



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

- **Church Women United.** Join us for **May Friendship Day-God's Daughters Living Powerful Lives.** Celebrations 2025 Theme Scripture "Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised." Proverbs 31:30. **Friday May 9** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 1500 Hooper Ave Toms River, 11:30am - 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Flyers for this event are in the Narthex. **Please sign up by May 2.** Contact person for this event is Joan Sola, 732-240-7516 or email: joansola13@gmail.com.
- **Library News.** We have a selection of books authored by our beloved brother in Christ, Harry Humphreys. There is a shelf dedicated to Harry in the library where his books can be found. We have been blessed to have these books donated to SAUMC by his lovely wife Pat. Any questions call Joan 732-240-7516.
- **Meals That Heal.** Join us for the third anniversary of Meals That Heal on **May 21** from 5-6:00pm. Celebrate with us as we enjoy our traditional Italian Feast. We will have an anniversary sheet cake for dessert. There is food for all and all are welcome.
- **Sight and Sound Trip, July 31 Save the Date to see NOAH.** Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season! \$169 pp including round trip bus, lunch and show. More information to come.
- **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, May 2 from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.** Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment call 800-933-2566.

You can help our JBJ Garden Grow! Attention all Gardeners and Gardener-Wannabe's! Everyone knows that gardens produce best when organic-rich soils are used. One of the best ways to enrich soils is household compost. **Starting Sunday, May 4,** our Church will assist the JBJ gardeners by collecting compost materials from your homes. It's as easy as can be. Here's all you need to do. Using a coffee tin or similar container (one with a lid), place it near the kitchen sink. As you prepare or eat certain foods, any fruit or vegetable scrap (peels, ends, cores, etc.), egg shells, coffee grounds and filters or tea bags can be placed in the container. You may wish to keep the container – or a second perhaps larger one - in the refrigerator if leaving it out produces odors or fruit flies. Then, every Sunday, bring your compost to the Church and place it in one of the designated labeled compost bins. One bin will be downstairs outside of the Fellowship (pickleball) Hall kitchen and a second bin will be in the mail room just outside of the Sanctuary – ask an usher if you are unsure. You can leave your container next to the bin and collect it on your way out. The gardeners will then collect the donated compost and put it in the garden's compost unit. If you want more information or direction, please speak to one of the trustees. Thank you!

- **United Methodist Men (UMM).** The next UMM breakfast meeting will be held Saturday **May 10**, from 8:00-10:00am rooms 4-6.
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW).** Thank you so much for supporting our annual Old Monmouth Easter Candy Sale.
- **Veterans Ministry.** On **May 25** our Veterans Ministry will be hosting a Memorial Day service at 10:00am. Please bring your veterans, veterans memorabilia and their photos. Remember our freedom isn't free. This year is our 15th anniversary since we started in 2010! You don't have to be a veteran to join our ministry, just a heart that wants to help our veterans. We are supporting Food Warriors this year, refer to the flyers on bulletin boards and tables throughout the church. God Bless our Troops around the world. Contact Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader, cell phone: 732-703-0064.
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club).** Calling all Women who love to read!. Join us as we discuss A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles via ZOOM at 10:00am **May 17**. Contact Pat Lewis for details at patricialewis722@aol.com. Happy Reading!