



SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

- **Administrative Board.** The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 10 at 7:00pm via video conference call**. Call the church office (732-349-5367) if you are not a board member and would like to attend. All are welcome!
- **Cards of Encouragement.** Join us for a special evening of crafting, connection, and encouragement! Come create beautiful handmade cards that will uplift hearts and share God's love. No experience needed. All supplies provided. Just bring yourself! **Tuesday, November 10 from 4:30–6:00pm, rooms 4–6**. Bring a friend and enjoy a relaxing, faith-filled night together. Let's create something meaningful—one card at a time. We can't wait to see you there!
- **The Holiday Bazaar** is coming up fast on **Saturday November 21**. This is a church wide project, with the goal of raising \$2500 to support our covenant missionary in Tanzania. We have been busy crafting, knitting and cooking to get ready. Now it's time for YOU to get involved! Here's how you can help: There is a bin in the Narthex for your donations of jewelry and jewelry boxes for the Jewelry Box table (see Bernadette Cataline or Paulette Gooden for more info) or gently used small items and appliances for the Attic Treasures table (see Jackie Jones for more info). We can make arrangements to have donations picked up if you are unable to bring them to church on a Sunday. Make & freeze portioned meals for our Granny's Cupboard table e.g., lasagna, meatloaf, pot pie, casseroles, soups, stews etc. Share homemade jams, pickles, sauces or other similar items (see Sue Magyar for more info). You can make cookies, brownies, breads, muffins or candy for the Angel Bakers table and drop them off in the kitchen on Friday November 20 (see Lisa Lockwood for more info). Make a pot of soup or chili for Andy's Kitchen to be served at the bazaar (see Patti Herflicker for more info). Join us for Bazaar Baking Day in the kitchen on Friday November 6 from 10-4 and/or join us for Pie Baking Day in the kitchen on Thursday November 19 from 10-4. Pre-order Apple Crumb or Pumpkin Thanksgiving pies from the Angel Bakers. Order forms will be on the tables in the back of the church on 10/25 and 11/1, no payment needed; you can pick up and pay for your pies at the bazaar. Help with set up and break down as we convert the pickleball courts into a Holiday Bazaar venue Thursday November 19 at 5:00 and then right after the bazaar is over we need help to reset for pickleball. Help in the kitchen the day of the bazaar. For you very special Saint Andrew Superstars, we would love for you to put a star next to your name on the signup sheet which will tell us we can also call you to help with whatever else is needed the day of the bazaar such as cafe runners, serve food to the vendors, sales at the church tables or a variety of other tasks. Signup sheets will be on the back tables in the church every Sunday through November 15. Please take a minute before you leave church to let us know how you are going to help, or you can always send an email to LMLockwood1@verizon.net if you are not able to attend service. We need you to be the hands of God to support our missionary's work - please sign up today! Thank you so much.
- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us on Wednesday, **November 18** for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Our menu includes all the traditional foods that make this meal so special. There is food for all and all are welcome! Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:00pm.
- **Music Ministry. Christmas Cantata December 13 at 3:00pm.** It is not too late to join the Christmas Cantata Choir!! Our November scheduled rehearsals are as follows **11/8, 11/22 @ 11:05am**. We are offering some optional additional rehearsals **11/5, 11/12, 11/19 @ 5:00 – 6:00pm**. If you have sung in a choir previously, let me encourage you to join us! Jim Gilbert, Music Ministry Director.

Ringers Needed! Our Handbell Choir Ministry meets every Thursday at 3:00pm. We would love to have 2-3 more willing musical ringers to join us. Experience is not necessary only a heart to learn and rejoice! If interested please contact Jim Gilbert or any Handbell Choir member.

St. Andrew Singers. Come share your voice with the St. Andrew Singers! We will lead the singing during the 10:00am worship service on **November 22**. Join us at **8:30am** for a review of the hymns and songs. Sign up with a choir member. It's a wonderful opportunity to sing and worship alongside fellow church members!
- **Spirit Lake Ministry.** It's time to collect our **Christmas Shoeboxes** for the Spirit Lake Ministry, serving Native Americans in the Dakotas and Minnesota. Shoebox Christmas is an opportunity for you to reflect the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ into our communities this season by helping to ensure that no child feels forgotten on Christmas morning. This year, Spirit Lake Ministry Center plans to give away 6,000 boxes across the Dakotas and Minnesota. Regular shoeboxes, decorative shoeboxes, or clear, shoebox-sized boxes are acceptable. If you use regular shoeboxes, we request that you wrap the bottom box and the top lid separately in festive paper, and then place a rubber band around it. Project Shoebox (Samaritan's Purse) boxes cannot be used. We also ask that you place a piece of paper on the outside of the box identifying the age range and gender of the intended recipient so that we can distribute them easily. We are hoping to have shoeboxes available for each of the following age groups: infant, toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13 and up. Please make sure to only add new toys, new age and subject-appropriate books, and please **DO NOT** add any clothing into the boxes except hats, gloves, and mittens. **Please bring in your boxes no later than NOVEMBER 15.**
- **Thanksgiving Baskets.** 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 that 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 know if you can donate a turkey (or turkeys!). There are signup sheets in the Narthex.

If you would like to donate food items, we currently need canned green beans, canned corn, boxed instant potatoes, applesauce, pancake mix and syrup, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned beans (any type). There will be a basket in the Narthex to drop off the items. Of course, it is always helpful to give financially as our shoppers will get what is needed.

