

SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

- **SAUMC Annual Church Conference.** Members and friends, you are all welcome to join our annual church conference **Saturday, November 1 at 1:00pm in classrooms 4-6.**
- **Administrative Board.** The next Administrative Board meeting is **October 14 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary, all are welcome to attend.
- **Christmas Cantata.** *This is Christmas* by Mary MacDonald. Singers, young and old are invited to join our festival choir. Recordings of individual parts (SATB) are available as well. Our rehearsals begin October 4. We are hoping we can restore this yearly tradition to our church.

Sat, Oct 4	8:00-9:30 am	Choir-Men
Sat, Oct 11	8:00-9:30 am	Choir - Women
Sat, Nov 1	8:00-9:30 am	Choir-Men
Sat, Nov 8	8:00-9:30 am	Choir - Women
Sun, Nov 23	11:15-12:30 pm	Choir ALL
Sun, Dec 7	11:15-12:30 pm	Choir ALL
Sat, Dec 13	8:00-9:30 am	Choir ALL
Sun, Dec 14	3:00 PM	Concert

- **Community Trunk or Treat October 26, 3:00-5:00pm.** Sign up to bring your car! Don't have decorations? No problem, indicate you'd like us to decorate for you when you sign up. We want plenty of cars, so we can give a big welcome to the community. Candy is needed, as well, so please bring donations to church. Let's give our community the chance to have a great time as we welcome them with friendly faces! Signup sheet can be found in the Narthex.
- **Library News.** There is a rack of library books in the rear of the sanctuary on the right side as you enter. The books may be signed out and returned to the box next to the rack. Four new books are available. A second addition of Billy Graham's book on *Angels*, it opens the veil between the visible and invisible world. The other selections are *Changed* by Tom Cantor, one man's journey from lost and defiled to found and cleansed. *Simply Following Jesus: Practices for Living Out an Uncomplicated Faith* by Robert Watson, a good read for new believers. We are also subscribing to *Response* magazine. This bi-monthly magazine speaks to women of the world today. Sign the card and enjoy the news of Women of Faith. Happy reading! Any questions contact Joan Sola 732-240-7516.
- **Missions. Christmas in July update.** Our gift card goal was to collect at least 107 cards to match last year. To date we have 140 cards. God is so good!! The cards will be given to North Dover Elementary and South Toms Elementary and will be given to students and families identified as needing a little extra joy at Christmas. Thank you, St Andrew, for your overwhelming support of this mission.

Thanksgiving Baskets. Cooler weather means Thanksgiving is around the corner. St. Andrew will again be collecting turkeys and the Thanksgiving Dinner fixings as we move closer to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Be on the lookout for information on how to donate and volunteer as we move into the middle or end of October. Gobble, Gobble!

- **New Members Class.** Are you a long-time visitor interested in officially joining the church? Are you a new visitor and would like to know what St. Andrew is all about? Are you a member and want to know more? Pastor Anna will be holding a new member class on **Wednesday October 15 and 22 from 6:30-8:00pm.** Following the class, all who wish to join will do so on the first Sunday in November. Please reach out to Pastor Anna with any questions. anna@standrewtr.org

- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us for dinner and fellowship on **October 15** for our annual October Fest. Featuring Polish Kielbasa, baked beans and sauerkraut are on the menu. There is food for all and all are welcome!
- **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, October 10 from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall.** Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment call 800-933-2566.

Use of Church Facilities. Our Church is blessed to be a building with active use day in and day out - even the nights! The unfortunate outcome is that the space available for other-than-Worship use has been affected. The Church office, Leadership and Trustees try very hard to accommodate the needs of our Church and its groups. However, there are times, especially if requested with a relatively short lead time, when spaces just aren't available because they are already reserved. All groups and individuals who have, or are considering using Church space need to try and plan at a minimum of 12 weeks out, especially if Fellowship Hall (pickleball courts) is of interest. We have several pickleball groups who schedule and pay for 12 week blocks. This is a real blessing to the Church, but unless the need is a high priority (i.e., Memorial service; Repast), we need to respect the players and not seek changes to their schedules. Additionally, the lease we have with the Family Promise organization prohibits the Church use of their space, with the exception of the food pantry and library. Lastly, the other spaces of interest and use are the Sanctuary, Shared Ministry Office and classrooms 4, 5, & 6 have some routine users. All in all, it is definitely a challenge, but not an impossibility, to schedule new activities.

If interested in a space, the Trustees request that you first check the calendar that is available on-line on the Church website. If you see a date or dates of interest that do not appear to be in use, then please contact the office next. If the office determines that a date is available, the request is then routed to the Trustees for a final approval. Should you have any questions please feel free to discuss with the Trustees. Thank you!

- **United Methodist Men (UMM).** The next breakfast meeting will be held Saturday **October 11, from 8:00-10:00am rooms 4-6.** We hope to see you there!
- **United Women of Faith (UWF).** **Save the date for our General Meeting, October 18 at 10:00am in classrooms 4-6.** Join us for a delicious continental breakfast. Our guest speakers will be from Save Barnegat Bay.
- **Veterans Ministry.** The Veterans Ministry is looking forward to an exciting November. Plans are being made for a special presentation aptly named “**Pastries for our Patriots**” on **Sunday, November 2** immediately after service. Mel (David) Russen from Wreaths Across America will give a very interesting presentation about the origins of the organization, including their present-day mission across the country. Pastries and coffee will be enjoyed by all attendees. We hope you will join us. Sign up in the narthex after each service in October so we can plan accordingly.
On Sunday **November 9**, the Veterans Ministry will honor veterans at a **special Veterans Day service**. Please bring artifacts (photos, medals) from military service to share with the congregation. Also, we welcome all veterans to join us at this special service.
- **WOW! Women's Book Club.** Calling all Women who love to read! Our selection for October is Conclave by Robert Harris. We will meet via ZOOM on **October 25 at 10:00am.** Happy Reading!