

Saint Andrew's UMC Newsletter

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

Long, long time ago, two brothers worked together on the family farm. One was married and had a large family. The other was single. At the day's end, the brothers shared everything equally, produce and profit.

Then one day the single brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share equally the produce and the profit. I'm alone, and my needs are simple." So, each night he took a sack of grain from his bin and crept across the field between their houses, dumping it into his brother's bin.

Meanwhile, the married brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share the produce and the profit equally. After all, I'm married, and I have my wife and children to look after me in years to come. My brother has no one, and no one to take care of his future." So, each night he took a sack of grain and dumped it into his single brother's bin.

Both men were puzzled for years because their supply of grain never dwindled. Then one dark night the two brothers were each taking a sack of grain for the other brother as usual, and suddenly bumped into each other. Now they realized what was happening for years and why their grains never dwindled. They dropped their sacks, embraced one another and cried because they were happy for the love of each other.

This story reminds us that God's love focuses on self-sacrifice for the welfare of others as we see perfectly in the love of God in Christ who gave himself for us on the cross that we might live through him. God's love is manifested in service to others as Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

It is always worthy to live our lives by this meaning of God's love as followers of Jesus. We can be a generous giver of love when we pray for not just our families but for anyone who needs our prayers. We can be a generous giver of love when we take care of not just our own brothers and sisters or friends but those who need our love and care. We

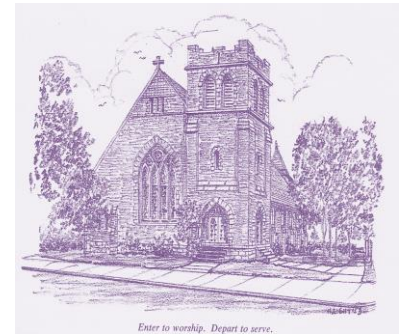


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Dates to Remember:

Clean-Up Day every First Saturday of the month

Administrative Church Council TBA

Fall Worship Schedule will continue at 10:00 AM

November 11 Veterans Day

December 1 Charge Conference



*Happy Birthday!

Rawle Nathaniel Lynch (9/5)

Jocelyn Quimby (9/11)

Claire Webster (9/15)

Cheska Stamaria Bala (9/23)

Carol Lawson (10/13)

Timaya Sandra Lynch (10/15)

Mary Lou Adametz (10/31)

* Happy Anniversary!

John & Jocelyn Quimby (9/19)

also can be a generous giver of love when we forgive someone whom we have hated or have not forgiven yet in our lives. We believe that our faithful hearts and loving acts for others in Jesus will be stored up as treasure in heaven and this love will return to us as our rewards someday.

We pray that each one of us at St. Andrew's is ready to become a generous giver of love in the name of Jesus, so that we may share the love of God with our brothers and sisters in our church, in our community, so that we can be a blessed church in this world and in heaven which is pleased to God.

Friends, remember that the first building block of having blessing in our lives is sharing love!

*“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.” Amen.
(1 John 4:11 -12)*

Love in Christ,

Pastors Joon and Songha

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Pledge Commitment: St. Andrew's is blessed with a generous and giving congregation. Please, fill out a 2020 Pledge card and place it in the offering plate during the service, or give it to the Finance secretary, Lucille Clancy. Thank you!

Cooperative Parish Conversation: Bishop will visit our Cooperative Parish (Elm City Bible Moths) on Friday, November 15 to meet clergy members and lay leaders. Laity meeting with Bishop is at 6:30 pm at Westville UMC, 34 Harrison St. New Haven.

2019 Laity Convocation: All Laity are invited to Laity Convocation on Saturday, November 16, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm at Tarrytown House Estates, Tarrytown, NY. Fee is \$30. Please register through NYAC website to reserve your seat.

Membership Class: If you have been worshipping with us, and you would like to think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to our upcoming new member class on Sunday, November 17. Please let the pastors know if you would like to attend the class.

2019 Charge Conference: Joint Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2 pm at Faith UMC. Committee chairs are encouraged to have a meeting with the committee members and to prepare the reports by November 17.

New Pictorial Directory Available for Pick Up: You can pick up your copy of the 2020 Pictorial Directory at the table in the sanctuary if you have not received it last Sunday.

Fall Bible Study with Pastor Joon meets every Sunday after worship service at the sanctuary. Come and meet Jesus through his wonderful words of life!

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.

Hope Bags: Please bring socks, cereal bars, water, tissues, toothpaste and tooth brushes, or any other items that would be appropriate for the bags. Thank you!

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.

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.

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 (October):

10/6: Diana Grippen / Lois McDonald (Luke 17:5-10, 2 Timothy 1:6-14)

10/13: Phillipa Blake / Morris Penington (Luke 17:11-19, 2 Timothy 2:8-15)

10/20 (Laity Sunday): Leader (Brenda Burgos) / Message (Phillipa Blake)

Bible Reading (Diana Grippen: Luke 18:1-8, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

Children's Message (Carol Tripp)

10/27: Ross Grippen / John Quimby (Luke 18:9-14, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

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)

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
9/1/19	37	18	\$1,120	\$20	0
9/8/19	32	15	\$4,089	\$20	0
9/15/19	32	16	\$828	\$75	0
9/22/19	29	14	\$1,127	\$20	0
9/29/19	31	15	\$1,747	\$115	0
10/6/19	38	17	\$1,409	\$20	0
10/13/19	34	14	\$3,971	\$85	0
10/20/19	27	20	\$1,081	\$20	0
10/27/19	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.



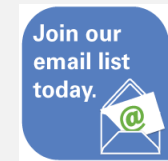
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Are you interested in becoming a member of our church or want to learn more about us? Please contact our pastors.



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 All who cheerfully baked cupcakes and cookies, set up the tables and sold for Bake Sale event. We have sold 500 cupcakes in just 4 hours! Without all of you the success of this bake sale would not have been possible. 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!

Summer Finance Report by John Quimby

Thank you for your continued and faithful support allowing St. Andrew's UMC to continue its really meaningful ministries.

A quick re-cap. Last year 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 are already starting to see the benefits with those changes in reduced electricity bills. Thank you also for remembering to turn lights we don't need off. These changes not only save us money but are good for the environment. With summer upon us we are seeing lower fuel bills, but our electric bills will rise with the use of a/c in the hall. The Trustees and the Finance board continue to look for ways to reduce our expenses. Brenda has transferred the Treasurer position to Carol Lawson, Jamie's wife. A big Thank You from the members of St. Andrews to you both. This transition has gone smoothly and I expect will continue to work well. We have purchased a computer for the new Pastors and for the Treasurer to share.

As I write, this work has been going on feverishly at the parsonage as a group of dedicated members have been doing a lot of cleaning, removing wall paper, repairing and painting to make it ready for our new Pastors. Please thank Jamie and his crew when you see them.



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.

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 of you.

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