For those that want to help – we can use shoppers, packers, and help during the distribution day. **We will be packing food sets on Friday, November 20 at 10am and distributing the baskets on Sunday, November 22 starting at 12 noon (after service!).** There are signup sheets in the Narthex. Please see Sue (732-779-2011) or Dave (732-779-1869) if you have any questions. Thank you!!

- ☐ **Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, November 27 from 12:30-6:30pm in classrooms 4-6.** Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment call 800-933-2566.

Library Changes: The library is moving. The Trustees will be endeavoring over the next few weeks to downsize the library, retaining books for both adults and children that are biblically and theologically based and donating the remaining mix of books to the Free Books Library Project in Camden. The Project is a wonderful operation bringing books into marginalized areas in Camden and surrounding areas. You can learn more about the project at <https://thefreebooksproject.org/>. The remaining books will be placed on shelving to be constructed in rooms 4, 5 & 6, as well as the display in the Sanctuary where these resources will be much easier to access. The leadership invites our members and friends to peruse the library shelves over the next few weeks to see if there are particular books you may be interested in adopting or borrowing. If you need help finding the Library, please seek out one of our longer term members who will help you. The church remains indebted to all the wonderful stewards who built, maintained and managed the library over the years and hopes that this endeavor will match the spirit of the Love they gave to this ministry.

Calling all boxes! Our church is going to have need for larger boxes over the next few weeks, as we package shoe boxes for shipping to Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota and package a lot of our library books for movement both within the church and outside of church.

Building Use Request: The Trustees urge all groups and persons interested in using rooms and halls in the church to try and plan at least three (3) months in advance. Classrooms 4, 5 & 6 have a good amount of daytime flexibility but Fellowship Hall has daily weekday pickleball use through the winter, making the space mostly unavailable, except for important church needs that come up. Fellowship Hall does have pretty good flexibility for use on Saturdays.

See Something, Say Something: The Trustees encourage all of our members and friends to never be timid in alerting our Committee to areas of need - whether they be comfort or safety. The Trustees will evaluate all concerns and suggestions.

Sunday Service Security: Did you know that we have a team that provides a basic level of security to the church during services? The team of currently seven (7) members rotates weekly, keeping tabs on the building during service - making sure doors are locked (including our front doors after service begins), the children get to Sunday school safely, assisting visitors with bathroom locations and stationing ourselves in the Narthex so as to monitor the front doors for any late arriving members. If you would like to help and be part of the team, please check us out and let one of the members know.

A Friendly Reminder about Donations: We are grateful for everyone who generously supports our church and its missions. Your donations are a blessing and help us serve our congregation and community. We kindly ask that all donations and items being dropped off at the church be coordinated with the church office beforehand. Please do not leave donations at the church, outside the building, in hallways, or in other areas without first notifying the office. There may be times when the church is unable to accept certain items, or when there is no one available to receive, sort, or properly store them. Unannounced drop-offs can also create additional work for our staff and volunteers. Before bringing or leaving any donation, please contact the church office to make arrangements. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued generosity. We truly appreciate your desire to support our church and its missions.

- ☐ **United Methodist Men's Breakfast.** The men's breakfast will be on **Sunday, November 8.** Breakfast will be served at 8:00am. All men are welcome and encouraged to come!
- ☐ **United Women in Faith (UWF). SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual **Christmas Tea** will be on **December 5** at 1:00pm. Tickets will be \$25 and will go on sale November 1. Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon filled with entertainment, delicious food, and warm friendship.
- ☐ **Veterans Ministry. Patriotic Paint Party Fundraiser:** Come join us for some fun and creativity at the St. Andrew Veterans Ministry Paint Party on **Saturday, November 7 at 12:00 noon (rooms 4-6).** If you cannot make it, please consider a donation. The cost is \$25.00, which includes all painting supplies and light refreshments. Wear messy clothes or bring an apron and get ready to create a patriotic canvas to proudly display in your home! No special artistic skills are required—just come ready to have fun! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to the Wesley Theological Seminary Military Chaplaincy Program, helping support the education and preparation of those called to serve our military communities through chaplaincy.

Winter Warmth for Military Families: The Veterans Ministry is partnering with the Knit Wits to provide warm winter hats and scarves to military families at Joint Base Lakehurst, NJ. We invite all members of our congregation to participate in this special initiative by donating store-purchased hats and scarves by **Sunday, November 8.** Items may be for any age, from baby through adult. Donations may be placed in the bin located in the Narthex clearly labeled for this purpose. Pastor will offer a special blessing for these gifts during our Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 8. Following the ceremony, Chaplain Mike Schaffer will deliver the donations to the base.

Cards of Thanks for Our Active Military: The Veterans Ministry is also asking members of our congregation to consider signing a card with a few heartfelt words of love, appreciation, and praise for the brave men and women who protect our freedom every day. Please feel free to take a card located on the tables in the back of the church, write a personal message, and return the completed card to the basket.

Veterans Day Ceremony: This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on **Sunday, November 8, at 10:00am.** Please bring your favorite veteran and/or a special photo or piece of memorabilia belonging to you or a veteran to share on the table in the Narthex. Our theme this year is "Women in the Military." Our speaker is our very own Army veteran, Lisa Lockwood.

- ☐ **WOW! Women's Book Club.** Calling all Women who love to read! Our selection for November is *A Guardian and a Thief* by Megha Majumdar. We will meet via ZOOM on **November 28 at 10:00am.** Happy Reading!