



**SAINT ANDREW**  
United Methodist Church  
**JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

- **Worship News.** Sunday, July 14 is our 10:00am summer service followed by a potluck in Fellowship Hall. 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.
- **Summer Mid-Week Worship.** Join Pastor Anna each Wednesday in July at 6:00pm for an outdoor worship service. As in the past several years, this will be a casual but meaningful worship service that lasts between 30 and 40 minutes. It's also a wonderful time to bring friends, neighbors and a lawn chair or two. Make plans to attend, you will be blessed.
- **Summer 2024 Schedule All Services at 10:00am**
  - 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**
- **Children's Ministry Task Force.** Saint Andrew is ready to energize our efforts for children's ministry. The Sunday school Coordinator and teachers are doing a great job, so let's build upon their good work! If you are ready to invest your time and effort into reviving the children's ministry, please contact Pastor Anna by calling the church office or emailing Pastor Anna directly, [anna@standrewtr.org](mailto:anna@standrewtr.org)
- **Christmas in July.** Each Sunday in July, we will again be collecting \$20 Target or Walmart gift cards to use at Christmas. This year we are going with the theme "Like a good neighbor, St. Andrew is there." The gift cards will be given to our neighbors, North Dover Elementary School and South Toms River Elementary School (John Phander teaches there). The principals and guidance counselors will distribute the cards to families in need of help. We can be assured that our donations will truly brighten the holiday for children. Our goal is at least 100 cards!!
- **Ignite!** Some of our Youth Group teens will be attending "Ignite!" a conference full of music, worship, mission, and learning. This impactful weekend will take place October 11-13. If you are able to help support these kids financially so that nobody will have to pay, please place a clearly marked check (best if in an envelope) in the offering plate.
- **Midwinter VBS.** Calling all volunteers! Saint Andrew will be holding a Winter VBS, Saturday, December 28 thru Tuesday, December 31 from 9-12 noon. If you are willing and able to help lead, teach, prepare, or decorate for the big event, please contact Pastor Anna by calling the church office or emailing [anna@standrewtr.org](mailto:anna@standrewtr.org).
- **Leadership Institute.** Pastor Anna will be attending the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection (Adam Hamilton's church) in September, and extends the invitation to you. It is a dynamic conference meant not just for clergy, but for all those who are leaders within their congregation. Trey

Gillette has attended this several times, and has always returned with passion for the church's ministry accompanied with tools to bring great things to fruition. If attendance to this event is cost prohibitive, yet you would like to attends, please let me know. We will make sure finances won't prohibit you from coming. Below is a link for the event if you would like to explore it further. Please let Pastor know if you would like to attend. <https://leadership.sharechurch.com>

- **Library News.** Summer is the time to sit and read a good book. On the book-rack outside of Fellowship Hall you will find **The Carousel** by Richard Paul Evans, author of **The Christmas Box** and **The Locket**. An excerpt from **The Carousel**, "*We want to believe we have control of our lives but we don't. We can't even promise our time. The best we can promise is our hearts; and the most we can hope for is to live each moment as if it is our last.*" Our next recommendation, **Helping Children Cope with Cancer**. If you are a parent or grandparent this book will help and can be read to a child. Lastly, if intrigue is for you, check out this book, **The Third Target** by Joel C. Rosenberg. Taking place in the middle east, New York Times foreign correspondent J.B. Collins hears rumors that an al-Qaeda splinter cell—ISIS—has captured a cache of chemical weapons inside Syria, he knows this is a story he must pursue at all costs. This book can be found in the fiction section, bottom shelf of the Library. For all books please sign out the card with your name and telephone number. Any questions contact Joan Sola at 732-240-7516. Happy reading!
- **Meals That Heal.** On July 17 please join us for an old-fashioned summer barbecue. On the menu: Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, watermelon, etc. There is plenty for all and all are welcome 5-6:00pm.
- **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, July 5** from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Appointments recommended walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits. For an appointment call 800-933-2566. While supplies last, receive a Mets T-shirt & a pair of tickets when you show up to donate!
- **United Methodist Men (UMM).** The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, **July 13** at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall.
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW).** A great big thank you to everyone who helped make Music and Morsels an overwhelming success! Delicious goodies, spectacular entertainment, enthusiastic audience participation ensured a wonderful evening for all. **SAVE THE DATE** for our traditional **Ice Cream Social coming August 13**, more information forthcoming.
- **Veterans Ministry News.** We wish to again thank our congregation for donations given during our remembrance service held Memorial Day weekend. Maggie Nordt narrated her article on *Memorial Day and Forgiveness*, a story about her dad, US Marine Corporal John Kovacs during his service in World War II. It was powerful and reminded us all that Freedom isn't Free! American Legion Post 511, Manahawkin Legionnaire Lou Esposito and Thomas Blackmore joined our service to provide support. Our veterans ministry made a donation to Operation Jersey Cares that supports our troops around the world, go to [www.operationjerseycares.org](http://www.operationjerseycares.org). You do not need to be a veteran to join our ministry, you simply need to want to help support our veterans and military families. If you have any questions please call me at 732-703-0064. Lastly, a flier was handed out for Prime Time Travel's Annual Gala Dinner & Show honoring our veterans and first responders coming November 3, 6:00pm at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City. Call 1-888-444-0515 to make reservations. This event will be making a donation to our Veterans Ministry. Please join us to support our ministry and have some fun!! Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** all women are invited! Please join us for our next meeting on July 20th. We will be discussing **The Shell Seekers** by Rosamunde Pilcher. Our meeting will be via ZOOM contact Pat Lewis for details at [patricialewis722@aol.com](mailto:patricialewis722@aol.com). Happy Reading!