

- ➤ **Worship News.** Sunday, March 10 is our monthly 10:00AM service, 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.
- Lent and Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, March 24 - 9:30AM (Fellowship Hall) & 11:00AM (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00PM (Memorial Hall; Upper Room Experience)

Good Friday, March 29 - 12:00PM (Sanctuary; Tenebrae) & 7:00PM (Sanctuary; Tenebrae)

Easter Sunday, March 31 - 6:00AM Sunrise Service (Memorial Garden) & 10:00AM (Sanctuary; Adorn the Cross)

- Calling All Singers! Holy Week Choir is looking for you. If you sing in the choir at school, sang in college choir, sang in a past SAUMC Cantata, or sing in the shower, come join the Holy Week Choir. We will be singing at the Good Friday 7:00PM Service and the Easter 10:00AM Celebration of the Risen Lord. There will be ONE rehearsal on Wednesday March 27 @ 7:00PM. All music for Good Friday and Easter will be rehearsed that evening. 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.
- Meals That Heal. Please join us for our St. Patrick's celebration on Wednesday, March 20, 5:00PM 6:00PM. The menu will include Corned Beef, Cabbage, Tater Tots, Tossed Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Irish Soda Bread, and Cookies.
- ➤ 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. If interested contact Mary Garreau at megarr0304@aol.com or call 732-762-9137.
- SAUMC Library News. Book recommendations of the month, Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense by NT Wright. Like CS Lewis, Wright's best-known work, written in the tradition of CS Lewis's Mere Christianity but for today's generation—a rigorous and mind-expanding explanation of the essence of Christianity and why people believe. Miracles of Jesus by Michael Symmons Roberts, recounts the miracles of Jesus on first-century believers in order to explain the hidden meanings within those acts and how they are still significant today. Selections are on the rack outside of Fellowship Hall. Any questions contact Joan Sola 732-240-7516. The library is open to all while the building is open. Happy reading!

- ➤ **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** presented by Troop 36, Saturday March 2. Single ticket \$15.00 or couple \$25.00. Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. Two sittings available 4-5:30pm or 6-7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased using link https://spaghetti-dinner-2024-tickets.cheddarup.com. Feel free to email troop36trnj@gmail.com with any questions.
- Trustee News. 1) The next blood drive will be Friday, March 22 from 1-7PM in Fellowship Hall. 2) Senior Citizens Activities Network (SCAN) is looking for adults willing to be trained to lead Move Today, a specially designed evidence-based exercise class for adults 60+. Move Today Training Sessions will be held Mondays, March 18 & 25 10AM-3PM at SAUMC Fellowship Hall. Advanced Registration Required! Call to Register 732-542-1326. Peer Leaders receive a stipend for each class they facilitate. 3) We have 4 AA Groups here at SAUMC Mondays & Tuesdays in Memorial Hall 6:30-8:30PM, Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall 6:00-9:00PM and Saturdays in Memorial Hall at 7:00PM.
- United Methodist Men (UMM) The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, March 9 at 8:00AM in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!
- United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW) Our Old Monmouth candy sale is up and running. Order forms will be available Sunday March 3 & 10. Please fill out form and clip your payment to order form. Candy will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday, March 24. Our Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 20. Signup on Sundays March 17, 24, or April 7.
- Veterans Ministry News. Still seeking new members! You don't have to be a veteran to join. We are asking for prayer of our troops in the Middle East, as we lost 3 young troops from a drone attack and 47 injured. 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! Good news, our meeting on March 16 at 10:00AM will be held in our choir room as well as online. We will discuss <u>So Long, Chester</u> Wheeler by Catherine Ryan Hyde.