

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

In 2017, St. Andrew's is reading the Bible together. Bible Study meets on Monday at 7pm and Wednesday at 9:30am in the lounge. *The last meetings for the Pastor's Bible Study – Reading the Bible Together will be on Monday, December 11th at 7pm and Wednesday, December 13th at 9:30am.* All are welcome. Daily readings are listed here each week.

Bible Reading for the Week of December 10 – December 16

Sunday – Hebrews 10:1-11:40 Thursday – 1 Peter 1:1-2:25
Monday – Hebrews 12:1-13:25 Friday – 1 Peter 3:1-5:14
Tuesday – James 1:1-2:26 Saturday – 2 Peter 1:1-2:21

Wednesday – James :1-5:20

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

CHRISTOPHER WESTFALL CONCERT



Once again, Christopher Westfall will perform a Christmas concert at St. Andrew's! Experience a joyful family event to celebrate the season on Saturday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. Refreshments will be served afterward. Invite your friends and neighbors for a family friendly, fun way to get ready for Christmas.

POINSETTIAS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

You can honor a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia plant for the Christmas Eve altar or by making a donation to the St. Andrew's Scholarship Fund this holiday season. Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service or delivered to a shut-in. Scholarship donations are provided to St. Andrew's graduating high school seniors. You can use the order form in the bulletin and mail or place in the offering plate. Orders are due by December 17th.



RITZ THEATER HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR TO SUPPORT IHOC

The Ritz Theater Company & CamdenPopRock are partnering to produce a magical One Night Only variety performance at 7pm on Sunday, December 17, 2017 entitled: "The Ritz Holiday Spectacular". The performance will feature a 15- piece big band, ballet, a harpist and original music, drama and much more!

As part of our ongoing effort to support charitable works in the local community, CamdenPopRock are offering to donate a portion of the proceeds of ticket sales to a non-profit. Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) has asked for our support in attending this event.

In order to qualify for this donation, ticket buyers must CALL or EMAIL the Ritz Theater Box office and QUOTE the name of the non-profit (IHOC) that they wish to support, using the information below:

Phone: [856-858-5230](tel:856-858-5230) Tues through Friday from 1pm to 6pm or Email: sales@ritztheatreco.org. Please contact bookings@camdenpoprock.com if you have any additional inquiries.

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 - 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 FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday Noon Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday 7pm Bible Study – Graf Room
 7:30pm Moorestown Singers Concert - Sanctuary
Tuesday 10am Needlecrafters – Conference Room
 7pm Budget meeting – Graf Room
Wednesday 9:30am Bible Study – Lounge
 10am Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
 6:30pm DCPD Gift Wrapping Party – Wesley Hall
Thursday 5pm DCPD Christmas Party – Wesley Hall
 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Saturday 9am Children's Performance Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7pm Chris Westfall Concert - Sanctuary

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF DECEMBER 17th

Sunday 10:30am "The First Christmas" Children's Program
 6pm Youth Christmas Gathering - Lounge
Tuesday 10am Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday 6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 7pm Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal – Room 101



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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

December 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30am

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Lord anoints us, as he did Jesus, "to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted" (Isaiah 61:1, NRSV).

We gather here to be strengthened for this work. Welcome!

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

"Veni, Veni Emmanuel"

HYMN (see insert)

"Come, Emmanuel"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us prepare our hearts

As we await the coming of our Lord.

Let us watch for the one who heard our cries

And shouldered the suffering of our world,

Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world

With wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.

Let us wait in expectation for the day,

When God's glory is revealed in all its fullness..

Something new is emerging,

Something new is being delivered.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,

Who ordered all things mightily,

To show us the path of knowledge show,

And teach us in her ways to go..

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to you, O Israel!

ADVENT PRAYER (Prayed together)

Loving God, we thank you for the peace you

Give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to

Receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that

We say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born

in Bethlehem. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CALL TO PRAYER

"Breath of Heaven"

Molly McDonald, Soloist

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 "What Strangers Are These"
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

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:32-12:2 NT page 205
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Continuing the Story" Rev. Work

* **HYMN NO. 234** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* **BENEDICTION**

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

Serving our church this morning...

