

WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING



Please join us tonight at 6:30pm in the sanctuary as we take part in the 20th Worldwide Candle Lighting. This event is held annually 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 7pm 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 some homemade pies with friends!

Christmas Eve 2016

7:00p.m. and 11:00p.m.

*Each service preceded by a special presentation
of beloved music of the season
featuring voice and string instruments
(6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.).*

*As we move through the business of the holiday season, we long
for just a little bit of peace. The world found its peace, on a star
filled night, in a stable in Bethlehem. Isn't it time for the world
to "Come to the Manger" and discover the peace of the Christ
Child for themselves?*

*Come out and join your voice as we sing praises to God
culminating with the traditional "Silent Night" sung in
candlelight.*

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 – 8th
Grades–room 106, 9th – 12th grades–room 105

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	11:45am	Children's Choir and Grumpy Shepherd 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
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
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 – Sanctuary
Saturday	10am	Grumpy Shepherd Rehearsal – Sanctuary

ACTIVITIES WEEK OF DECEMBER 18th

Sunday	10:30am	The Grumpy Shepherd Presentation
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	2-4:30pm	Open House at the Parsonage
Wednesday	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

MOORESTOWN SINGERS

FRIENDS AND FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tomorrow, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary

Freewill Offering

A portion of the proceeds benefits St. Andrew's.



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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

December 11, 2016

10:30am

Third 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

"O Come, Christmas Joy"

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Bell Choir

* **OPENING HYMN** *(printed in bulletin)*

"Like a Child"

* 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, and we will light the Candle of Love.

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it, and the Candle of Hope again, as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

(The First and Second Advent Candles are lit.)

Today, we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age, God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

(The Third Advent Candle is lit.)

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in 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 God, your witness John the Baptist, grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love, that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10 OT page 663
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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Charles Maggs, arr.
Bell Choir

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 Far is it to Bethlehem" arr. Molly James
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 Luke 1:46-55 NT page 57
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN NO. 230** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SERMON "Come to the Manger: The Olive Grower"

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

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Ayoma Finlay

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Bianco

Liturgist: Matt, Nicole, Joshua and Connor Gettings

Ushers: Michael Doyle, Chris Corcoran, Pat Flynn, Keith Owens

Audio: Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman

LIKE A CHILD

ST. ANDREW'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

The church office has a new email address – saumcch@gmail.com. Please update your records to stay in touch!! If you have any trouble reaching us at the new address, contact the church office at 856-429-4469.



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.***

IN OUR PRAYERS

Rose DeGuzman, 1005 Edgemoor Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Donna Shoaf, 712 Grove Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS:

Merk Raffensperger

**Lutheran Crossings Assisted Living; 255 E Main St Apt 2
Moorestown, NJ 08057**

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

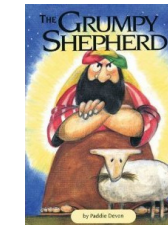
The rosebud on the altar is given by Joe and Marcia Schmid honoring the birth of their granddaughter, Brooklyn Taylor.

DCP&P CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held on **Thursday, December 15, 2016**, starting at 5pm. We are sponsoring over 40 children who might not know the joy of the season if it wasn't for the compassion of St. Andrew's members.

HOW CAN YOU HELP??

- **TOYS:** We are collecting toys for children of all ages, which can be placed in the barrel in the lobby.
- **FOOD:** 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 wrap the toys donated for this event. Bring your talent and scissors to Wesley Hall beginning at 6pm.
- **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.



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.

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

In 2017, St. Andrew's is reading the Bible together. If you would like to have a Bible that is laid out with the daily readings, they are available in the lobby for \$20 (it's a good practice to start a project like this with a new Bible, but not required). You are able to take part in this project using your own Bible. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Richard.



NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our Nursery School began registration for the 2017-18 school year, and as a special gesture to our church families, you may register now. The School has been voted a winner fifteen times in The Best Nursery School of South Jersey contest. St. Andrew's Nursery School & Kindergarten offers six different programs for children ages 18 months through 6 years of age. In addition, we also offer three enrichment programs: The Literacy Lab for 3 year-olds, the Science & Math Academy for 4 year-olds and Kindergarten Enrichment for children enrolled in an outside kindergarten class. Our dedicated and loving teachers ensure that the children enjoy a well-rounded, play based learning environment. Brochures and registration cards can be found on the table in the Narthex. Details of each program can also be found on the school's website, www.staNurserySchool.com. Please feel free to call the school office (856-429-4470) with any questions.