

Saint Andrew's UMC Newsletter

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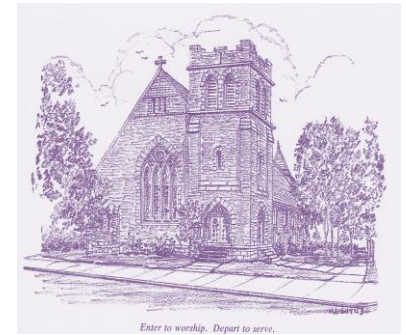


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Dates to Remember:

Clean-Up Day every First Saturday of the month

Administrative Church Council TBA

Fall Worship Schedule will continue at 10:00 AM

December 22 Christmas Fellowship following the service

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30



* Happy Birthday!

Roel Sta. Maria-Bala (11/7)
Yvonne Lynch (11/11)
Guillermo Morales (11/26)
Lois McDonald (12/12)
Morris Pennington (12/19)

* Happy Anniversary!

Joseph & Lois McDonald (12/2)
Ross & Diana Grippen (12/19)
Leonard & Yvonne Lynch (12/30)



Sisters and brothers in Christ:

Prepare with Love!

Every year, St Andrew's has a Christmas Eve candlelight service with our musical talents and the gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. In this joyful service we remember how God's love became fulfilled

in Jesus of Nazareth; we remember Jesus the Messiah who was the one promised long ago by God, and through him the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf heard, the dead were raised, and the poor received good news brought to them.

And in this joyful service we remember how God's love is fulfilled in us also. Through our musical offerings and monetary gifts given during the service, many people in the world will be blessed and healed. The young people can go to college, the hungry will be given food, the diseased will be protected, and the missionaries will be supported. And we will remember how much Jesus loves people, loves us, and how much he wants to bless those who call upon his name with joyful giving to others.

As the Apostle John says in 1 John 4:12, "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us," people will know that St. Andrew's people are Christians by our love, by how we allow God's love in us, and how we act out that love for our church, our families, our neighbors and the people who need God's love most in the world. If we love one another, God's joy will come upon us, and as we share it with others, it will come upon them also.

As we hear the story of Mary and Joseph with Christmas songs, as we see people play the parts of musical performance, the praise of handbell choir, the guitar duet, children's Christmas pageant, the soloist, and as we share the joy of Christmas with candlelight, I call you to ask yourselves how God's love become fulfilled in us, how we love one another, through our faith and talents on Christmas Eve.

Thank you so much, brothers and sisters, for your faithful works with us for this beautiful worship service! Looking forward to seeing all of you on Christmas Eve. God bless you!

Pastor Song Ha
Pastor Joon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Happy Thanksgiving!** Thanksgiving is a special moment to reflect on God's abundant grace that He pours out in our lives through so many ways. So let us give thanks to God and remember how faithful God has been to us!
- 2. Membership Celebration:** We celebrated and accepted two new members into our church through membership service on Thanksgiving Sunday. May God bless Tish and Vincent as they become faithful members of St. Andrew's and in the kingdom of God!
- 3. Thank you** all who offered poinsettias and wreaths for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Also Thank You to everyone for decorating our Sanctuary with beautiful Christmas Tree and flowers, lights and ornaments!
- 4. Advent 2019** Has Begun with the lighting of the first Advent candle at the service. During the season of Advent, we will prepare for the celebration of the arrival of the Lord into the world through the birth of his Son Jesus Christ.
- 5. Charge Conference Rescheduled:** Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, Dec.18th, 6:30 pm. at Faith UMC, 81 Clintonville Road, North Haven with Connecticut District Superintendent, Rev. Alpher Sylvester. All the chairs and members from the church are encouraged to attend.
- 6. Christmas Eve Worship Service:** We invite our families and friends to our candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm. Let's celebrate the coming of the Messiah among us with joyful noise of music and word!
- 7. Children's Christmas Pageant** will be held on December 24th during the Christmas Eve worship service. We thank you for the hard works of our Sunday school teachers for this special event!
- 8. Christmas Handbell and Choir Practice** will begin after fellowship hour. If you would like to participate, please stay at the sanctuary.
- 9. Christmas Fellowship:** We will have a special Christmas fellowship and fun after worship service on Sunday, December 22. Please, bring food for the fellowship table to share for each other.
- 10. Fall Bible Study** with Pastor Joon meets on every Sunday after worship service at the sanctuary. Please come and meet Jesus through his wonderful words of life!
- 11. Pastor's Visitation and Prayer:** Pastors Joon and Songha have provided spiritual care for our members who are ill or have concerns. If you would like the pastors to make a hospital or home visit, please let them know.
- 12. Hope Bags:** Please bring socks, cereal bars, water, tissues, or any other items that would be appropriate for the bags. Thank you!
- 13. Fuel Bank:** Please bring in your spare quarters and deposit them in the coin bottle in the sanctuary. This coin fund will help the church to keep its ministry going this year.
- 14. Food Donation:** Every food donation helps in the fight against hunger no matter how small or large. Please bring canned food and boxed meals for the needy in our community.
- 15. Recycling Ministry:** Simply drop off your cans and bottles at the church! The money collected goes to support the operating expenses of our church.

