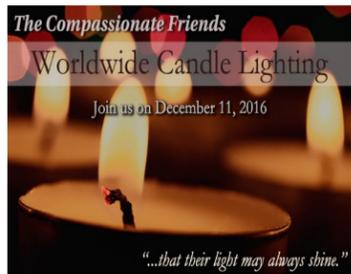
Pancake Breakfast on December 10th from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall!!!

This February will mark the 8th 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.

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 11th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary as we take part in the 20th 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 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 1st grade–room 302, 2nd and 3rd grade–room 304, 4th and 5th grades–room 303, 6th - 12th grades stay in the worship service.

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	11:45am	Children's Choir and "Grumpy Shepherd" Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	3pm	Messiah Sing-A-Long – Sanctuary
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle – Silver Diner
	7pm	Missions Committee – Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	3pm	Cathedral Kitchen
	7pm	Trustees – Conference Room
Thursday	12:30pm	Esther Circle – Cooper House Restaurant
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	7pm	Dominican Republic Trip meeting – Room 303
Saturday	8:30am	Pancake Breakfast With Santa – Wesley Hall

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF DECEMBER 11th

Sunday	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	6:30pm	Worldwide Candle Lighting – Sanctuary
Monday	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
	7:30pm	Moorestown Singers Concert – Sanctuary
Tuesday	10am	Needlecrafters – Conference Room
	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	6pm	DCP&P Party Set Up – Wesley Hall
Thursday	5pm	DCP&P Christmas Party – Wesley Hall
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Saturday	10am	Grumpy Shepherd Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	Noon	Choir Rehearsal – Room 101



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Katharine Baer, Director of Music

Ellen Barton, Bell Choir Director

Ellen Youssefian, Pianist

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

December 4, 2016

10:30am

Second Sunday of Advent

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** 211 (vv.1,2,4 & 7) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia the Christ child comes.

And we await his birth.

Let us throw off our distractions,

And allow the chaos to settle.

Let us watch for the signs,

And listen to the messengers.

Let us stand on tiptoe,

And shout aloud and sing.

Something new is emerging.

Something new is being born.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, and we will light the Candle of Peace. Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Savior, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

(The First Advent Candle is lit.)

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came, he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

(The Second Advent Candle is lit.)

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL 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)

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day, to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 OT page 640

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

* 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 3:1-12 NT page 2

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* **HYMN NO. 220** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

SERMON "Come to the Manger: The Tailor"

ANTHEM "Bethlehem Lullaby" by Greg Gilpin
Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 240**

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeters: Little Hands Little Feet Team

Acolyte: Justin Malec

Liturgist: Amy and Emily Mc Causland

Ushers: Jerry Jones, Connie DiRocco, Dan Proulx, and Ken Saunders

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.***

DEAR ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY:

Just wanted to thank everyone for their kind words of sympathy and prayers following the passing of my (Jeannette's) mom. They are greatly appreciated. Love, The Ivers Family.

A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

to my St. Andrew's family for all of the cards, gifts and visits for my 90th birthday! It has been a month of celebrating and I am overwhelmed with all of the good wishes and generosity. I especially want to thank Ken Saunders and the United Methodist Men for that amazing chocolate cake after the service on my birthday. It was huge and delicious!!! Thanks again, Darrell Ernst

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 ENDS TODAY

Today is the last day to place an order for gift cards. Please consider supporting St. Andrew's by purchasing cards to be used as gifts or for your daily shopping: groceries, Wawa coffee, Target, Home Depot to name a few. Information and order forms are available in the lobby. Payment is due today and cards will arrive for pickup by December 11th. Contact Colleen at 856-429-4469 with any questions.



BABY BLANKETS NEEDED FOR LHLF

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. If you knit/crochet baby blankets and have some to spare, that would be very welcome. Just place them in the bin in the lobby, and we will see that a deserving child receives them. Thank you.

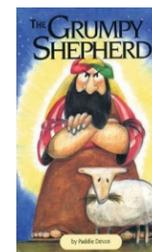
DCP&P CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party for Division of Child Protection and Permanency will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 2016**, starting at 5pm. We will be sponsoring at least forty children who might not know the joy of the season if it wasn't for the compassion of St. Andrew's United Methodist members. This celebration consists of the telling of the Christmas Story, Santa, gift giving and forty hungry children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP??

- **TOYS:** We are collecting toys for children of all ages. You can place your toy donations in the barrel in the lobby until December 11th.
- **FOOD:** You can sign up to donate food for the party: beef hot dogs, rolls, cookies, juice boxes and fresh fruit and veggies. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.
- **GIFT WRAPPING:** On **Wednesday, December 14th**, we will be wrapping the toys that have been donated for this event. Bring your talent and scissors and join us at 6pm in Wesley Hall.
- **PARTY VOLUNTEERS:** Attend the party to lend a helping hand wherever needed. We need lots of hands to help out during the party, which starts at 5pm!! Whatever time you can spare will be helpful.

Let the love shine through. This is a wonderful celebration for all!



THE GRUMPY SHEPHERD

Presented by the children of St. Andrew's UMC

Sunday, December 18th

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

It's time, O Children of God – to be unbound.
We lift our heavy hearts to you, O glorious God.

We are bound, O Glorious God
**Not by hope,
Not by peace,
Not by love,
Not by joy...**
We are bound by that which separates us from you.

So, we come to the manger,
**A symbol of humbleness.
A symbol of the unpretentious.**
Your symbol of mercy and grace.
The place you chose to cradle your Son.

We come to your table
**To be liberated from the despair that surrounds us,
To be freed from the sin that enslaves us,
To be set apart from the ways of this world**
And embraced by the life you have envisioned for us.

So collectively we remember
That when the Child of the manger became an adult
He offered himself as the bread of Life
The solution, once broken, empowered to bring wholeness.

We remember the Cup of Salvation
Offered so that all could be released
Embraced by the promise of eternity filled with hope, peace, love and joy.

We come to your Table
Set to be unbound by Your Promised One
**Once a gentle Baby in a manger
Once a broken sacrifice on a cross
Forever the Savior of the world – of us.**

Release us, O God – **for Christ has died.**
Unbind us, O God – **for Christ has risen.**
Free us, O God – **for Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit, O Glorious God, through this gift of bread and the fruit of the vine,
Make our hearts sing like the angels of the Bethlehem sky!
Make our lives reflect the confident faith like that displayed by the shepherds of the Bethlehem fields,
Redeem our souls, with a light so bright that all the world may see your power, your grace, your love.
Through this meal, we are unbound – now and forever more.
Amen.

Complete one slip for plants and a separate slip for Scholarship.
Please do not tear the form in half, extra forms are in the narthex.

MEMORIALS FOR CHRISTMAS ORDER FORM
POINSETTIA PLANT

Please place the plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Christmas Sunday and the Candlelight Service in memory/honor of (designate which).

in memory of: _____ or

in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Amount _____ Envelope Number _____

_____ I will pick up the plant(s) after the service

_____ You may deliver the plant to a shut-in

Cost is \$10.00 for each plant and your check should be made to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church and marked "Christmas Plant." Place check and order form in offering plate or mail to church office.

Complete a separate slip for scholarship donations.

AND/OR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In lieu of or in addition to a plant, you may wish to make a contribution to the St. Andrew's Scholarship Fund for Higher Education. Please designate in honor or memory of:

in memory of: _____ or

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Given by: _____

Amount _____ Envelope Number _____

Make check payable to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church and marked "Scholarship Fund." Put in offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

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