

- SAUMC Annual Church Conference. Members and friends, you are all welcome to join our annual church conference Saturday, November 1 at 1:00pm.
  Ministry leaders responsible for charge conference reports, the deadline for the ARENA portal is September 30.
- Administrative Board. The next Administrative Board meeting is **September 9 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 a listening gathering immediately after church on September 21. We will listen to the cantata, distribute music and rehearsal schedules. Recordings of individual parts (SATB) will available as well. Rehearsals will begin in October. We are hoping we can restore this yearly tradition to our church.
- Family Faith Fest Sunday September 7. Outdoor worship at 10:00am followed by a picnic. During worship we will have a blessing for our students and Sunday school teachers. Bring a dessert or side dish. There will be fun activities for kids during the picnic. Invite children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends!
- ➤ Missions. The Adult Mission team plans to return to North Carolina November 9-15 to help folks rebuild after Hurricane Helene. The team and any new folks interested in joining us, we will meet after church Sunday September 7 in room 5 to begin to plan the trip. If you are interested please join us.
- ➤ 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. Contact Jim Gilbert @ jim@standrewtr.org

Bell Choir - Thursday @ 3:00pm - Starting August 28

Adult Choir - Thursday @ 4:00pm - Starting September 11

Praise Band – Thursday @ 6:30pm - singers and musicians welcome to join.

- 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 **September 17** for our annual Mexican Fiesta featuring Chicken and Beef Enchiladas. There is food for all and all are welcome!

- > Sunday School Teacher Request. Are you interested in being a part of the future of the church? Think about becoming part of the children's Sunday School team. Volunteers are partnered with a teacher, and a presence to aid the teachers as the children learn. Volunteers serve one Sunday each month. Interested? Call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Anna.
- > Trustee News. Blood Drive Friday, September 5 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. 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 breakfast meeting will be held Saturday September 13, 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 in classrooms 4-6. Join us for a delicious continental breakfast. Our guest speakers will be from Save Barnegat Bay.
- Veterans Ministry. We are planning our Veterans Day celebration at our worship service on November 9, 10:00am. Please bring your Veterans, their photos or memorabilia of the veterans you wish to honor. You don't have to be a veteran to join our ministry. If you're a veteran and haven't joined our ministry, please see Sgt. Dave Nordt after any service or contact him at 732-703-0064. We need your support. We need your support, all donations provided to Operation Jersey Cares, Food Warriors, US War DOGS, and more. We give 100% of all donations given to our veterans ministry to our vets! 100%!! We will be celebrating our 15th anniversary of our Veterans Ministry, please join us. Remember our freedom isn't free. Thank you!
- ➤ WOW! Women's Book Club. Calling all Women who love to read! Our selection for September is <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristin Hannah. We will meet via ZOOM on September 27 at 10:00am. Happy Reading!