



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

- **District Conference** hosted by Saint Andrew. Mark your calendars for **May 2**. We will be hosting the central district of the Greater New Jersey United Methodists for an important session. **WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Volunteers will gather at 12:00pm to prepare for attendees to arrive between 1:00pm and 2:00pm. Our job will be to direct people in the parking lot, greet people in the Fellowship Lobby and Narthex, and to direct people from the Fellowship Hall Lobby to the Sanctuary. Please make plans to be present as we greet our brothers and sisters from United Methodist congregations through Central NJ.
- **Administrative Board.** The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 12 at 7:00pm**. Location to be announced with the chance of possible video conference. Call church office (732-349-5367) if you are not a board member and would like to attend. All are welcome!
- Save the Date, **Fellowship Brunch** immediately following service on **Sunday, May 31 in Fellowship Hall**. All are invited to bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy this special time of fellowship.
- **Library News.** We have new books on the rack in the Sanctuary on the right side close to the round table. Select a book, sign the card and place it in the basket with your name and phone number. There are more books in the library on the first floor. Sign says library. You can walk down the steps in the Narthex and enter at the white door. If the light is not on, it can be reached on the right side after entering. Library is on the left. The light switch is on the right of the door. Happy reading! Any questions contact Joan 732-240-7516.
- **Meals That Heal.** Join us as we celebrate our fourth anniversary sharing food and warm fellowship. Our menu will be Mexican. There is food for all and all are welcome! **Dinner will be held on May 20 from 5-6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.**
- **Adult Mission Team Changes Its Mission.** Family Promise of the Jersey Shore (FPJS) will be opening the first shelter in Ocean County to house unhoused families with children in what was the Harbor House. Along with the church rotation that we are part of, we will together be able to help 8 families return to a home. FPJS needs to be operating by June 30. There is much work that needs to be done and the Adult Mission Team has decided to use our scheduled week of June 8 to get the job done. More information to follow. We appreciate the support of St. Andrew and hope to involve members of the congregation. For more information contact Sam Jones 732-614-3904.
- **Music & Morsels. Save the Date, Friday June 19 @ 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** The St. Andrew Bell Choir will entertain with an evening of fun and music.
- **Sight & Sound Trip. Save the Date, July 23. JOSHUA.** From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, *JOSHUA is a miraculous* adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected help emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua's trust in God's plan is put to the ultimate test. Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres. The price is \$178pp including round trip bus, lunch and show. Please let Mary Garreau know if interested.
- **Trustee News. Starting the first Sunday of May.** The Trustees will re-start collections of compost to support the JBJ garden. Look for the bins outside of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Do you have a child or grandchild needing community service time? If so, contact the office for some light clerical support work.

Blood Drive. The next blood drive is **Friday, May 1 from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.** Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment call 800-933-2566.

- **United Methodist Men's Breakfast.** The men's breakfast (due to Mother's day) will be on the **third Sunday, May 17.** Breakfast will be served at 8:00am and be available till just after 9:00am. All men are welcome and encouraged to come!
- **United Women in Faith (UWF).** Our **Beautiful Feet** women's retreat was an overwhelming success. Over 60 women joined together for an amazing day filled with faith, fellowship, and yummy food. **Upcoming events: June 19 Music and Morsels, August 20 Ice Cream Social.**
- **Veterans Ministry.** The Veterans ministry will be hosting a **Memorial Day celebration on May 24 at 10:00am.** We are asking our VETS and family members to bring any photos or nostalgic items they wish to share during the service. We will also be placing American Flags in front of our church to represent the men and women of the Armed Forces. No purchase is necessary. These flags will be displayed specifically in honor of fallen heroes, veterans, and military members who made the ultimate sacrifice. Your dedication will be listed in the church bulletin for our Memorial Day celebration. Forms can be found in our church bulletins and the Narthex. **The deadline for all forms to be returned is Sunday, May 17.** Please return to Sgt. David Nordt, Mary Garreau or place in the church office mailbox.

There will be a **Veterans ministry meeting on May 3** after church service in the sanctuary at 11:00am. You do not have to be a Vet to join, just a simple heart that wants to help our VETS and their families. We thank you for your continued support, this year will be our 16th anniversary. We thank our Lord and the Savior for continuing our mission to help our VETS and their families around the world. This has been done by supporting Operation Jersey Cares, US War DOGS, Community of Hope just to mention a few. For more information contact Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader at 732-703-0064 or veteransatstandrewumc2019@gmail.com. Always remembering our freedom isn't free.

- **WOW! Women's Book Club.** Calling all Women who love to read! Our selection for May is *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong. We will meet via ZOOM on **May 16th at 10:00am.** Happy Reading!