



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

- **Ash Wednesday** is **March 5**. Services will be at noon and 6:00pm.
- **March 8 is potluck Sunday**, and this month we will be celebrating Pi day. March 14 is Pi day (3.14)! The best part of a Pi party is, you guessed it, PIE! Bring a dish to share and your favorite pie. Come for fun, fellowship, and pie!
- **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 on **Wednesday March 19** and 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.
- **Church Women United. SAVE THE DATES.** The State unit will be holding a World Day of Prayer zoom program **Friday March 7**, the zoom link will be sent out when available. Spring Assembly, Saturday April 26 more information to come. May Friendship Celebration will be **either May 2 or 9**. Joan Sola is the liaison for Church Women United and can be reached at 732-240-7516.
- **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.** We have a great selection of children's books. Grandparents and parents: one that may be of interest is "Someone I love has cancer," there are also books on kindness, bullying, sharing and many others. These books can be found on the book rack outside of Fellowship Hall. Just sign the card and place it in the basket on the top shelf. Please include your phone number with your name. Books may be returned to the library just place it in the book bag on the door. The library is located on the 1st floor. Be aware that there is a new door leading into that area. Once you go through the door the library is just a few steps to the left. Any questions call Joan 732 240 7516.
- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us for our annual St. Patrick's dinner on **March 19!** There is food for all and all are welcome. Join us from 5-6:00pm.
- **Mission Committee.** Thank you so much for providing a brighter Christmas for the students and families of North Dover Elementary and South Toms River Elementary. Our "Be a good neighbor/Christmas in July" gift card collection was a huge success with 106 cards donated. We provided help to 44 families and 107 children. It's never too soon to start picking up a \$20 gift card from Target or Wal-Mart! Thank you for your generous support.

- **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, March 7** 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. **SCAN (Senior Citizens Activities Network) Wednesday, March 26** in Fellowship Hall. Call 732-542-1326 or go to scannj.org for more information.
- **United Methodist Men (UMM)**. The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday, **March 8** at 8:00am in rooms 4-6.
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW)**. Thank you everyone for participating in our White Elephant Sale and general meeting! Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to donate \$1,300.00 to Family Promise!
Olde Monmouth Easter candy sale begins **March 2 until March 30**. Order forms available now!
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** Calling all Women who love to read! Due to circumstances beyond our control, our February meeting had to be rescheduled! So on **March 15** we will meet in our choir room as well as on ZOOM at 10:00am. Please join us as we discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Contact Pat Lewis for details at patricialewis722@aol.com. Happy Reading!