

## South Street Players Presents

***“ Play On”*** by Rick Abbot

***In Wesley Hall***

St. Andrew's Methodist Church  
**Dessert Theater**

*February 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 @ 8:00 pm*  
*Matinee at 2:00 p.m. on February 17th*

**Cost: \$22.00 \$20.00 for Seniors/Students** (VISA, Master Card, Discover)

**FOR RESERVATIONS Please call 732-447-5169 or**

*Tickets can be purchased at the door*

*Opening Night, Friday February 8, all Tickets, (Buy One Get One)*

## **Celebrate Lent & Easter at St. Andrew's**

Wednesday, February 13

Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm

Lent Sermon Series: “A Journey of Hope” (February 17—March 31)

Lenten Soup, Bread & Evening Worship/Study Topic: A Time to Laugh

**Wednesdays 6:00 pm– 7:45 pm**

February 20 at West Belmar UMC

February 27 at Manasquan UMC

March 6 at Belmar Fire House

March 13 at Wall UMC

March 20 at St. Andrew's UMC

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday Service 7 pm

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Service 12 noon

Easter Services

Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Worship at St Andrew's 9 & 11 am

## **St. Andrew's United Methodist Church**

907 Fourth Avenue  
Spring Lake, NJ 07762

**Feb-Mar 2013**

SUNDAY WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:30

## **Lectionary Readings During the Lenten Season**

Feb 17: Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16; Deuteronomy 26: 1-11  
Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13;

Feb 24: Psalm 27; Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18;  
Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35

Mar 3: Psalm 63: 1-8; Isaiah 55: 1-9;  
I Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Mar 10: Psalm 32 Joshua 5: 9-12;  
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32;

Mar 17: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43: 16-21;  
Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8;

Mar 24: Psalm 31: 9-16; Isaiah 50: 4-9a;  
Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 14-23: 6

# THE CALL

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

February/March 2013

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## PALM SUNDAY to EASTER

### *Holy Week Schedule*

March 24th — March 31st

**Palm Sunday, March 24 9:30 AM Sunday Worship w/Communion**

**Holy Thursday, March 28 7:00 PM Holy Communion & Passion Narrative**

**Good Friday, March 29 Noon – 1:00 PM**

**Time of Meditation with music & scripture**

**Easter Worship, March 31**

**Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM at South End Pavilion**

***Worship at the Beach***

**9 AM Worship in Sanctuary**

**11 AM Worship in Sanctuary**

***Bring a flower to church for our Easter cross on Easter morning***

**Your Easter Offering for St. Andrew's may be brought to church any Sunday or mailed to the church office. This offering is for ongoing expenses of the church.**

## Spiritual Growth through Gratitude

**Thank You for your generosity!!** Youth sponsored "Souper Bowl" of Caring raised 10 bags of canned and boxed food and \$395.00 for the local food pantry.

**Thank you** to all who brought coats for the Youth Coat Drive. We delivered 3 dozen coats, 1 dozen sweatshirts, 2 dozen hats scarves and mittens to the needy in our area including Sandy survivors.

**Thank you** for your generosity in giving gift cards, money, kitchen supplies and serving dinners, as we help local Sandy survivors through the church. Hundreds have been fed at the relief center, they and others are able to purchase new clothing and boots, and building supplies; you are providing not only these items but hope for the future as they rebuild homes and lives.

**Saturday Soup: THANK YOU** to Barbara DeLuca and her teams of unpaid servants who shop for, prepare and serve meals to the hungry in our area. January Saturday Soup in Asbury Park served over 200 meals plus take-outs .

**Phone Cards THANK YOU** to Ray Miller and all who have supported our troops through phone cards. Ray collects money and/or AT&T (international) Phone cards to send to our troops overseas. For every \$10 he collects, a soldier receives a 150-minute phone card to stay connected with family and friends. For more information, contact Ray or the church office.

We thank all of you for your faithfulness to these important outreach ministries, as we show our poor neighbors that God loves and cares for them.

