



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

- **Church Envelopes 2025.** Envelopes are in the Narthex during worship. If you don't have envelopes and would like them please contact the church office. If you give online, please pick up your envelopes as there are special giving opportunities within the box.
- **Family Promise of the Jersey Shore.** We formally welcome Family Promise to our St. Andrew Church as they will be commencing administrative functions starting on January 1st. As a reminder, we have dedicated the full wing of Memorial Hall, with the exception of our library, to Family Promise and their families.
- **Library News.** January is a good time to sit down and relax with a good book. *The Last Disciple* by Hank Hanegraaff and Sigmund Brouwer could be that book for you! Imagine a letter that could tell your future written in code. Deciphering it could set you free. What's inside reveals the truth about the end of the world, but possessing it could kill you. This is a work of fiction. Please sign the card and include a phone number. This book will be located on the book rack outside of Fellowship Hall. The library will continue to always be open. Any questions call Joan Sola 732-240-7516. Happy reading!
- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us on **January 15** for warm bowls of yummy soup, sandwiches, salad, and cake! There is food for all and all are welcome. Join us from 5-6:00pm.
- **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, January 31** from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits. For an appointment call 800-933-2566.
- **United Methodist Men (UMM).** The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, **January 11** at 8:00am in rooms 4-6.
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW).** Calling ALL women! **Save the Date! Saturday, January 25** for our annual White Elephant auction and general meeting. This will be a fun-filled event for all! Continental breakfast at 10:00am rooms 4-6. Please bring your World Thank Offering boxes!
- **Veterans Ministry.** On behalf of our Veterans Ministry at SAUMC, I would like to thank our congregation for their generous donations in 2024. It's because of you the ministry was able to support Operation Jersey Cares, US War Dogs, and more. This past year we've attended several veterans events in New Jersey, and we plan to participate in even more in 2025. Please remember **Freedom Isn't Free!** May we never forget that our veterans, troops, and their families, will always need our help. Wishing you blessings in 2025.

- **Winter VBS.** Saint Andrew is offering a new sort of VBS. It will take place **January 18-20**, during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. If you'd like to help prepare beforehand or help during the VBS, please contact Pastor Anna. Invite your children, grandchildren, and friends to the fun-filled weekend! Let's be in prayer for those who attend, that they may be changed by hearing God's word.

- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** all women are invited! Please join us for our next meeting on January 18. We will discuss *Eight Hundred Grapes* by Laura Dave. We will meet in-house in our choir room, and also via ZOOM. Contact Pat Lewis for details at patricialewis722@aol.com. Happy Reading!