



# Weekly CHATTER

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

THIS SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY.

### CHURCH NEWS

#### WORSHIP UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

We will be online only for the first and second Sundays of Advent, November 29th, and December 6th. We plan to gather for in-person as well as online worship on December 13th. On Christmas Eve, December 24th, we are planning to meet for in-person services in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. and again at 8:00 p.m. An online-only service will also be shared at 7:00 p.m. Reservations for Christmas Eve will be available in early December.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL.** This Advent, we are providing a daily devotional written by members of St. Andrew's UMC and leadership in ministries that we connect with as a church! The devotional is available online for download and self-printing at [www.standrewsumc.com](http://www.standrewsumc.com); viewable daily at <https://saumcadventdevo.blogspot.com> as well as on our St. Andrew's UMC Facebook page; and for those who are not able to view online or print a copy, (limited) printed copies are available at the church.

#### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH.

Your generous gift supports our students. When you give, you help provide for more than 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church.



The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Donations can be made at: [UMCgiving.org/giveUMSD](http://UMCgiving.org/giveUMSD) or pick up a special offering envelope in our Narthex.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF A VIRTUAL MASS CHRISTMAS CHOIR?

The United Methodist Church is offering the opportunity for anyone who would like to sing in a virtual mass Christmas choir to join them. The St. Andrew's Choir will participate and is opening the doors to anyone in the congregation who would like to sing a medley of 4 Christmas carols. Please upload all videos by December 1st to the following link or for more information:

[https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/christmaschoir?mc\\_cid=158e5a4620&mc\\_eid=684a09245c](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/christmaschoir?mc_cid=158e5a4620&mc_eid=684a09245c)

#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN -- COLLECTING PRAISES IN NOVEMBER.

In light of an extraordinary 2020, the Mary Lou Owens award will celebrate all of the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's UMC. Please take a moment to comment on the outstanding contributions of our church family and staff. A comment can be emailed to the church office at [churchoffice@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@standrewsumc.com) or dropped off in a bag located near the office. We'll be collecting praises throughout November! Thanks for your support.



#### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS.

St. Andrew's UMC is once again providing an opportunity to honor or remember someone special through donations to our church's partner ministries. And this year's cover design is from our very own artist-in-residence, Patti Huss. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's UMC and note your charity choices on the "for" line. Cards will be available in the Narthex during office hours throughout December.

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FROM, 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M. ALL AGES WELCOME.

Ready for a fun time of games and activities as we celebrate the coming of Christmas? Bring your whole family and join us for a piñata, building of the Nativity, and lighting of the Christmas tree. We invite you to bring flowers or fruit to decorate around the Nativity. We are also collecting non-perishable food items to share with Loaves & Fishes for those who are in need this Christmas season. **Donations are needed for the festival:** Small bottles of water, small individually-wrapped candies or small toy prizes, Christmas cookies, and silver tinsel from the Dollar Tree store.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH.** If you need an Advent wreath this season, we have a few ideas of how you can make your very own: pick up from the Dollar Tree store green garland, 5 tea light candles (battery operated) and purple ribbon.



Tie purple ribbon around 4 of the candles leaving 1 candle white. Form a circle with your greenery and place the candles on or around the circle, with the white candle in the middle. For a more traditional look, decorate a green Styrofoam wreath with greenery and insert taper candles up right in the wreath. Join us online at [www.standrewsumc.com](http://www.standrewsumc.com) each Sunday for worship during Advent as we light our candles together.

**WHAT'S COMING UP? WINTER VBS!** Please join us in January as we host a Winter Vacation Bible School entitled "Knights of North Castle". We are planning to meet in person as well as online. **Donations are needed as we begin preparing for this event.** We need: Brown craft paper rolls, clear zip ties, white tulle, polyester fiberfill, aluminum foil, rectangle plastic tablecloths (purple, light blue or lime green). And if you are getting rid of your old artificial tree, we can use that too. Email Sherry Jackson at [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com) for more information. You may drop your tree off at the church or make arrangements to have it picked up. Thank you.



**SCRIPTURE LESSON -- HAGGAI 2:4-5 (NLT)** Take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear.



- 29 Daniel Lewyn
- 29 Mary Kay Moore



- 1 Carol Hudgins
- 1 Glenda Lawson-Treadway
- 3 Robin Rea
- 4 Corey Joines
- 4 Gilly Shepherd
- 4 Yamilet Villatoro
- 5 David Patton
- 5 James Pendleton

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER  
ALL SERVICES ONLINE  
ONLY AT 10:00 A.M.  
NOVEMBER 29 - Haggai  
First Sunday of Advent

#### THANK YOU.

Thank you to everyone for your expressions of concern on the sudden death of my sister. I appreciate all the cards and outpouring of sympathy. I don't know what I would do without my church family. Sincerely, Bonnie White

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Thanks to everyone who stopped by St. Andrew's UMC and picked up a shoebox to fill for Operation Christmas Child. We really had a great turnout, filling 46 boxes. Considering Covid-19 and mostly virtual worship services, YOU did it. Think of all of the smiling faces on the children that receive your box(es).  
-- Larry and Linda Collins