



# weekly CHATTER

June 18, 2023  
Happy Father's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
in Sanctuary and Online.

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## WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Geoffrey and Deborah Hemenway in the leadership of the worship service. We appreciate their willingness to share "God's word" with everyone.



**IN THE PAST YEAR, we have had churches in our conference that have closed or have chosen to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.**

This can leave members of those churches without a church home. The conference has established **Lighthouse Congregations**, local churches in the NC Conference that are equipped and willing to be a caring and hospitable place that welcomes anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated. Lighthouse Congregations are committed to: **Worship** (providing online or onsite worship opportunities that engage and welcome new people), **Discipleship** (create space to learn and grow), **Mission** (invite others into opportunities to serve through hands-on ministries), **Sacrament** (offer communion at least 1 Sunday a month but also outside of traditional worship if needed), **Pastoral Care** (offering care to those in need - responsibility of the pastor and the congregation). Lighthouse Congregations also agree that they will not be seeking disaffiliation prior to the 2024 General Council meeting. As you can see, the commitments of a Lighthouse Congregation are things we are already doing here at

St. Andrew's UMC. At our most recent Church Council meeting, the council voted and approved for St. Andrew's to apply to be a Lighthouse Congregation. We will continue to welcome and invite all to participate in the work we do to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**PLEASE INVITE FOLKS TO PRAY for the Annual Conference meeting at Lake Junaluska going on June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Lay members representing SAUMC are Maria Alvarado, Anne Lisk and Pat Wolfe. Pastors Sherry, David, and Sherri will also be in attendance. To access the schedule, worship services and business meetings go to <https://www.wnccumc.org/ac2023>. As always, there will be a special offering and this year's will build new churches in Ukraine and expand the Crossnore Home's trauma ministry. Click here to learn more and make a donation: <https://www.wnccumc.org/ac2023-offering>.

**TAKE ONE STEP UP**  
Thank you to all that returned a card during our Take One Step Up campaign. We received 51 responses. Eleven (11) responses said they would Step Up Beyond Tithing, thirteen (13) responses said they would Step Up To Tithing and twenty seven (27) responses said they would Step Up Toward Tithing. Your support of the ministry at St. Andrew's is most appreciated. We can't do it without you!  
~Tom Patton, Finance Chair.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP.

On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, the youth will head to Wilkes County for a week of mission and service. We'll be staying at West Wilkes Middle School. If you'd like to send a care package or a note of encouragement, please do so to: **P.O. Box 1292, Miller Creek, NC 28651.** Also **Jonathan Pool** and **Grayson Dowless** are on summer staff for Camp Tekoa. **Note of encouragement, may be sent to them as well at: P.O. Box 1793, Flat Rock, NC 28731.**



**SING WITH THE CHOIR THIS SUMMER, SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, AND 30<sup>TH</sup>!** The sun's out and it's the perfect time to let your voice shine! No need to commit to weekly rehearsals or every Sunday; just grab your sunglasses (or your reading glasses!) and show up at 8:45 on Sunday morning to sing some fun and simple music with us during worship. **All ages, abilities, and languages are welcome!** Questions? Email Sara at: [churchmusic@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchmusic@standrewsumc.com)  
Let's sing!



**IT IS A BUSY SUMMER AT ST. ANDREW'S PRESCHOOL** with three full summer camps, a new director, and a some much needed summer cleaning taking place. We are happy to announce that the vacant teacher and office assistant positions are filled.

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## +89 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Please shower **Betty Moore** with cards on her special day on **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.** **Cards may be sent to:** Betty Moore  
c/o Matthews Glen  
733 Plantation Estates Dr.  
Matthews, NC 28105

## WORSHIP SERVICE June 18, 2023

**9:15 a.m. Worship Thru Prayer Service #29**

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**"A Time Such as This"**  
**Genesis 1:31.**  
**Esther/Ester 4:13-14**  
**Matthew/Mateo 6:13-16**

**11:11 a.m.**  
**Small Group Gatherings.**

## REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

**MONTHLY PLAYDATES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.** Watch for Pickleball, Volleyball, Zumba, Corn Hole, and more!



Four new teachers and one new assistant will join our preschool family this fall. Also, the preschool is full of giggles and smiles this week with the first summer camp in full swing. Exciting things are on the horizon for the preschool.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED as we look to participate in a resource made available through our conference, "Transformation Journey".**

Between now and July 16<sup>th</sup>, please take a moment and consider these three questions.



We'll compile your answers and share them with our discernment guides. Thanks for your help. Questions, please reach out to Lisa Pool and/or Pastor Sherri.

You can write out your answers and return them to the church office or you can complete the survey online at <https://forms.gleTZ75FDfyToqaeqrE7>. Thanks you.

**Survey Questions**

- 1) What are the strengths of St. Andrew's UMC?
- 2) What are the challenges facing St. Andrew's UMC?
- 3) If you had unlimited resources, money, etc. how would you use them at St. Andrew's and what would it then look like in 3 years?



**CAMP TEKOA**  
Sept. 1- 4, 2023

**CAMP TEKOA FAMILY WEEKEND WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!** Once again, we are planning our reunion of families from St. Andrew's, Cokesbury, and South Park churches. **We arrive Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and leave Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.** Although some costs have increased this year, our stay at Camp Tekoa is still one of the best deals around. To register use the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/TEKOA2023>

**HELPING HANDS FUND**

Recently, you heard the story of **Terrell** and his four-legged companion **Baby Queen**. Claiming shelter under our portico due to the storm, they left later in the day with a shower, clean clothes, a full stomach, a new tent, and phone. All of these gifts were made possible by your support of the **Helping Hands Fund**. Since January, we have provided gas cards, Food Lion gift cards, meal cards, housing assistance, utility assistance, diapers and more. These folks are vetted by Vicki Lawson and also receive referrals to other agencies as needed. In 8 out of 10 cases, these are working folks who simply don't have the means to make it to the end of the month. Sometimes needs arise due to illness or unexpected circumstance. As you consider your weekly gifts, please consider making an additional gift to **Helping Hands**. Thanks in advance for your support.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brian Dowless and Rebecca (Gibson) Dowless on their recent wedding celebration.



**THANK YOU NOTES.** First, I want to thank you for your prayers. I want to share with you my latest project. Please see the pictures from my project. The kids with me are from the orphanage run by the convent. I gave them school clothes etc. In the same town, the water is affected by harmful chemicals. I provided water not only to the convent but to the folks in the area. The second picture the sisters prayed that the project will be successful. The workers had to drill an additional 120 feet into rock and out gushed pure water. You can see my joy.



Indrani Mayadunne (Ann Marie)

Praise the Lord. Please continue to pray for my next project for GOD's guidance.

Thank You.

Indrani Mayadunne (Ann Marie)

I want to thank my church family for a wonderful retirement celebration. The fellowship and all the good wishes and cards. The blanket was a wonderful surprise and I will cherish it always. Thank you so much! ~Milly Ash

**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, FATHER'S DAY PICNIC AT MARION DIEHL PARK.**