The **Finance Committee** thanks all of you who responded generously to the Stewardship Consecration Sunday campaign to estimate giving to the 2013 operating budget. More than half of you increased your estimate of giving.

The **Finance Committee also** thanks all of you who keep current with your financial commitment to St. Andrew's ministry through the year. More and more of you have arranged for a check to be sent automatically from your bank; your regular giving helps you be faithful AND helps St. Andrew's pay its bills in a timely manner. Please update your commitment as possible so we can continue to fund ministry.

## **Spiritual Growth through Fellowship**

**Women's Breakfast Meeting** All women are invited to breakfast in the Blakeman Room (under the sanctuary) on Saturday, February 9th at 9 am. Take time to relax, socialize and enjoy some tasty food. We'll have a business meeting and be done by 11 am. If you wish to help with breakfast (casserole, coffee cake, bagels, hard rolls, fruit or juice) please contact Betty Rushton or the church office. See you there!

**Coffee Hour Fellowship** after worship in the Blakeman Room: **We need YOU** (those of you who enjoy week to week not only the fellowship and the coffee, but the **baked goods** that go with it), to sign up to bring something and clean up afterward. It does not need to be elaborate, just something nice to go with the coffee and tea! Sign up sheets are posted. Please support this ministry of hospitality! For more information you contact church office.

## **Spiritual Growth Opportunities for all ages through Study**

**Walk to Emmaus Spiritual Weekend** (you don't walk, it's a spiritual journey): A transforming experience of Christian love, this weekend retreat is designed for you who have a desire to strengthen your spiritual life; want to grow in your faith. You will enjoy three days singing, learning, laughing, worshipping, reflecting, praying and participating in loving small groups. Luke 24:13-35 relates the story of two disciples of Jesus walking along the road when Jesus joined them, taught them, and was made known in the breaking of bread. **Men's Walk** is scheduled for April 11-14; **Women's Walk** is April 18-21 (Registration deadlines the end of March). More information at [www.swte.org](http://www.swte.org). If you are at *all interested in exploring* this, please speak with Gaylen Nolan, June Coles, Eleanor McClymont, Chip Craig, Karin Goodman, Jackie Capestro or Francie

**Lenten Study Group** Mondays, February 11 - March 25, 4-5 PM in the Woodfield Room. Bring a friend.

**Soup & Scripture** in Manasquan at the First Presbyterian Church, Wednesdays, February 13—March 27 at Noon.

**Lent Soup and Study** with area United Methodist Churches, Wednesday evenings, 6pm, February 13 - March 20.

## **Spiritual Growth Opportunities through Mission and Service:**

**Food Pantry at St. Andrew's UMC:** is open from 11-1, every third Sunday of the month, with thanks from our youth and Sunday School for your support by bringing in food! The Pantry is in need of non-perishable items. Questions? Contact Michele Neiberlien.

**Shawl Knitting Ministry** In the 5+ years of this ministry at St. Andrew's, more than 125 shawls have been given to people among and beyond our faith family, with the prayers of the congregation crafted into every stitch. If you know someone who would benefit from being wrapped in God's love and the prayers of this congregation, please contact Francie; if you would like to join in our monthly meetings, contact Norma Westervelt.

**Worship Participants, all ages:** If you would like to be a greeter before worship, an usher before and during worship, or a reader during worship, or outside of worship do "pew maintenance" or other assistance, OR if you are a youth or child grade 4 or older and would like to be an acolyte, please contact Pastor Francie or the church office. We would like YOU to be involved in the worship experience.

## **Sandy Recovery—Opportunities to Help our Neighbors**

**Help Sandy Survivors Move Home with Kitchen Recovery Kits** The UMW is making Kitchen recovery Kits for Sandy Survivors. Located at the entrance of the sanctuary is a tag board with the different items needed. Please feel free to take as many tags as you want and return your purchased items by February 17th. Any questions please contact Betty Rushton.

