



weekly CHATTER

September 24, 2023

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

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WORSHIP UPDATE

This week, we welcome our Metro District Superintendent Dan Pezet to lead worship.



Dan is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Florida and a Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He served churches in the Alabama-West Florida Conference for 14 years before becoming their Director of Church Vitality, and then he moved to the Western North Carolina Conference to serve as the Director of Church Development. One of Dan's favorite experiences was during college when he had the opportunity to participate in the Disney College Program, where he earned a Moustiers Degree. Rev. Pezet currently serves as the District Superintendent of the Metro District of the Western North Carolina Conference and lives in Cornelius, NC, with his wife Cindy, and two sons, Daniel and Luke.



On Sunday, September 24th, our morning worship will include a prayer walk of our campus. Join us as we pray for our community, within and beyond our walls.

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Help our church end the year in a healthy financial position. *The goal is to raise an additional \$50,000 in second-mile giving between now and December 31, 2023.* With 100 giving units this amounts to an **extra \$125 per month or \$30 per week.** We know that some will match this goal, some will exceed it, but we trust everyone will offer what they are able.



Between May and July, we saw the summer slump in giving. At the same time, there were increased facility expenses, such as the relocation of SAUMC's preschool to the Emerywood Hall (we'll be hosting an open house soon), maintenance, insurance, roof, HVAC and custodial services. While our building is aging, we celebrate that its use and ministry potential continues to grow. We will soon welcome the Alliance Center for Education, Learning Help Centers of Charlotte, Arts + Project Harmony, and Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Learning Together who are resuming their school year ministries. That means over 250 children (and their families) will be present in our church 5 days a week. You are always welcome to stop by for a visit during the week to see and know that the Lord is good!

Your Finance Committee is striving to be good stewards with all we have been blessed. We have received some unexpected gifts that have helped this year. We continue

to explore ways to best utilize our assets to further our community ministry and raise income to offset costs.

Thank you for doing your part so that St. Andrew's may continue to be a Lighthouse to the community as we Follow Jesus and Make Disciples for the Vital Transformation of Life (ours and the world).

~Tom Patton, Finance Chair



YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH

This past Sunday, September 17th, our new youth ministry program got underway. Under the leadership of Brad Kirksey, and in cooperation with three of our sister churches, Woodlawn, Southpark and Sedgefield, this past Sunday, 23 youth plus adult volunteers met in our gym. The group will meet weekly through December from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. The program is open to grades 6 through 12, and friends are welcome and encouraged. Adult help is needed to prepare meals once a month and to offer a weekly gym welcome from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Need more info? Reach out to Pastor Sherri, Pastor Sherry or Pastor David.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 25 Ted Campbell
- 27 Jean Wissinger
- 27 Pat Wolfe
- 28 Sarah Humphries
- 28 Jimmy McLaurin
- 29 Rachel Gillespie
- 29 Katelyn Pearson
- 29 Ashlei Tang



WORSHIP SERVICE September 24, 2023

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

10:00 a.m.
Worship in the
Sanctuary

"The Forest or the Trees"
Luke 19:1-10

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.

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NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP.

Please be in prayer for the Nominations committee as they undertake matching, people, gifts, and ministry for 2024 and beyond. If you are interested in serving an existing ministry such as Trustees, Finance or Staff-Parish, or engaging a new opportunity such as Communications, Technology, or Discipleship, please reach out to Pastor Sherri or a member of the committee, Karen Gibson, Gail Lewyn, Courtney Picha, Davy Lisk, Cheryl Broerman, or your lay leader Maria Alvarado.

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



UPDATE

This Sunday, following worship Dan Pezet will preside over a called charge conference to consider the Transformation Journey plan recommendations. Anyone may attend the meeting, but only members

of the Church Council are eligible to vote. Following the Charge Conference there will be a covered-dish luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Bring your favorite dish to share. A special thank you to our Cross-Cultural Ministry for helping with set-up. Videos are available from both Town Hall presentations and can be accessed via these links:

<https://youtu.be/ca9qKnAH40Q>

<https://youtu.be/iZpnHCOMyt4>

The Ministry Action plan received from the TJ Discovery Team is available on the church's website, and copies are available in the church office. Questions, please reach out to Lisa Pool, members of the church council or Pastor Sherri.



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.



CONDOLENCES. Joyce Nixon Rea, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, September 15th. **A service to celebrate Joyce's life will be held**

at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 23rd, in the Chapel of McEwen Funeral Home - 10500 Park Road, Pineville. The family will receive friends at 2:00 p.m., prior to the service. Burial will follow at Sharon Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

THANK YOU! This heart-felt thank you note is directed to all my special friends at St. Andrew's UMC who sent me birthday wishes. It is very humbling that you took time to remember me. God loves you for this simple act, as do I.

~Jack Muntz

CARD-MAKING ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS CARDS. Join us every Wednesday now through October 2nd 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

BOOK CLUB

Friday, October 13th

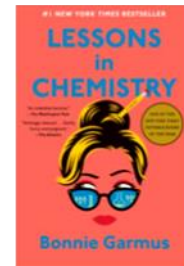
6:30 p.m. - Gail Lewyn's home.

3117 Deep Meadow Ln.

Charlotte, NC 28210

"Lessons in Chemistry"

by Bonnie Garmus.



All are welcome and invite a friend.

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.