



WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, April 21st, we shift our focus to a question of a different kind. **What is the intended purpose of the Church?** We will also engage in praying together for the work and ministry of General Conference that will take place from April 23rd – May 3rd in Charlotte. Looking ahead, on April 28th, we along with many of our sister churches across the area will welcome and host conference delegates as guest preachers. We are blessed that **Bishop Minerva Carcano** will be with us that morning, and following worship we will have a reception for her. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite brunch fare (finger ready please) to share. For both Sundays, we'll follow our normal schedule, **intercessory prayer time at 9:15 a.m., small groups at 11:11 a.m., and youth will meet at 12:30 p.m.** See you here.



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY ARE MEETING.

Join us in Room #30 after worship for a study on **"Fresh Air"** by **Jack Levinson**. The focus will be on the work of the Holy Spirit. Chapter 1 is being discussed. Books are available through Amazon, Kindle, and/or biblio.com. Everyone is welcome!



SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT.

Come hear some of Charlotte's finest young musicians right here in our own Sanctuary this **Saturday, April 20th, at 2:00 p.m.** The winners of the Charlotte Music Club's scholarship competition will perform works for piano from the classical repertoire. The concert is free and all are welcome. Come and enjoy!



EXAM TIME FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL BE HERE SOON.

Let's show our 23 students that their church family cares. The church will be sending each of the students a *Chick-Fil-A* gift card. If you wish to make a donation to fund this effort, please contact Vicki Robinson at 704-552-2713 or write a check to the church with "College Age Student Gift Cards" in the notation area. Checks may be dropped in the offering plate or at the church office Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GET READY FOR PICKLEBALL!

Join us on **Wednesday, May 1st and 29th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** for an open game of Pickleball. We'll gather in the Family Life Center (Room 23). All skill levels are welcome. For more information contact Nicole Campbell at: 704-589-2601.

BOOK CLUB, Friday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

at Nicole Campbell's house (1617 Lyndale Place, Char., NC 28210). Please spread the word - all are invited. The book is **"One for the Money"** by **Janet Evanovich**.



L-R: Courtney Picha, Coach Laurel, Kara Jackson, Sherry and Allen Jackson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Kara Jackson and the Acro-Tumbling team from Lander University for their 2nd place conference finish.

They took on Limestone in the conference final. We are so proud of her and all that she and the team have accomplished. Kara will be graduating in May and we can't wait to see how her next chapter unfolds.

IT'S A GIRL! Congratulations to Meghan Miller, husband Josh, and big brother Grayson on the birth of Madelyn June!

She arrived on April 3rd and mom and baby are doing well. Meghan is the **Operations Lead for Learning Help Centers of Charlotte**. If you would like to send a card, please contact the church office for the address. God's blessings on the growing Miller family!



HAVE A GOOD NEWS SHOUT OUT?

Send a picture and information to Patti Huss at **churchchatter@standrewsumc.com** and we'll celebrate with you!

1ST QUARTER STATEMENTS

along with a new Financial Chatter will be available in the Narthex for pick-up on **April 21st & 28th** and will be mailed on **April 29th.**

APRIL Birthdays

- 22 Priscilla Mills
- 24 Javier Diaz
- 24 Alejandra Zamora
- 26 Cheryl Broerman
- 26 Adam McBroom
- 26 Sue Unumb

WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 21, 2024

- 9:15 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Service #30
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary "We Are the Church/Somos la Iglesia" Acts 2:42-47
- 11:11 a.m. Small Group Gathering
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Closed on Friday.

ADM. MEETINGS APRIL 21st. Hybrid: In the Commons Room.

- SPRC 3:00 p.m., April 21st
- FINANCE 4:30 p.m., April 21st
- No Trustees meeting in April.

GIVE ONLINE/OFRENDAR EN LINE.



Our QR code will take you to **SECURE GIVING/ Nuestro código QR** lo llevará a **DONACIONES SEGURAS.**

United Methodists delegates and support from around the world will begin arriving in Charlotte soon. Want to get involved? You've got options:

- 1) **Support Nourish Up** (formerly known as *Loaves & Fishes*). The Metro District is highlighting the issue of food insecurity and asking everyone to contribute. SAUMC is no stranger to this work and we hope that **between April 15th and April 30th** you will grab some extra when you go to the store. The shopping cart is ready to receive your donations and we'll add some squarrels to the mix.
- 2) **Pray.** On **Sunday, April 21st,** churches across the conference are being asked to celebrate and pray for the work of General Conference. Acts 2:42-47 reminds us the work of the church in response to the Great Commission, and that work is summed up beautifully in our membership vows: Pray, Be Present, Give Generously, Serve Well, and Share the Good News of Jesus with Everyone!
- 3) **Participate.** Here's the link to schedules, news, and eventual livestream. <https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure/general-conference>, We've even got a few folks from our church who are braving the light rail and convention center to offer hospitality and welcome. Thank you to them!
- 4) **Be here on Sunday, April 28th,** as we welcome **Bishop Minerva Carcano as our guest preacher.** Across the conference on April 28th, churches throughout the region will be welcoming guest preachers and we are blessed to have her with us.



GENERAL CONFERENCE IS ALMOST HERE!

(APRIL 23RD-MAY 3RD)

Additional links: <https://www.standrewsumc.com/general-conference-2024.html>

Bishop Carter's letter: https://www.standrewsumc.com/uploads/1/2/3/2/12323833/we_are_on_the_way_to_a_better_church_ken_carters_letter.pdf