



weekly CHATTER

October 1, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Family Life Center, and Online.

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WORSHIP UPDATE

This week, we celebrate Holy Communion with sisters and brothers around the world. **World Communion Sunday** began in 1933 with Presbyterians in an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity. The hope was that everyone might be inspired and be reminded of the gifts of connection and communion with each other. We also look forward to welcoming new members to our faith community! See you here.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Our cooperative youth ministry continues and will meet here at St. Andrew's **this Sunday. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. with the program to follow until 2:00 p.m.** Help is needed to prepare lunch on October 15th, and adults are needed on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to “hang out” with the youth as they arrive for open gym time. Want to help? Email Sherry Jackson.



CONDOLENCES.

Becky Fontaine passed from the church militant to the church triumphant on Friday, September

22nd. A service is planned for Monday, October 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. A reception in the Commons Room will follow. Please keep her family in your prayers.

HARVESTERS

Thursday, October 5th
Gathering Time: 11:00 a.m.
Program: 11:15 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Presentation by Bronwyn Mauldin entitled “What is Public Art... and How?” She’ll

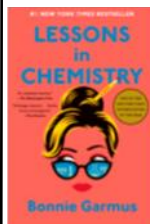


discuss the history of public art in the United States, how it works, and why we do it. **If there's a piece of public art in Charlotte that you love (or hate), be ready to talk about it!** Bronwyn is the daughter of St. Andrew's own Ruth and Hurst. She serves as the Director of Research and Evaluation at the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, where she has overseen a wide range of research studies on the arts and cultural workers. Her short fiction has been widely published, and her writing on how to participate in democracy can be found in bookstores and libraries across the US. She has been a writer in residence at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, Denali National Park in Alaska, and Kulturni Centar REX in Belgrade, Serbia.



BARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 7TH AT 10:00 A.M.!

Bring your dog to church! Come meet the two and four-legged friends who gather weekly on Saturdays in our dog park. We'll enjoy donuts and coffee, casual fellowship, music and a reflection. Let's get to know our neighbors!



BOOK CLUB

Friday, October 13th
6:30 p.m. - Gail Lewyn's home.
3117 Deep Meadow Ln.
Char., NC 28210

“Lessons in Chemistry”
by Bonnie Garmus.
All are welcome, bring a friend.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER EVENT.

October 21st at Symphony Park - SouthPark. Let's help **Mark Collard** reach his individual goal of raising \$1,500, or help as a walker - in a team goal of \$2,500. Join either Team Pinky SWEAR (Supporting Women Everywhere Around Region) or by making a donation. **For more information, click link below:** [Making Strides Against Breast Cancer](#)

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, FROM 11:15 A.M. UNTIL NOON.

Everyone is invited to come and see the updates and changes to the “new” Emerywood Hall!

LATINO FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tasty foods, medical clinics, theatrical interaction, folk music, typical dances, national kiosks, various games, piñatas, and more. See you there.



TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY

UPDATE

A special thanks to our Metro District Supervisor Dan Pezet for his leadership on Sunday. Following worship, a charge conference was held concerning adopting the recommendations made by the Transformation Journey team in the Ministry Action Plan (MAP). After good conversation, **“Transformation Journey” continued on back page.**

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 1 Allison Bickett
- 1 Bill Robinson
- 2 Mackenzie Sharpe
- 4 Michael McCane
- 6 Matthew Jones

WORSHIP SERVICE October 1, 2023

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

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

“Belonging to Christ” Galatians 3:26-29

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19TH at 4:00 p.m. Beyond the annual reports, this meeting helps to set our goals and align our resources to reach them for the coming year. Please be in prayer for the leadership team to include staff, finance, nominations and trustees in this work.

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"Transformation Journey" continued.

the MAP was approved. So now what? First, copies of the plan are available in the church office and on the church's website, and you're encouraged to read them. You can also watch the town hall videos for more information too. Second, I along with the church's leadership, viewable on the website, will begin conversation with the Transformation Journey coordinator Nancy Rankin and team as to next faithful steps. I recognize that questions remain. While the MAP outlines the "what," the "how" is yet to be answered. In summary, the MAP asks us to be intentional in working through a clear and defined vision for the church's ministry, how best to love, serve, and teach together in a community with multiple cultures and languages; and how we as a church can ensure that there are pathways for everyone to engage in deepening their relationship with Jesus through presence, worship, study, and service. As questions arise, I encourage you to reach out to church council members, to the staff, and to me. And please continue to hold this work in your prayers. As we sang on Sunday, we've come this far by faith, and I trust that God isn't finished with us yet!
~Pastor Sherri

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Thomas and I usually walk in the morning. On a recent weekend, we were staying at the lake and decided to walk the steep path from the house to the water. Once we started, we realized it was dark, it had started to rain, and I was not real sure-footed on the path. Thomas pulled out his phone, turned on the light, and held it behind him as he walked on the trail in front of me. I discovered the phone lit up just enough of my path to see my next steps. I also found that if I didn't stay close to him, my path would be dark again. It reminded me

of how God usually doesn't give us the full picture of what's ahead, but He always gives us just enough light to take the next step. And, when I get farther away from God, the vision for the next step grows dim. As we try to discern the vision for St. Andrew's, I know that the closer I walk with God, the better I will be able to see that path ahead, and even though I won't see the whole trail, I can have the faith to take the next step because He will light the way. *"For You are my lamp, O Lord; And the Lord illumines my darkness." 2 Samuel 22:29*
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

~Lisa Pool

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS

NEEDED to keep this lighthouse shining. Each giving unit is being asked to consider an additional \$500 in second-mile giving between now and December 31, 2023. This will allow us to fully meet our obligations and begin 2024 in good financial health. Thanks for your faithful response.



PLAYDATES. Look for monthly play dates to resume in the new year. Our "Pickleball" playdates are currently on hold to make room for the youth ministry launch. Stay tuned.

MONTCLAIRE OUTREACH

Last year, a small group of volunteers made a monthly visit to Montclair Elementary to deliver snacks to teachers as a way of appreciation and encouragement. This year, the **Snack Cart** outreach continues and we are rounding up some new volunteers. **Time Commitment** is one Friday a month for two hours. **Activity** - pushing a cart, sharing snacks, and making teachers smile! Interested? Reach out to Sara Terrell at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com



IF YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT that is now back at school, we would love to have their mailing address. Please send the address to

childrensministry@standrewsumc.com.

We would like to be able to communicate with them throughout the school year.

CARD-MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Join us every Wednesday now through November 1st at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00

p.m. to make cards for the upcoming holiday.

We're meeting in the Commons Room, #1. A sign-up is outside of Pastor David's office (Room #16). For more information, please email Phyllis Lazenby at: adairphyllis3@gmail.com



ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER.

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Menu:

Chopped pork butt - \$13/pound; Sliced chicken breast - \$13/pound; and Chili (beef, pork, and turkey) \$8/8 oz. bowl



Sides:

Mac and cheese, baked beans, or white slaw

Take Out or Dine In

(dine in includes tea or water) on divided tray \$13.

Includes: 1 meat (pork or chicken), bun, and 2 sides. (Mac and cheese, baked beans, or white slaw).

3 sides or 8 oz. of chili \$8.