- **Worship Leader & Scripture Reader (November):**

11/3: Ann Penington/ Brenda Herrmann

(Luke 19:1-10, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12)

11/10: Brenda Herrmann/ Diana Grippen

(Luke 20:27-38, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17)

11/17: Brenda Burgos/ Nicole Morales

(Luke 21:5-19, Isaiah 65:17-25)

11/24: Ann Penington/ Morris Penington

(Luke 23:33-43, Jeremiah 23:1-6)

- **Worship Leader & Scripture Reader (December):**

12/1 **(1 Advent)** Brenda Herrmann/ Ross Grippen

(Matthew 24:36-44, Isaiah 2:1-5)

12/8 **(2 Advent)** Lois McDonald / Diana Grippen

(Matthew 3:1-12, Isaiah 11:1-10)

12/15 **(3 Advent)** James Lawson / James Lawson

(Matthew 11:2-11, Isaiah 35:1-10)

12/22 **(4 Advent)** Ann Penington /Brenda Herrmann

(Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 7:10-16)

12/24 **(Christmas Eve)** Diana Grippen/ Morris Penington (Luke 2:1-20)

Nicole Morales (Isaiah 9:2-7)

12/29: Ann Penington/ Destiny Herrmann

(Matthew 2:13-23, Isaiah 63:7-9)

The Christmas Child

Hope is the child, gentle and mild,
A baby just learning to play.

Faith is the child, who looked up and smiled,
"So-o-o much I will do this day."

Love is the child who makes our hearts wild,
Strong ties both near and away.

Joy is the child, Christmas gifts piled,
Blessings forever, this day!

Peace is the child, secure and not riled.
Oh God, now here with us, pray.

Diana Grippen
2019



2019 Poinsettia & Wreath Contributors



Given by

Rev, Song Ha & Joon Park

Irene Bailey

Phillipa Blake

Lucille Clancy

Streeto

James Copeland

Ross & Diana Grippen

Tish Hubbard & Vinny La Tulippe

Ralph & Carolyn Pickup

John, Jocelyn & John M. Quimby

Willie Tart

Carol Tripp

Given by

Rev. Song Ha & Joon Park

Irene Bailey

Ross & Diana Grippen

Tish Hubbard & Vinny La Tulippe

John, Jocelyn & John M. Quimby

In Loving Memory

Rev Wol Soon Park

Those I Love

All the Family that Passed Away

June Clancy, Carmela Julius

Mother & Father

Our Parents

Lexi Michaelson

James & Lillian Robinson

Maude & Ralph Pickup

Loved Ones

Ben Tart, Eula Mae Tart

Thomas & Eva Tripp

Lori Jackson

In Loving Honor of

St. Andrew's UMC

Those I Love

Our Church

Archie & Phyliss La Tulippe

Loved Ones

Our Vital Signs



The mission of The United Methodist Church is to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 22:36-40). This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.

The Vital Signs Dashboard is a tool developed by Brick River through GCFA. This tool allows you to track your weekly worship attendance, professions of faith, small group participation, missional participation and financial giving for your congregation. It is a tool designed to help congregations follow their progress on the goals that they set for each year, based upon the goal-setting challenge initiated by the Vital Congregations work. It is in response to the Call to Action to focus on fostering and sustaining an increase in the number of vital congregations effective in the mission of The United Methodist Church.

Date	Worship Attendance	Small Groups Attendance (week)	Pledges & Offerings	Charitable Giving	New Members
11/3/19	37	18	\$1,120	\$20	0
11/10/19	32	15	\$4,089	\$20	0
11/17/19	32	16	\$828	\$75	0
11/24/19	29	14	\$1,127	\$20	0
12/1/19	31	15	\$1,747	\$115	0
12/8/19	38	17	\$1,409	\$20	0
12/15/19	34	14	\$3,971	\$85	0
12/22/19	27	20	\$1,081	\$20	0
12/29/19	22	14	\$758	\$0	0

Finance News



The General Council on Finance and Administration is proud to be in partnership with Tribute to present UMCmarket.org -- the online portal designed for United Methodists to shop online at a variety of retailers who will donate to your local church or other United Methodist entity, to help you raise funds for ministry. Visit umcmarket.org, establish your free, online account and support our church by creating donations.



