

SAINT ANDREW
United Methodist Church
AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

- **Administrative Board.** The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 11 at 7:00pm**. Location to be announced with the chance of possible video conference. Call the church office (732-349-5367) if you are not a board member and would like to attend. All are welcome!
- **Calling All Church Singers. Join the Summer Singers!** Come share your voice and fellowship this summer with our Summer Singers! We will lead the singing during the 10:00am Worship Service on **August 30**. Join us at **8:30am** for coffee, doughnut holes, and a review of the hymns and songs. At **9:00am**, we will rehearse in the sanctuary with the Praise Band before worship. There are **no extra rehearsals**, and **no music-reading experience required**. The hymns and songs will be familiar and easy to learn. A sign up poster will be in the foyer. It's a wonderful opportunity to sing and worship alongside fellow church members!
- **Holiday Bazaar Planning is Happening Now!** Saint Andrew United Methodist Church **Holiday Bazaar** will be on **Saturday, November 21, 2026!** There are many opportunities to get involved. Whether you help with planning, decorating, set-up, hospitality, the bake sale, kitchen, clean-up, or other activities, we would love to have you join our team. Volunteers are essential to making the Holiday Bazaar a success. A **Thanksgiving Pie Sale** will also be available! Watch for details on pie varieties, ordering information, and pickup information!
Are you or someone you know interested in being a vendor? **Vendor applications are now available.** We welcome artisans, crafters, small businesses, and specialty vendors to apply. Additional information and a link to the online registration form are available. For more information, email amanda.eggen@saintleo.edu.
Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to celebrating the holiday season together on November 21!
- **Meals That Heal.** Please join us on Wednesday, **August 19**. Our menu will include assorted subs, chips, salad, cookies and watermelon. There is food for all and all are welcome! Fellowship Hall 5:00pm-6:00pm.
- **The Sermon Series "Summer Reading List,"** the last read of the series is Sunday, **August 2**. To prepare Pastor Anna encourages you to read the book of James in the Bible. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Trustee News.** As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Trustees recently ventured into contracting for roof-top solar panels being installed on both the Parsonage and the Church building. At the time of this penning of a report, the Parsonage work has been completed and the Church work has just got started. Upon completion, both structures will be producing the energy required to meet each buildings electrical needs. For those interested in more details and information about this project, please refer to the July newsletter or access the taped presentation through the QR code that was sent via email or available in the Narthex at the Church.

Also mentioned in the previous newsletter, was the initiation of a project to install a Battery Energy Storage System in the rear part of the Church property. No further work occurred on this project since its mention in the newsletter, but again, if you desire to learn more, please refer to the July newsletter or access the taped presentation through the QR code that was sent via email or available in the Narthex at the Church.

The Trustees have been approached to see if the Church can add new Memorial Bricks to the Memorial Garden's brick pathway. The initial project and the bricks that were laid was completed 12 years ago. The Trustees are looking for persons who would like to be involved in the work to organize and promote the project to the Church. Please let Dave Richardson know if you are interested in helping or would like more information.

The Trustees are always looking for volunteers to help with smaller tasks around the Church or to be more involved with the Board directly. If you have some time and want to help with the upkeep of the premises or be more involved in the Board itself, please reach out to the Trustees to talk more.

Blood Drive Monday, August 10 from 1-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment call 800-933-2566.

- ***United Methodist Men's Breakfast.*** The men's breakfast will be on **Sunday, August 9**. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am and be available until just after 9:00am. All men are welcome and encouraged to come!
- ***United Women in Faith (UWF).*** Save the date for our ever popular ice cream social **August 20 at 6:30pm**. Lots of ice cream, including dairy free, with a yummy assortment of toppings and a community sing-along will make for a very pleasant evening. See you then!
- ***Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 3-7 from 6-8:30pm.*** Come join us as we get ready to discover the bigness of God in the smallest of things! Volunteers are needed and we hope you will invite the children in your neighborhood & extended family – we are going to have a great time! ***Registration is now open for children entering K-6th grade.*** Children and volunteers can sign up through the link below, or you can also find the link on our website at standrewtr.org or <https://forms.gle/nQKMr5CAgArRP8v77>. Any questions: contact Lisa Lockwood at LMLockwood1@gmail.com.
- ***Veterans Ministry.*** We meet every third Sunday after the service in the Sanctuary, focusing on September 11, Veterans Day, November 11 and Food Warriors Program. We will also focus on supporting operation Jersey Cares and US War Dogs program. You don't have to be a veteran to join us. Just a grateful heart to help our veterans, their families and our troops around the world. For more information contact Sgt. David Nordt, Veterans Ministry Leader at 732-703-0064 or veteransatstandrewumc2019@gmail.com. Remember our freedom isn't free.
- ***WOW! Women's Book Club.*** Calling all Women who love to read! Our selection for August is *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir. We will meet via ZOOM on **August 15 at 10:00am**. Happy Reading!