



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

- **SAUMC's Annual Church Conference.** Members and friends, you are all welcome to join SAUMC's Annual Church Conference on **November 2** at noon. If interested, zoom information will be emailed to all.
- **Craft Vendor Fair October 5 Fellowship Hall.** Many vendors and crafters will be present with original items for purchase and Katie will again be making food to sell when you get hungry. Get some early holiday shopping done and have some fun! We also have new and gently used holiday decorations at almost giving-away prices. This year we will be featuring a jewelry table. There will be fun activities for the children! There is something for everyone, come join the fun!
Volunteers needed to help with children's activities please contact Jackie Jones, Marilyn Mazer or Marie Yarger for additional information.
- **Church Women United of Toms River.** CWU State Fall Gathering Saturday, October 19 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church of Toms River. Please bring your lunch. Snacks, drinks and dessert will be provided. Speakers will be from Fulfill and Toms River Housing and Homeless Coalition. Celebrate World Community Day with Church Women United on Friday, November 8 at United Church of Christ located at 1681 Ridgeway Rd (rt. 571) Toms River. Join us at 10:00am for the meeting on Friday, November 8!
- **Library News.** We have a new book, **The Masterpiece** by Francine Rivers. The New York Times bestselling author of **Redeeming Love** returns to her romance roots with this unexpected and redemptive love story, a probing tale that reminds us that mercy can shape even the most broken among us into an imperfect yet stunning masterpiece. Located on the book rack outside of Fellowship Hall.
I am happy to report that there will be a rack of free books at the Craft Vendor Fair October 5. Be on the lookout for it. Any questions contact Joan Sola 732-240-7516.
- **Meals That Heal.** On **October 16**, please join us for our Oktoberfest! Enjoy Beef and Turkey Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Tossed Salad and more! Apple Crisp will be the dessert! All are welcome join us from 5-6:00pm.
- **Missions Ministry.** We will once again be filling Christmas shoe boxes for the United Methodist Spirit Lake Ministry in North Dakota, which serves people of the Lakota Nation. These boxes are often the only gifts the children get each year, and are cherished by the children. We will be collecting the boxes Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. The guidelines are as follows: To start, wrap the bottom and top of the box separately (this will allow us to insert the story of the birth of Jesus. If you have children, grand children, nieces or nephews, ask them what they would like for Christmas. Add that, a few more small gifts, some candy, a winter hat, mittens or gloves, place a rubber band around the box and the top, then put the age group and gender of the child on top of the box. You have just built a box of love. We are looking for the following age groups. Infant, Toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13 and up. Please only add new toys and please don't put any clothing except the hats/gloves or mittens in the boxes.
- **Musical Opportunities.** We always welcome new members. Our musical groups are a way to worship and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ. Grade 6 to Adults are encouraged to join.
Bell Choir – Thursday @ 3:00 PM
Adult Choir – Thursday @ 4:00 PM
Praise Band – Thursday @ 7:00 PM - *singers* and musicians welcome to join.

- **Sunday School.** During worship at 10:00am Sunday School is available for children pre-k thru 5th grade in classroom 4-5. Bring your little ones at anytime! Sunday School Calendars are also available, see Jackie Jones for further information.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets.** The air is cooling and the leaves are changing, it must be time to start thinking and planning our 2024 Thanksgiving Basket project! Yes, we will be handing out Thanksgiving dinners and pantry items to families in need again this year. We thank all of you who have so faithfully supported this project in the past and look forward to working with you all again to assist the families who so thankfully appreciate the help we extend. This year's details are as follows:
 - Turkeys, turkeys, turkeys - we can use as much help as possible in accumulating the 50 or so turkeys we will need. Please let us (Sue or Dave Richardson) know if you can donate a turkey.
 - Food items - because we have accumulated an abundance of Thanksgiving style food items that we normally ask for, it would be more helpful to give financially in lieu of food items. Our shoppers will get what we need. If you feel strongly about donating food items, please reach out to Sue or Dave for suggestions.
 - Volunteer opportunities - we plan to pack food sets on Friday, November 22nd at 3pm and distribute the baskets on Sunday, November 24th starting at 12 noon. Also, if anyone wants to help with shopping that would be appreciated. Please see Sue or Dave if you would like to help with any of these tasks.

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- **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, October 4** from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Appointments recommended 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, **October 12** at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall.
- **United Women of Faith (UWF/UMW).** Calling ALL women! Please join us for our Fall General Meeting **October 19** from 10:00am - 12:00pm in classrooms 4-6. Joanne Gwin, from Soul Kitchen, will be our guest speaker. Enjoy a delicious continental breakfast, warm fellowship and learn about our partnership with JBJ's Soul Kitchen.
- **Veterans Ministry News.** Veterans Day Sunday Service **November 10** and at 10:00am. Please bring your veterans, their photos and medals to celebrate with us.
Prime Time Travel is hosting an annual gala dinner & show honoring our veterans and first responders, November 3, 6:00pm at Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, pls. see the flyer posted around SAUMC. We have 20 seats free for Veterans. This event will be making a donation to our Veterans Ministry. Please let Sgt. David Nordt know as soon as possible if you wish to join us, call 732-703-0064. Thank you, Sgt. David Nordt Ministry Leader.
- **WOW! (Women's Book Club)** all women are invited! Please join us for our next meeting on October 26. We will discuss **The Women** by Kristen Hannah. It is an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided. Our meeting will be via ZOOM. Contact Pat Lewis for details at patricialewis722@aol.com. Happy Reading!