

January-February 2015



St. Andrew's
United Methodist Church
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THE CHATTER

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

PANCAKE SUPPER

Ash Wednesday on February 18
in the Family Life Center



**SERVING WILL
BEGIN
AT 5:00PM**

This is a regular Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner. ***Reservations Required.*** Sign up in the Narthex, Family Life Center, or Sunday bulletins. Our United Methodist Women will be serving up pancakes, sausage, grits, and fruit. Through your love offering all proceeds will go to support United Methodist Women Missions.

Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!

MISSION UPDATE

Thank you. Thank you to each of you who helped make Christmas special for many of our neighbors. The folks of St. Andrew's UMC showed tremendous generosity over the holidays, here is a glimpse of what we were able to come together to be a light to our neighborhood:

25 – ARC of Mecklenburg Angels. For many years we have had a wonderful connection with the ARC of Mecklenburg. It is such a joy to see the folks of St. Andrew's picking out an Angel Tree Angel and then to see the pile of presents for these individuals. The Executive Director of ARC, Mr. Brady, wanted to express his thanks for the ongoing connection our church has with ARC.



6 – Montclair Elementary School Angel Tree kids. Ms. DeLuna, the Community in Schools' employee at Montclair ES connected us with 6 children whose families greatly needed assistance this Christmas. Our church responded and provided these 6 children with some great gifts!

Approximately \$2,000 – This is the amount of gift cards/cash that came in to help support other children who are connected to St. Andrew's UMC. Through these gift cards, we were able to support another **21 children, youth, and young adults** for Christmas. These cards were used for Christmas presents and Christmas dinners for many of these families.

2 – Through donations of food, we were able to help supplement the Christmas meals for 2 families in our community.

6 – The number of Christmas trees the United Methodist Men donated to families. The heart and mission of the UMM amazes me year in and year out.

I am sure that this is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the different ways St. Andrew's UMC members gave at Christmas. It is hard to quantify the change dropped into the Salvation Army bucket, the smiles given to stressed out employees at retail outlets, the neighbors served through Room In The Inn which does not take Christmas day off when it falls on a Thursday, and the impact the Cantata and worship services had on those in attendance.

God is certainly at work in our church. However, as a church we don't want to come across as patting ourselves on the back, because that is not what this update is about. It is important to celebrate the work God is doing in our community through St. Andrew's UMC. It is important to realize that we are able to be generous at Christmas because of God's generosity toward us. This update has a simple purpose, to say thank you for answering God's call on you as part of St. Andrew's UMC mission to be a light to our neighborhood. Thank you for helping to brighten Christmas morning for more than 50 individuals. At times, it is overwhelming to see the generosity of this church. Let us continue to be generous throughout 2015 and let us continue to answer God's call on us as a church.



IN HIS STEPS IS BACK! This is a past servant ministry that was a concerted effort to connect opportunities to serve at St. Andrew's with the hands and feet of God - you and me! We feel that this is a vital ministry that is important to reimplement but we need your help! We have all of the administrative parts of the former program ready to pick up and we need a few passionate volunteers to take the lead. We are looking at the first week in February as a tentative meeting date for interested parties. Please contact Thomas Pool at 704-780-4230/tepool@comporium.net or Maria Jordan at 704-516-4985/msharpe69@hotmail.com.

YOUTH UPDATE



Parent Classes with Kevin

Starting this year, we will have parent classes with Kevin once a month, during the youth program times (Sunday nights 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Commons Room #1). This time will be like a round table discussions/support group. Kevin will present some information and then we will have a discussion about what that information means for Christian parents of today's teens. These classes are also open to elementary parents who want to get a jump-start on the teen years. Below, you will find the topics and dates of these classes. Please RSVP to Kevin at youth@standrewsumc.com if you would like to attend.

January 25 – Understanding Generation iY and Generation Z: Cultural Trends and what it means for you as a Christian parent.

February 22 – Part 2: Understanding Generation iY and Generation Z: Cultural Trends and what it means for you as a Christian parent.

March 22 – Navigating the Digital World: Understanding the dangers of social media usage, impact social media usage has on a teen's faith, creating healthy boundaries for social media usage, and teaching ownership of responsibility for teens online/social media activity.

April 26 – Dealing with Doubt: How do you respond when your children start questioning religion?

May 31 – Sex: Broaching the topics of Sex, Sexuality, and unrealistic cultural standards with your teen.

Stay connected to the Youth program:

There are several ways to keep in touch with what is going on with the youth program at St. Andrew's UMC!

Youth E-News

Email Kevin Ward at youth@standrewsumc.com to sign up for our youth e-news updates that usually come out once a week. This is the best way to keep up with what is going on with the youth program.

Facebook

Like our page on Facebook to keep up with what is going on!
<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsumcyouth>

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter @StAndrewsUth

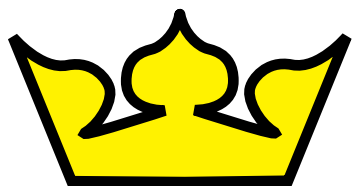
Text Messaging Network

To join our text messaging network, follow the instructions below:

- 1 To join High School Youth, text @c6075b to (704) 601-7376.
This group will have High School specific information.
- 2 To join Middle School Youth, text @eebc5 to (704) 601-7376.
This group will have Middle School specific information.
- 3 To join All Youth, text @013755 to (704) 601-7376.
This group will have information pertinent to all youth, volunteers, and Parents.
- 4 To join Parents, text @355330 to (704) 601-7376.
This group will have information specific for youth parents (like when we left to come home for a retreat/ETA).
- 5 To join Youth Volunteers, text @5750e to (704) 601-7376.
This group will have information for our Sunday night volunteers.



