



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
May 2024 NEWSLETTER

- **Worship News.** May 19 is Pentecost Sunday. At Pentecost, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, people from every race and nation are brought together in Jesus Christ. It is tradition that young people are confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. **Join us May 19 as we celebrate confirmation with one service held in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.** There will be **no pot luck** the month of May.

May Worship Schedule

May 5, Communion Sunday 9:30am Fellowship Hall & 11:00am Sanctuary

May 12, Mother's Day 9:30am Fellowship Hall & 11:00am Sanctuary

May 19, Pentecost & Confirmation One Service 10:00am Sanctuary (**no pot luck to follow**)

May 26, Memorial Day 9:30am Fellowship Hall & 11:00am Sanctuary

- **Summer Sunday Worship 10:00am.** This summer we will have one service. This will allow us to worship together, sing together, listen together, channel all our ministry resources and grow in unity and in the love of Christ. Children's church will be provided at all services. Service location will alternate according to the schedule below. The summer schedule will conclude on September 8 with an Outdoor Worship Service, BBQ and fellowship. Invite your neighbors or visiting relatives to our summer services.

Summer 2024 Schedule All Services at 10:00am

June 30, Fellowship Hall

July 7, Sanctuary; Communion

July 14, Fellowship Hall; Potluck

July 21, Sanctuary

July 28, Fellowship Hall

August 4, Sanctuary; Communion

August 11, Fellowship Hall; Potluck

August 18, Sanctuary

August 25, Fellowship Hall

September 1, Sanctuary; Communion

September 8, Outdoor Family Faith Fest 2024; BBQ

September 15 return to two services 9:30 & 11:00am

- **Meals That Heal.** On May 15 we will be celebrating our second anniversary. Please join us for a traditional Italian meal. Pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad and dessert are on the menu. There is plenty for all and all are welcome 5-6pm.
- **SAVE THE DATE September 17 Sight & Sound Trip, Daniel.** Premiering 2024! Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, **Daniel** is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres®. Price will include transportation and lunch at \$168 pp. Please make checks payable to Garden State Getaways. **All money due by July 1.** Contact Mary Garreau at megar0304@aol.com or call 732-762-9137 with any questions.

- **SAUMC Library News.** We have a book that will make you laugh, **The Golden Years Ain't for Wimps** by Karen O'Connor. Discover the significance of life after a certain age: joy in new friendships and experiences, adventures still ahead, purpose and meaning on deeper levels, appreciation for God's design and direction. By celebrating the little things in life, such as the ability to recall any anecdote with clarity, O'Connor leads readers to rest in the biggest wonders of faith and purpose. Our second selection is **The Heart of a Mother**. She's always been there, doing the things mothers do. Isn't that just like God? Each story in this collection reveals a mother's heart as she loves, prays for, teaches, comforts, and strengthens her children. As these true stories bring smiles, nods of recognition, and even some tears, they bring us into a deeper intimacy with our heavenly Father. The collection, including stories from many of your favorite authors Sheila Walsh, Stormie Omartian, Beth Moore, and Barbara Johnson is perfect for devotional reading. Compiled by Wayne Holmes. These and other books are on the rack outside of Fellowship Hall. The library is always open. Please sign the card found inside the book with your name, date and telephone number. Any questions call Joan Sola 732-240-7516.

- **Trustee News. Blood Drive** Friday, May 3 from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Appointments recommended walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits. For an appointment go to <https://tinyurl.com/StAndrewUMC5-3> or call 800-933-2566.
Senior Citizens Activities Network (SCAN) will be hosting a Free Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, May 15 from 10:30am-1pm in Fellowship Hall. **Advanced Registration is Required**, RSVP by May 9 by calling 732-542-1326 or go to SCANNJ.ORG. Presentations on Funeral Planning 101: What you need to know and Parkinson's Awareness: Music & Movement.

- **United Methodist Men (UMM).** The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, May 11 at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW).** Our Women's Retreat, **He Knows My Name**, was held on Saturday April 20. Over 40 women joined together for fellowship and worship. Our next event, **Music and Morsels** will be held on Friday, June 14 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall, save the date it is sure to be a fun filled evening!

- **Veterans Ministry News.** Our Veterans Ministry will be hosting a Memorial Day Service Sunday May 26 at both services. Bring photos of your veterans to remember them and their medals to honor them. We will be offering beautiful Franklin Mint Armed Forces plates that were donated by the Peter Arnone family for \$25 each. If anyone knows Peter or his family contact information please reach out to me. Lastly, we are looking for membership, and always remember our Freedom isn't Free. We hope you will join us at these services to honor our fallen. God Bless our veterans and troops around the world! Thank you! Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader cell phone: 732-703-0064.

- **Women's Bible Study.** All women of SAUMC and friends are welcome! We are beginning a new 6-week study on Tuesday, May 7, by Max Lucado entitled **In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus through the Holy Land**. We meet in Room 4 on Tuesdays at 10:00am. The cost of the ordered participants' guide and other material is \$17.00 which may be paid the first day of the study. (cash only, please) If you have not already ordered your participants' guide or have questions, please contact Arlene Green (732-477-4240) as soon as possible.

- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** all women are invited! Please join us for our next meeting on **May 18**. The book for discussion will be **Swan Light** by Phoebe Rowe. Our meeting will be via zoom contact Pat Lewis for details at patricialewis722@aol.com.