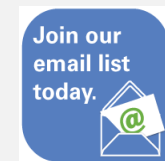
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Are you interested in becoming a member of our church or want to learn more about us? Please contact our pastors.



Here at St. Andrew's, we believe in the power of prayer! If you or someone you know needs prayers, please contact our pastors by phone or email.



Receive updates, prayer requests and what is happening in worship every week, subscribe to our mailing list by emailing us, office@standrewsnh.com



Many Thanks to Pastor Joon and Pastor Song Ha for sharing their love of photography and giving us so many precious memories. Thank you!



Our new pastors are available for talks, prayers and visits. In fact, they would love for you to invite them to visit. Please call the office or email them to set up an appointment. Let them know if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

We're on a mission to
Change the world



We serve God by serving others; here is what you can do: *Connectional Giving* — all of us giving together — allows United Methodists to do together what we cannot do alone.

We join in with United Methodists around the world in 6 special collections throughout the year. The money collected goes 100% to a specific mission designated by the general church. For more information, go to UMCGIVING.com. Every first Sunday you can donate to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. This money is used by the pastor to help with immediate needs in the community.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Food Pantry Collection, non-perishable items are collected during the month. Every first Sunday of each month all the collected food items will be delivered to a local Food Pantry.



Hope Bags: We are looking for items to fill Hope bags to share with people in a homeless situation around New Haven. So far our members have distributed more than 100 kits. Praise God! Some ideas are: 1-gallon zip lock bags, socks, cereal bars, water bottles, tissues, soap, deodorant, shampoos, etc. *You can also donate money to this ministry and we will shop for you!*

Finance Report Nov - Dec 2019

Thank you for your continuing your support which has allowed St. Andrew's UMC to continue its really meaningful ministries.

A lot has changed from the last newsletter. We needed to clean up the parsonage in order to accommodate our new Pastors. In order to save money, many people pitched in and helped with cleaning, removing old items, and painting. I want to thank everyone that pitched in any way to help us accomplish those tasks. During this process we found active termites which led us to contract a company for remediation. During their investigation they also found active termites in the church. While we have had a company treating our buildings for years, they were obviously not getting them all. We are in the process of treating and repairing the damage they have done to both structures which will be an expensive project. Just the treatment will be over \$5000. We are lucky to have a carpenter/handyman that does great work at a good price, and he will continue to work on repairing the damaged areas.



The Sunday School invites all youth ages four and older to join us as we learn the stories of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament.

A religious education is a very important part of a child's life. We hope to see our Sunday School grow this year. Please encourage the young people in your family to participate.



A very special Thank You to Morris Penington for his many contributions to St. Andrews. He is announcing that St Andrews is in need of a volunteer to take the bottles that we collect to the supermarket for recycling. This constitutes our "bottle money" that helps with church expenses.

If you can help, please see Morris or Ralph.

As you recall, we updated all the long fluorescent lights with LED ones in the Hall, the downstairs rooms and hallway. We also changed our electricity suppliers. We continue to see the benefits with those changes in reduced electricity bills. In line with our electricity and fuel bills, please remember to turn off lights we don't need and don't keep the doors open while chatting. We don't need the lights in the kitchen and the big hall on during the service. These changes not only save us money but are good for the environment. With the hot and humid summer, our electric bills rose with the use of a/c's in the hall and in the classrooms. As always, the Trustees and the Finance board continue to look for ways to reduce our expenses.

We are continuing to transfer the Treasurer position to Carol Lawson, Jamie's wife. Jamie and I have been working to make the inputting of data even easier than it was with Brenda's hard work, from moving us from paper and pencil to computerized spread sheets. We appreciate all she has done in her years as Treasurer, and a second big Thank You to Carolyn for her also filling the position of Treasurer for many years.

Anyone attending church last week will have received a letter from the Pastors and me and a Pledge Card. Please pray and consider pledging to the church. Those members not in church will receive the letter and card in the mail. Anyone having questions or issues related to their pledges or the church's finances please contact me at 203-248-1556.

Thank you and God Bless each one of you.

John Quimby

Finance Chairman



The 2019 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program has been underway for a few months now with our new program. We setup a "giving tree" with tags detailing items needed for the boxes. In return there was an ornament to keep for your own tree. Please let me know if you would like to continue the tree next year. We completed all the items needed for the shoeboxes and we met our monetary goal of \$9.00 per box. We also met our goal of 100 boxes like we have for the last few years. Our packing party was right after church on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Thank you from my family but most of all THANK YOU from all the children that will receive these boxes.

God Bless.

John, Jocelyn and John M. Quimby

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