CHILDREN'S NEWS



K.I.C.K

Join us on Wednesday nights for K.I.C.K. (Kids Into Christ's Kingdom). Our evening begins with 5:30 p.m. choir, 6:00 p.m. Dinner and 6:30-7:15—program time with a variety of activities for kids Kindergarten—grade 5! We will have lessons, music, games, and mission and service opportunities throughout the year.

Does the cold weather have you stuck inside? Are you needing a good excuse to buy new sheets to snuggle up in at night? Well, this is the perfect time to clean out the linen closet. We are collecting old sheets and fabric to make some costumes for our VBS this summer. Take the time to clean out and donate the old sheets to the church. You can drop them off in Sherry's office room #7 in the Archdale wing.



Are you interested in helping with Vacation Bible school this summer? We are in need of persons to join our planning team. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Jackson at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com.

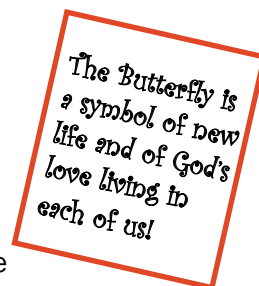


An Easter Gift Your Child Will Never Forget!!!

BUTTERFLIES!!

Your child can watch his/her very own caterpillar change into a colorful, lively butterfly!! What could be a better way to bring them closer to the expectation and understanding of Easter?

The Painted Lady Caterpillars come with a life long supply of nutrient. They are self sufficient until the chrysalis stage — then you simply transfer them to the Butterfly box. When they become butterflies, they should be released in a few days. (Life expectancy from that point is 2-3 weeks.) You will receive a kit with complete instructions. It's easy!



**We will release the butterflies on Easter Sunday!!!
(This is WAY FUN!!!)**

Return the completed form with payment to the Butterfly Table or the staff mailbox on the office door by February 22. Make checks payable to St. Andrew's UMC and earmark "Butterflies". The caterpillars will ship in mid- March! We will need a few folks to help sort the caterpillars upon arrival! You will need to pick up your caterpillar as soon as possible. They grow quickly!

Easter Butterfly Order.....Return to the Church by February 22

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

How Many caterpillars do you want to order # _____ @ \$6.00 each = _____

How many butterfly Houses do you want # _____ @ \$9.00 freestanding _____



(The house can hold up to 6 butterflies. A house is not needed if you have one from a previous year.)
This is a great gift to give to a special friend!

STAYING IN TOUCH

PRAYERS FOR... Hilda Bookout, Inez Weston, Gladys Ott, Bob Neely, Margaret Mayo, Vivian Botsko and family, Chase Harns, Bee Jones' brother Mike Owens, Bailey and Courtney Sanford, and Laura Waugh Cruse.

CONDONANCES to the family of Kevin Ward on the recent death of his uncle Wayne Ervin.

Nurture. Advocate. Give.

Human Relations Day was Sunday, January 15, but it is not too late to give. Your generous gifts support

- Neighborhood ministries through Community Developers
- Community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services related to the General Board of Global Ministries
- Work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offenders Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society.

Checks can be made out to St. Andrew's UMC for Human Relations Day donation or donate online at: www.umcgiving.org/giveHRD.

SUSANNA CIRCLE meeting will be on February 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE next meeting is February 3 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

THE HARVESTERS. The Harvesters will meet on Thursday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m. We will have a white elephant bingo for the program. Please take this opportunity to rid yourself of unwanted items around your house. The rule for the games is that whatever you win, you have to take the prize home! See you in February.

HANNAH AND HER SISTERS will meet on February 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1.

RUTH CIRCLE meeting will be on February 10 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commons Room #1.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S next breakfast meeting is on February 15 at 7:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall #2.

OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are collecting Country Time Lemonade in the 5lb. 2.5 oz. size. These are used once a month when our United Methodist Women go to Urban Ministries to share a cup of lemonade and a smile. Help support our women with this ministry area. A collection bin is located in the narthex.



UMM UPDATE. Our United Methodist Men had a record year with their annual Christmas Tree Sale in December. All of the 95 trees ordered were either sold or donated raising almost \$1,900 for UMM's treasury, according to Tony Jelley, UMM chair. "Thanks for everyone's help with the Christmas Tree Project...We have received a number of thank you letters from satisfied customers and from organizations who we supported with our funds last year. Thanks and peace to all."

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Jessica Carte	16 Caitlin Patton
3 Sam Weeks	16 Becca Sergel
3 Camryn Tita	16 Myles Francis
3 Stella Wolf	18 Grayson Dowless
4 Natalie New	19 Carl Wissinger
5 Karen Patrick	21 Bob Neely
5 Robin Furr	21 Juanita Bailey
5 Jacob Adams	21 Jean Hunter
7 Ron Melvin	21 Sam Hege
7 Emily Wiley	21 Emma Poteat
8 Martha Murray	22 Sheila Yokeley
8 Mike Weeks	23 Paige Stokes
9 Del Smith	24 David Thornton
11 Jim Warren	25 Wayne Forbis
11 Brooke Gillespie	25 Donna Kingry
11 Alexsys Irizarry	26 Geoffrey Hemenway
12 Mary Jean Hodges	26 Lori Cook
12 Pam Barnes	29 Jimmy Bradley
16 Adrian Jelley	



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2015 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

FEBRUARY

- February 1** Amy Penny
Shawn Penny
- February 8** Liz Snyder
Mark Francis
- February 15** Don Jordan
Penny Bryant
- February 22** Amy Penny
Shawn Penny

Recycle Pickup 2015

February..... Keith and Margeri Brown

**Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up
Schedule for 2015**

February.....Jimmy Bradley

Usher Schedule for 2015

February Team Leader..... Larry Wolfe
A. D. Adcock
William Ferrell
Mark Hemenway
Davy Lisk
Don Woodruff

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