



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

- **Holy Week Schedule.** **March 29** Palm Sunday 10:00am Worship / **April 2** Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm / **April 3** Good Friday Service 7:00pm / **April 5** Sunrise Service at 6:00am & 10:00am Easter Worship.
- **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 April 14 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!
- Want to make new friends? **Caregiver Volunteers** are in urgent need of additional drivers for their Medical Transportation Program. As a driver, you receive requests to take individuals to qualifying medical appointments scheduled 2 weeks in advance, with door-to-door assistance provided as needed. Accepting or declining the request is up to you and your schedule with appointments occurring Monday thru Friday (No Holidays) from 9 to 3. Members of our St. Andrew congregation currently volunteer with this organization and find it an extremely rewarding way to serve the community. Often they drive the same individuals and develop lasting friendships. Interested? Talk to J. Scott Susich; visit <https://caregivervolunteers.org/>; call Pat Cubero at (732) 505-2273 ext. 205; or email her at patc@caregivervolunteers.org.
- **Cards of Encouragement: A Night of Faith & Creativity.** Join us for a special evening of crafting, connection, and encouragement! Come create beautiful handmade cards that will uplift hearts and share God's love. No experience needed. All supplies provided. Just bring yourself! **Thursday, April 30 from 5:00–7:00pm, rooms 4–6.** Bring a friend and enjoy a relaxing, faith-filled night together. Let's create something meaningful—one card at a time. "All the believers were together sharing with those in need." Acts 2:44–45. We can't wait to see you there!
- **Christmas in July update.** Please see our bulletin boards. North Dover Elementary and Toms River Regional School have sent thank you letters to our church family for the Christmas in July donations provided to students and their families. We will kindly accept \$20 Target or Walmart gift cards at anytime for this mission project! Please contact Marilyn Mazer with any questions.
- Save the Date, **Fellowship Brunch** immediately following service on **Sunday, May 31** in Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.
- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us on **April 15** from 5:00 - 6:00pm for our annual Shepherd's Pie dinner! There is food for all and all are welcome!
- **The Adult Mission Team** is planning a **trip to Kentucky the week of June 7 returning June 13**. Our team has been to Kentucky twice helping the people recover from the floods of 2022. UMCOR station Kentucky reports that recovery work from 2022 is finished. However, the storms of 2025 hit and there are many that need help. Anyone 18 years old or older are welcome to come. The only skill needed is a pair of helping hands. 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.

- **Social Action Committee. Save the date Beach Sweep April 11th!** Participate in a beach cleanup as part of statewide effort to stop ocean pollution. The information you collect about debris at your local site will help spread the message about the dangers of litter in the marine environment. Register at link below. See Lynn Koch for more information or visit their website [Clean Ocean Action: Beach Sweeps Volunteer](#).
[Clean Ocean Action Fall 2025 Beach Sweeps!](#)

- **Trustee News.** Well, that was quite the winter! Thank you to all who helped get - and keep - the Church and its grounds safe and accessible. It sure wasn't easy. Between light snows in December...the serious snowfall and subsequent ice and frigid temperatures in late January...heating system repairs in the midst of the frigidness...and then the BIG snowstorm in February...it kept us on our toes. The Trustees appreciate all the extensions of help and words of appreciation. With April here, the Trustees will turn their attention to our grounds and outdoor environments. If you are interested in being involved in any maintenance of the grounds outside - weeding, planting, mowing, trimming, gardening, etc. - let our Trustees team know.

- Blood Drive. The next blood drive is Monday, April 6 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 will be on **Sunday, April 12**. 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). Save the date!** Our annual women's retreat will be on **April 25 from 10-3**. Please join us for this knock-your-socks-off day of fun, food, and friendship as we take a walk in the Word together. Register now. \$25.00 includes a continental breakfast, fabulous lunch and tasty treats! Our topic is "Beautiful Feet"!

- **Veterans Ministry.** We are looking for new members, you don't need to be a veteran to join! Save the date, as we are planning a **Memorial Day service on Sunday May 24 at 10:00am**. Bring your veterans and their photos to our service. God bless our veterans and remember our freedom isn't free. For more information contact Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader at 732-703-0064 or veteransatstandrewumc2019@gmail.com.

- **WOW! Women's Book Club.** Calling all Women who love to read! Our selection for April will be *Women's Hotel* by Daniel M Lavery. We will meet via ZOOM on **April 18th at 10:00am**. Happy Reading!