



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
April 2024 NEWSLETTER

- **Worship News.** Sunday, April 14 is our monthly 10:00AM service, this month service will be held in the **Sanctuary** followed by a potluck. Bring an open heart to worship and a dish to share. There is always plenty of food, so please stay even if you cannot bring a dish.
- **Interfaith Family Service (IFS)** families will be arriving Sunday April 14. Presently there are two unhoused families in the program. Please look out for the sign up board two weeks before that. We do have openings for dinner preparers/hosts and as always we need sleepover volunteers. St. Andrew truly love these neighbors. Last year we hosted unhoused families that included 19 children. By the end of the year 18 of those 19 children moved into homes. In January the 19th child had a home. God bless you all!
- **Adult Mission Team will return to Kentucky.** On Sunday, June 23 the St. Andrew Adult Mission Team will return to help our neighbors rebuild following the devastating, deadly 6 county flood of July 22, 2022. Anyone interested in participating in this important mission please reach out to Dave Richardson, Scott Susich, Sam Jones or contact Sam Jones 732-614-3904 cell sjones2@comcast.net.
- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us on April 17 for our first ever Texas Ho-down!! The menu will include Cowboy Stew, Mexican Cornbread, and Texas Sheet Cake!
- **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 megarr0304@aol.com or call 732-762-9137 with any questions.
- **SAUMC Library News.** Book recommendations of the month: **Cross Roads** by WM. Paul Young. Paul Young, author of the international bestseller, **The Shack**. This book tells a story of the incremental transformation of a man caught in the torments of his own creation, somewhere between heaven and earth. It is worth reading! Second book, **Sold** by Patricia McCormick. The powerful, poignant, bestselling National Book Award Finalist gives voice to a young girl robbed of her childhood yet determined to find the strength to

triumph. This young girl living in India trying to help her family earn money unknowingly gets sold into prostitution. Her life becomes a nightmare from which she cannot escape. Still, she lives by her mother's words—simply to endure is to triumph—and gradually, she forms friendships with the other girls that enable her to survive in this terrifying new world. Then the day comes when she must make a decision—will she risk everything for a chance to reclaim her life? Both of these books can be found on the book rack outside of Fellowship Hall. Please sign the book out and place the card in the box on the top of the shelf. To return a book place it in the bag hanging outside of the library. The library is always open, just open the door and find the light switch to the right. Happy reading. Any questions contact Joan Sola 732-240-7516.

- **United Methodist Men (UMM)** The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, April 13 at 8:00AM in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW)** Thank you so much for participating in our Old Monmouth Easter Candy sale. With your help we were able to raise \$550.00 for Missions. Our Women's Retreat, "He Knows My Name," will be held on Saturday, April 20. Sign up forms available now after both services. Cost \$25. Contact Pat Lewis with any questions at pglewis722@gmail.com.
- **Veterans Ministry News.** Our Veterans Ministry will be hosting a Memorial Day Service Sunday May 26 at both services. We are asking our congregation to honor and remember those who have served for freedom. Please pray for peace and remember our freedom isn't free! Visit our Veterans Ministry on the church website under ministries or email us at veteransatstandrewumc2019@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook and Twitter. Thank you!
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** all women are invited! Please join us for our next meeting on **April 27**. We will meet in our choir room as well as online. The discussion will be on **Finding Dorothy** by Elizabeth Letts.