

WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, November 5th, we will hold our celebration of All Saints. During the worship service, we will name those among our community who now claim the church triumphant. One of my favorite parts of the service is the prayer of memory. My favorite lines of the prayer are, **“we see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven; their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.”** I am grateful that all saints have a past, and all sinners a future. It is the grace given to us each and every day. Looking forward to seeing you on this very special day.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Youth will continue to meet at St. Andrew's through Sunday, November 19th. **Lunch help is needed for 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



CHURCH WIDE WORKDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

We need help on the following:

- Pruning all shrubs and lower tree branches.
 - Mulch under plants in the back of the Family Life Center.
 - Weeding all planting beds.
 - Cleaning windows in both the main and Family Life Center Narthex's.
 - Cleaning the Sanctuary and altar. (Removal of the effervescence is needed.)
 - Cleaning the Family Life Center Kitchen.
- Please bring outdoor tools, trimmers, gloves, shovels, and rakes for the outdoor work.**



ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, there will be a called annual conference meeting to address those clergy and churches who seek to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. The clergy session will take place at **9:00 a.m.** The broader conference will meet at **10:00 a.m.** You can go to the WNCUMC website at <https://www.wncumc.org> to read a letter from Bishop Carter on the upcoming meeting. You can also choose to attend the proceedings online on Saturday at **10:00 a.m.**, again via the conference website.

FRIENDS, IT HAS BEEN A LONG SEASON OF TRANSITION AND CHANGE, but I affirm that the One (God) who began a good work in us will see it through to completion. St. Andrew's UMC is alive and well. Our ministry is not without its challenges, but the evidence of fruit and kingdom building is abundantly evident. I am grateful that we continue this journey together. I also recognize that our Church and your family, friends, neighbors, and community are impacted by these changes. Please continue to hold all of this work in your prayers, and know my door is always open, should you have questions or concerns.
~Pastor Sherri



**REMEMBER TO...
SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ON
NOVEMBER 5TH.**



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 3rd,** 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

- 6 Richard Mills
- 8 Louise Hargadon
- 8 Geneva Shepherd
- 9 Janey Disher
- 9 Andrew Warren
- 11 Patricia Shepherd
- 11 Jeff Shumate



**WORSHIP SERVICE
November 5, 2023**
9:15 a.m. Worship Thru Prayer Service #29
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary.
“Revelation” 1 John 3:1-3
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.

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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

5th Sunday celebration

3RD QUARTER. See how we celebrated God's work in and through St. Andrew's UMC over the last few months. Take a look below!

3RD QUARTER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UX4oCEcb20k>

2ND QUARTER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbA1ZvOiVAO>

1ST QUARTER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOIbKXZww3M>



SAVE THE DATE HOLIDAY PREVIEW

Sunday, November 26

Hanging of the Greens at 11:11 a.m.

Saturday, December 2

Winter Festival; 4-5:30 p.m. Crafts, games, food, and a very special visitor!

Volunteers are needed, so 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 water bottles
- Paper Towels

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, LATINO HERITAGE FESTIVAL.