Greeters: Lois Stawicki

Acolyte: Josh Gettings

Liturgist: Bill, Laura, Shane, Will and Dylan Mandia

Ushers: Michael Doyle, Chris Corcoran, Pat Flynn, Keith Owens and Louis Nazir

Audio: Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman



We have a special place for our little ones. Children age 2 and under are invited to explore our nursery! (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.**

ST. ANDREW'S EXTEND SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

To the family of Joe Johnson. Joe passed away on Friday December 1st. Please keep Joe's family in your prayers during this time.

IN OUR
Thoughts and 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; Susan Kruse, 1022 Cheltenham Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Kathryn Phillips, 460 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108.

We also lift up a shut-in member each week.

Eleanor Bean, 510 Society Hill Blvd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

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.



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.

CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE NEXT SUNDAY



On Sunday, December 17th, we will enjoy a children's performance of "The First Christmas" during the worship service. Don't miss this special and joyful presentation!

DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION & PERMANENCY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party for children within Division of Child Protection and Permanency will be held this Thursday, December 14th at starting at 5:00 p.m. We sponsor over 40 children who might not know the joy of the season if it wasn't for St. Andrews members.

Wednesday, December 13th, we will wrap the donated toys. Bring your talent and scissors to Wesley Hall beginning at 6:30pm. Whatever time you have to spare is welcome. There are many gifts to wrap! Thanks for your support.

GIFT CARD SALE – LAST DAY FOR ORDERS

Today is the last day for gift card orders!! You can support St. Andrew's by purchasing your GIFT CARDS. Here's how you can order:

- Fill out a paper order form and return with cash or check (payable to St. Andrew's) by 12/10. Pick up your gift cards at church on Sunday, 12/17. Order forms are in the lobby and at saumcnj.org.
- Order online! Go to shopwithscrip.com and enroll using our enrollment code 2F9EDB1L38L3L. Choose from the complete line of cards available. *Send a check to the church office or pay by credit card at saumcnj.org by selecting "online giving" and the gift card option.*

All orders and payments are due today. Gift cards will arrive for pickup by December 17th, in plenty of time for the holidays. Take a sneak peek at the hundreds of retailers available at www.shopwithscrip.com. Contact Colleen in the church office with any questions – 856-429-4469. All proceeds support St. Andrew's.

URGENT REQUEST FROM LITTLE HANDS LITTLE FEET

Little Hands Little Feet has completely run out of two items and are in need of Boys underwear size 6-8 and Boys gloves in size medium and large.



You will also find gift tags on the giving tree in the lobby requesting other sizes of underwear and socks that are needed. Feel free to take a tag and place your donation under the tree. Diapers are always in need as well. Thank you for your support of this vital mission.



It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 10/8/2017: El Salvador! Our partner, Convoy of Hope, is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in El Salvador.

Ending hunger is only possible if we continue to grow the movement. We encourage you to share the news about this shipment. Since 2005, volunteers like you have helped us distribute over 310 million meals worldwide. **We can end hunger by 2030**, but we can't do it without you. Please visit our website www.riseagainsthunger.org for more information about our efforts to end hunger.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00pm and 11:00pm

As is our tradition, each service will be preceded by a special music presentation. This year will feature selected music from the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah".

The choir will be accompanied by a string quartet (you will also have an opportunity to sing along!). The music will begin at 6:30pm and 10:30pm.

The music will be followed by our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, culminating with the congregation singing "Silent Night" by candlelight. Invite your family, neighbors and friends to join us for this Christmas celebration!

SEARCHING, SHOPPING AND SUPPORTING



Support St. Andrew's each time you search or shop online?? YES! Just go to **Goodsearch.com**, set up an account, choose St. Andrew's United Methodist Church as your cause, and search away! For each "search", St. Andrew's receives one cent! Once your account is set up, you can also use **GoodShop.com** to shop with numerous retailers (some with coupons!) and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of your purchase. So far, we have received over \$700 from Goodsearch/GoodShop.



If you shop on Amazon, go to **smile.amazon.com** to set up an Amazon Smile account and designate St. Andrews United Methodist Church (no

punctuation) as your charity (there are a lot of St. Andrew's churches, so make sure you choose the one in Cherry Hill) and Amazon will contribute a set percentage of your purchases to the church.

It's easy! Give **GoodsearchGoodShop** or **Amazon Smile** a try!! Detailed instructions are on the bulletin board in the church lobby.