



# weekly CHATTER

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Commons Room #1, and Online.

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## WORSHIP UPDATE

This weekend, St. Andrew's heads up the mountain for our annual Labor Day retreat to Camp Tekoa. We pray for those attending and give thanks for the ministry of Camp Tekoa and other ministries that engage us with God's story in the great outdoors. For those here in Charlotte, we will gather on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Commons Room and join worship from Tekoa over livestream. Come early for coffee and donuts and fellowship! There will be no Prayer Gathering or Small Group Discipleship this Sunday.

## WELCOME BRAD KIRKSEY!



Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, Brad Kirksey has joined as the lead for a new cooperative youth ministry. St. Andrew's UMC will be working with Sedgfield, Southpark, and Woodlawn Community churches for a shared youth ministry program. Our introductory meeting with Brad was August 6<sup>th</sup> and we had approximately 35 youth plus parents and volunteers present. **Fall kick-off will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** and Brad will be with us in worship that morning. Also, Brad and Kyle Thompson, Senior Pastor at Southpark, are launching a fantasy football league for the youth and volunteers. Reach out to Katie Patton or Pastor Sherri for more information!

## BRADLEY'S BIO

"Bradley came here from Florida in January of 2022. After going to the University of Central Florida (go Knights) and Reformed Theological Seminary, Bradley has been working in college and youth ministry since 2019. If he's not at church, you can find him teaching chess after school, at a trivia night, or pretending to be outdoorsy."



**HARVESTERS.** Join us on **Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall (#2). Please **RSVP** Sherry Jackson at: [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com) or Christine Jelley.

## 89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

Please shower **Jack Muntz** (Saturday, **September 9<sup>th</sup>**) with cards on his special day. **Cards may be sent to:** Jack Muntz 5800 Old Providence Rd. Apt. 5208 Charlotte, NC 28226-5894

## COMMUNION

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. in Room #18.**

Did you know that St. Andrew's



is now a Lighthouse Congregation? Lighthouse Congregations have committed to remain in the

UMC and to be a place of welcome and rest for those who have experienced the closure or disaffiliation of their home church. One of our vows as a Lighthouse Congregation is to offer the sacrament of communion monthly. On **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, the Lord's Table will be set during our small group discipleship hour, following worship. Come for a moment, or stay for the hour; bring yourself, bring a friend, bring your small group. All are welcome at the table!



## UPDATE

Do you have questions about the Transformation Journey? Plan to attend one of two upcoming **Town Hall meetings** to hear more about the MAP (Ministry Action Plan) for St. Andrew's received from the TJ Discovery Team. Meetings will be on **September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.** and **September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall (#2). There will be a time at both meetings for Q&A. Both meetings will be recorded and made available online for those who cannot attend in person. If you cannot attend in person

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## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 3 Kevin Jones
- 4 Robert Newhouse
- 5 Fernando Valenzuela
- 7 DE Murray
- 7 John Newhouse
- 8 Kurt Grist
- 8 Betsy Grooms
- 9 Jack Muntz
- 9 John Whichard



**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**September 3, 2023**

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

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship in the Commons Room #1**

**"Live From Tekoa"**  
**Psalms 46:10, James 1:19**

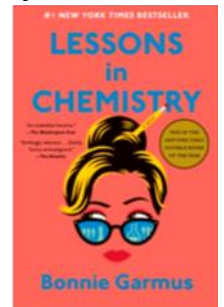
**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS BOOK CLUB

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.**



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and would like to submit a question, please call or email the church office at 704-553-1327 or [churchoffice@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@standrewsumc.com)

On **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will welcome our District Superintendent Dan Pezet. Dan will lead us in worship and there will be a called **Charge Conference at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary** to consider the plan's recommendations.

Following the Charge Conference there will be a covered-dish luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share!



**SWINGING SAINTS  
LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE!!!**

**Starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Open House Free

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m. every Monday**  
in Fellowship Hall (#2).

**\$5.00 weekly to continue.**

Instructor/Caller: Randy Page  
Questions? Please contact Glenda Patton: 704-650-3138.

**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](mailto: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 October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. to make cards in the Commons Room #1.** It's a lot of fun and fellowship. Classes are in English and Spanish and will run for 10 weeks. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the sign-up list outside Pastor David's office, Room #16, so enough materials will be on hand. The cost for this series of card-making is \$25.00 per person to cover the cost of materials. Children who attend will make different cards than the adults and must be 10 years or older. Cost per child is \$10.00 for this series.

**HELPING HANDS**  
**As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, we've provided \$3,400 in assistance to our neighbors and community, an average of about \$485 a month.**



The help includes rent, lodging, utilities, gas cards, bus passes, and grocery store cards. Assistance is also given with referrals to Loaves and Fishes as well as other community agencies such as Crisis Assistance Ministry. The assistance provides not a hand out, but a hand up to carry folks a bit farther down the road. *Hebrews 13:2 reminds us to always show kindness to strangers for in doing so we entertain angels.* Your help is needed for this ministry to continue, so please consider making a designated donation. Questions, reach out to Vicki Lawson or Pastor Sherri.

**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS.**