**Donations:** Gift Cards are still appreciated, \$25 Target, Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes for displaced persons to rebuild homes and lives.

**Help Survivors of Superstorm Sandy: Donate to the Greater New Jersey Sandy Relief Fund** at [www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org) or mail a check to GNJ Sandy Relief Fund, 1001 Wickapecko Drive, Ocean, N.J. 07712-4733. 100% of the funds donated to this fund go directly to the relief and recovery of the elderly and low-income residents, as well as churches, parsonages and communities in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

## **Sharing God's Gifts: Our United Methodist Connectional Giving**

We recently received a letter from our District Superintendent Rev. Frances Lawrie Noll, thanking us and congratulating us for 100% support of our Shared Ministry giving. We should be proud and pleased with our support of this important giving.

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, instructed: “*do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can.*” We strive to do that as a local congregation, and we connect with other congregations and Conferences to multiply the work we can do. In our “Shared Ministry” *apportionment*, the money we send to the larger church, together we are able to reach far more of those in need than we can working alone. Of every dollar 84 cents comes back to the local churches in resources and support of our ministry; 16 cents goes to our Jurisdiction and General Church agencies including United Methodist Women. Included in this shared ministry is our contribution to designated benevolences including Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, World Service Fund, Africa University, and Ministerial Education Fund.

In 2013 our apportioned Shared Giving is \$31,062, or approximately 13% of our annual operating budget of \$251,000. It is determined by a formula that includes our local church expenses, and no longer includes membership numbers as part of the formula. It's easy to look at this expense as a place to cut our budget. First of all, as United Methodists it's not optional. More importantly, it is faithful outreach, for the reasons given above. We could look at it as a *tithe*, our up-front giving to those in need “wherever and whenever;” a tithe toward “doing all we can, for the most we can, in all the places we can.”

Looking toward 2013, we will all have to pray about and respond with generous hearts to this important ministry as United Methodists. Please prayerfully consider this an important part of your giving to St. Andrew's.

**Visit our NEW Website or Find us on Facebook** We have a Facebook page: “Like” us at [www.facebook.com/StAndrewsSpringLake](http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsSpringLake) and you'll receive updated information as it is posted. Also, if you haven't looked at our new website yet, where we post weekly bulletin announcements, sermons and newsletters, check us out at “[www.standrewsspringlake.org](http://www.standrewsspringlake.org)” .

***Do you have e-mail?*** If you have changed your e-mail or just got an address, please contact the church office to be put on our list to receive announcements, updates and newsletters.

**Available Soon!!** The phone directory for 2013 will be available soon; you can pick one up in the rear of the sanctuary or call the church office. We can also e-mail you a PDF copy. *If your information needs to be corrected, please contact the church office.*

## **Walking the Labyrinth**

Among other things, the Labyrinth is a spiritual tool, which integrates the physical and spiritual, emotional and rational into one, a form of meditation enhanced by using our body as well as our heart. In walking the Labyrinth, people may find God, may find peace, they may find comfort and guidance, and so much more.

It has one path – it is not a puzzle to figure out, but one path to the center and back, that helps to lead us to *our* center and the divine at that center. Along the way, which acts as a metaphor for life's journey, the path takes unexpected turns; just when we think we know where we are and where we're going, and what to do, the path switches back on us. One minute we're sure we're headed for the center, the next we're flung out again to the outer rings.

There are many ways to walk the labyrinth. Before you begin, reflect on where you are in your life, and perhaps define something to focus on: a question or situation you'd like guidance or direction on, a prayer concern, or just a quest for peace in your soul. There is no right or wrong way to walk; try not to listen to a voice inside that says to do it differently! Begin at the one entrance into the Labyrinth, walking slowly, stopping along the way if you wish, and stay on the path. If there is someone else on the path, you may go around them and continue on your walk. When you arrive at the center, you may remain there for a while or turn and follow the path back to where you started.

For more information, contact Pastor Francie. . If there is interest, I will lead your group at your convenience; let me know.