



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 13, 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary (no potluck)

Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School Children following worship

Maundy Thursday April 17, 6:00pm Worship, Sanctuary

Good Friday April 18, 6:00pm Worship, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday April 20, Sunrise Service 6:00am, Memorial Garden
10:00am Easter Worship, Sanctuary

- ***Calling All Singers!*** Easter Choir is looking for you. If you have sung in the school choir, college choir, past SAUMC Cantata, or love to sing come join the Easter Choir. We will be singing during the Easter service 10:00am Celebration of the Risen Lord. There will be TWO rehearsals one was in March. The second is Wednesday **April 9 @ 6:00pm**. All Music for Easter will be rehearsed those evenings. This Easter we will continue the tradition of Adorning the Cross with flowers and complete our Easter service with an AMEN. Questions? Please ask any choir member, Jim Gilbert or Pastor Anna.
- ***April 12 Beach Sweep at Ortleigh Beach.*** We'll round up at 9:00am to clean up the beaches and document our findings in order to help create legislation to keep the beaches perpetually clean. Register online via our website standrewtr.org.
- ***Easter Egg Hunt (Sunday School Children) April 13 directly after worship.*** Please stay to enjoy the festivities. Want to help? Take home a bag of empty eggs (you'll find them in the narthex), fill them with candy, and return them by April 6.
- ***Drive-In Movie Night!*** Join us for an evening of old-fashioned fun on **April 26 at 7:00pm**. Bring your car or a lawn chair, and be ready for family-friendly fun. Complete with a concession stand and a radio station to tune in to for the sound, we're bound to make new memories!
- ***May Flower Festival May 3, 10:00am- 12:00pm.*** Come for kid-oriented activities to celebrate spring. We'll have fun activities, eco-friendly crafts, and a time of joyful gathering for all! Bring family and friends for this community event.
- ***Church Women United. Save the Date!*** Annual Spring Assembly, Theme: Fair and Accessible Housing on April 26, 9:00-3:00pm. Location: Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut St. Cranford. Cost \$15.00 includes lunch. There will be a carpool. If interested contact Joan Sola 732-240-7516 or email: joansola13@gmail.com.
- ***Family Promise Volunteer Training.*** Family Promise will be holding a training session for all volunteers on **Sunday April 6** immediately after the 10:00am service in rooms 4-6. It is requested that ALL current volunteers attend. If you are interested in volunteering for this important mission of helping unhoused families with children return to a home feel free to attend. Please contact Sam Jones at 732-614-3904 with any questions.
- ***Library News.*** Books of interest this month: In the library on the lower self near the desk are holiday books including Easter and Lent with Devotions. Max Lucado's book "Unshakable Hope:

Building Our Lives on the Promises of God." In this New York Times bestselling book, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible's most significant promises, equipping you to overcome difficult circumstances by keeping your focus on the hope found in the promises of Scripture. Whether it's heart disease or cancer, job failure or addiction, natural disasters or family disasters, mass murders or mental illness, there are so many reasons to be overwhelmed and hope can feel hard to come by. Now more than ever, we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God. This book will be on the rack outside Fellowship Hall. Just fill out the card with your name and phone number and place it in the small box on the top of the cabinet. There will be a book bag next to the rack to return books. Any questions call Joan 732-240-7516.

- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us for dinner on **April 23**. The menu will feature Shepherd's Pie. There is food for all and all are welcome. Join us from 5-6:00pm.
- **Outreach Task Force.** We asked, and God delivered...people!! SAUMC is now blessed with literally hundreds of visitors through our doors each month. Some are Scouts, some seek recovery, some play Pickleball, and some donate blood. No matter the reason, as disciples of Christ we have an obligation to welcome and invite those at our doorstep to join us. That could be attending an event, planting a garden, or worshipping on Sunday. But it starts with an intentional effort to engage with the neighbors God has brought to this place. If you would like to join this effort of planning and working on targeted outreach events and activities please contact Scott Susich at 732-236-1474 or jscottsusich@gmail.com.
- **Sight and Sound Trip, July 31 Save the Date to see NOAH.** Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season! \$169 pp including round trip bus, lunch and show. More information to come.
- **United Methodist Men (UMM).** Due to the beach sweep the next UMM breakfast meeting will be held the first Saturday of April, **April 5** at 8:00am rooms 4-6.
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW).** Final date to order candy is Sunday, April 6. Pick up on Palm Sunday, April 13. **Save the Date May 16, Paint Party** in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will support our Veteran's Ministry of SAUMC. More information will follow.
- **Veterans Ministry.** We are calling on all VETS to fill out our contact information sheet, from that information we will hold our first Veterans meeting of 2025. You will find the contact sheet in the narthex and on the church bulletin board. On May 25 at our memorial day worship service we are asking all service members or families to bring veterans memorabilia to honor service members with photos, medals or whatever you would like to bring. Our veterans ministry is also supporting Food Warriors, refer to the flyers on bulletin boards and tables throughout the church. Please support our veterans ministry. Remember, our freedom isn't free. May God Bless America and our Veterans & Troops around the World. Thank You! Contact Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader, cell phone: 732-703-0064.
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club).** Calling all Women who love to read! Please note a change of date, **April 26** we will meet in the Shared Ministry Office as well as on ZOOM at 10:00am. Join us as we discuss James by Percival Everett. Contact Pat Lewis for details at patricialewis722@aol.com. Happy Reading!