

WORSHIP UPDATE

This past Sunday, November 5th, we celebrated All Saints Day, and if you missed it, here's a link to the video for the saints that were remembered <https://youtu.be/SdtyDwx-GcY>. We continue to give thanks for them and the witness to their faith in Jesus each and every day. This Sunday, we will consider how we who remain wait for the promised meeting in the air. Are you one who "waits," well? And what does waiting well, look like exactly? See you on Sunday as we explore these questions and many more.

COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY IN THE COLUMBARIUM FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Who has been a saint in your own life? How are they part of your God Story? We'll have a chance to share our God stories with one another as we gather for communion this Sunday in the Columbarium immediately after worship. All are invited to participate before joining the spiritual formation hour. The weather looks to be clear, but cold, so bring your jackets. Seating will be provided for those who need it.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Youth will continue to meet at St. Andrew's through Sunday, November 19th. **Lunch help is needed for this Sunday, November 12th.** And we also need a few folks to "hang out," shoot hoops, and offer the gift of presence from 11:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Want to help? Need more info? Email Sherry Jackson at: childrensministry@standrewsumc.com

HANGING OF THE GREENS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, AFTER WORSHIP.



Let's decorate the church for Christmas! We'll gather right after worship on Sunday, November 26th, to put up our seasonal decorations throughout the church. There

will be something fun to do for all ages and abilities. Small groups, classes, families, and individuals are invited to participate together as the community spiritual formation activity for the day. We'll have an opportunity to learn about the special Christmas ornaments that decorate our trees, and enjoy lunch together after we decorate. Plan to be there!



ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH,

clergy and lay members of the WNCUMC met to consider the requests for disaffiliation from clergy and churches. As was shared via a letter from Bishop Carter at the session, 113 of the 758 churches in our conference requested disaffiliation related to Paragraph 2553 of our Book of Discipline. This represents approximately 15% of the total churches in the conference. Please visit our link to access a copy of Bishop Carter's letter as well as videos of Lay Leader Bob Crane's statement to the conference and Bishop's meditation from the meeting.

I affirm Bishop's charge that now is the time to look forward. God continues to do a mighty work in our midst, and if you are uncertain about that, please take a moment and watch St. Andrew's UMC video highlights for the year at www.standrewsumc.com or the link following link: <https://www.standrewsumc.com/ac-meeting-110423.html>

If you know of someone who is looking for a church home, I encourage you to share those videos with them as well. And if you know a member of our church family who we have not seen for a while, please let them know too that we are alive and well and that God is good! All the time!

I am grateful to serve the church that has raised me from my birth. My baptism, formation and life of faith has been lived in this tradition, and I continue to see God's presence everywhere I turn, and I look forward to what is yet to come. I pray that you do too.

~Pastor Sherri

89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

Please shower **Hampton Ott** (Monday, November 13th) with cards on his special day.

Cards may be sent to:

Hampton Ott
5724 Telfair Cove
Charlotte, NC 28210-4639

2023 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Boxes with attached labels to be filled out are available for pick up at the main entrance during office hours (M-Th. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)



Please return your shoebox (es) to the church in the Narthex by Thursday, November 16th. Questions. Contact Linda Collins at 980-245-7138. Thank You!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, November 19th, at 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER'S MISSION FOCUS IS LOAVES AND FISHES.

As we ready our holiday tables, let's help others do the same. **Between now and December 24th,** there will be squarrels, yes, remember the squarrels, in the Narthex and FLC to collect needed items for Loaves and Fishes. And below is a handy dandy checklist of their greatest needs. You can also make a monetary gift directly to Loaves and Fishes or to SAUMC (designate Loaves and Fishes). Thanks for your support!



Priority Needs

- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, etc...
- Canned Fruit: low sugar or in juice
- Pasta - Canned or Dry Boxed
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Diapers - especially larger sizes

No Glass Please



NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 12 Trey Morris
- 13 Dave Johnson
- 13 Hampton Ott
- 15 Rosario Hernandez
- 15 Larry Morris
- 16 Jolene White
- 17 Andrew Gibson
- 17 David Starnes
- 18 Joana Monell



WORSHIP SERVICE November 12, 2023

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

10:00 a.m.
Worship in the
Family Life Center.

"Left Behind"
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings

Youth Ministry
12:30 p.m.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

Sunday,
November 12th

SPRC
3:00 p.m. - Hybrid.

Finance
4:30 p.m. - Hybrid.

Trustees
6:30 p.m. - Online only.

GIVE ONLINE/ OFRENDAR EN LÍNEA.



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

WINTER FESTIVAL.

Join us on Saturday, December 2nd, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for family fun in the Family Life Center. Crafts, games, food, and a very special visitor. All are invited.

Volunteers are needed for this event, please reach out to the Sherry Jackson at: childrenministry@standrewsumc.com or check out the **Sign Up Genius** available soon.

Needed Festival Supplies

- Empty plastic milk jugs
- Cotton Balls
- Brown paper grocery store bags
- 4 oz bottled water
- Paper Towels



Exam time for our college students will be here before you know it! We are gathering supplies to send care packages to our students. We have 19 students to support this year. Please consider making donations of the following and placing them in the green container in the narthex. See or email Sherry Jackson for more information at: childrensministry@standrewsumc.com

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

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| Nutri-grain bars | Gum |
| Trail mix | Mints |
| Lance crackers | Lifesavers, |
| Granola bars | Popcorn, Snack |
| size chips | Candy |
| Hot cocoa packets | |
| Snack size Goldfish | |
| Snack size Doritos | |
| Post-it notes | Highlighters |
| Mechanical pencils | |

If you would like to make donations towards mailing costs, you may do that also.



CONDOLENCES to the Geryl Ferrell and her family on the passing of her husband, William (Bill) Ferrel on Monday, November 6th, both are former Charter Members of St. Andrew's UMC. M. L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Clover, SC is in charge of funeral arrangements.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone for the concern and caring of the staff and church members and for the prayer shawls. We are most thankful. ~Nancy and Freddie Holtkamp

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



On Sunday morning October 29th, the national news confronted me with an Opinion Column by a retired pastor from Tennessee and former interim Knox County school superintendent. The column had these sentences in the title to catch attention. "Our churches are dying ... If religious leaders do not make some serious adjustments, 20 years from now a whole lot of church buildings are going to be restaurants." It is sobering to even think the church could be one generation from extinction. But the question you should ask yourself is "Do you believe that we are one generation from extinction?"

If you think so, I ask you to think about God's character. Christ's church will never fail. My God moment on October 29th was not the national newspaper column that first caught my attention but a part of the

St. Andrew's worship service later that morning, I implore you to watch the video of St. Andrew's impact and life over just one quarter of 2023. Do you see the life at St. Andrew's? Can you answer why you are a part of St. Andrew's congregation? Do you see God at work amongst us? I sure do.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to give to this small church on Archdale Drive in Charlotte, NC. We will not be here at St. Andrew's forever, because our time on earth is clearly finite. But if we believe in Christ, we will have eternal life. Even though we may only live on this earth for one more generation, we can take our opportunity here to leave a legacy at this church for the generations that God intends to worship and serve His community here in the years and decades to come just as those that came decades before us have enabled for us. Did they envision St. Andrew's of 2023? It's hard for us to know how God will use our gifts for future generations here, but you must know that God will use your gifts in a way to leave a legacy that does live on in this church community. The generations to come behind us will continue to seek and follow God's will for this small plot of His creation in Charlotte, NC. ~Thomas Pool

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY.

