

JULY 2019



The CHATTER

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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**Follow Jesus.
Make
Disciples.
Tranform
the World.**



REV. SHERRI BARNES

Letter of Introduction St. Andrew's UMC June 2019

In the words of the Apostle Paul, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite verses is Psalm 121:8 – “The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.” (NRSV). It seems a most fitting prayer in this season of transition, and I will continue to lift it up for the community of St. Andrew's.

I am so looking forward to serving with you come July. I recently undertook a refresher on the stories of St. Andrew and came across the story in which he, upon recognizing Jesus for who he was, immediately was moved to bring one whom he loved (his brother, Peter) to meet him (John 1:35-42). And from what I am learning about the ministry of St. Andrew's, it appears that you live into your namesake well, through gifts of generosity, hospitality, discipleship, worship, and mission. I consider it a privilege to continue that good work with you.

I look forward to our seasons together and look forward to getting to know you and you getting to know me. On my first Sunday, July 14, I will share a bit more about my call story and how God has continued to bring me to and through this wonderful calling.

I come to you from an extension ministry appointment with Pfeiffer University where I have served since 2012 and currently serve as the director of the Pfeiffer Youth Theological Institute (YeTI). As an elder in full connection, I have served churches throughout the piedmont of North Carolina. I have also worked as a Christian educator in western North Carolina, Virginia, and Texas. I hold an undergraduate degree in business administration from Youngstown State University in Ohio and a master of divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. I am also a certified Transitional/Interim Ministry Specialist and hold a graduate certificate in leadership from Pfeiffer University.

Mentoring, teaching, discipleship, administration, and relationship building have long been hallmarks of my career and vocation both as a lay and clergy person. I have a long held passion for youth and young adults and have experience in new ministry launches. I long for persons to deepen and strengthen their relationship with God, explore God's call on their lives, and be moved to partner with God in God's good kingdom work. I believe this is your longing as well.

So until we meet in person, trust that I continue to hold you in prayer, and ask that you do the same for me.

Psalm 121:8
Pastor Sherri

CHURCH NEWS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

As many of you are aware, we are entering the summer months at St. Andrew's UMC. Historically from a financial perspective these months are a trying time for us as other priorities enter the picture during that time and attendance at church dips This year as we enter summer, a couple of issues have arisen. Our utility costs for the year have been substantially higher than budgeted due to a thermostat issue, which has now been fixed, and that has put us in a hole financially. The finance committee would like to ask the congregation to consider "paying forward" their weekly donation as we take steps to curtail our expenses.

We also would ask the congregation to think about earmarking an additional contribution for the building fund. As you may not be aware, this fund is currently not in our budget and we pay it out of a designated fund. At present, with the current rate of giving to the fund we have a little more than three months of payments in the account. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please designate on your check memo "Building Fund." Another way you can support St. Andrew's UMC is by shopping online at www.umcmarket.org. The church will receive a percentage of your purchases as a donation. Thank you for your support.

—Doug Dennison, Chair
Finance Committee



JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER CONNECTION TIME!

July 8th-11th From 5:45-8:30 p.m.

For Kids in Kindergarten – 5th Grade. Registrations are available outside the children's ministry office (Room #7) or at www.standrewsumc.com. Come and bring a friend!

You're Invited.

We will be having a reception for
Reverend Sherri Barnes
on Sunday, July 14th
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.
Please come and help us greet
our new minister.
Punch and cookies will be provided.



Starting Monday, July 1st, it will be "Christmas in July Double Donations Month" at UMCMarket.org. This is another way to show your support to St. Andrew's UMC. For every purchase online at UMCMarket.org by shopping with a variety of their online retailers like Target, Macy's and many more, St. Andrew's will receive a 1-3 % percentage donation from each retailer. And in July, this amount doubles! See today's bulletin for more information.

GET INVOLVED



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!
The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.



SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Volunteers Needed.
More details to come
Email David Lisk at dwlisk@rhmail.org for more information.



MONTCLAIRE FREEDOM SCHOOL SUMMER 2019 JUNE 17TH – JULY 25TH



If you could give one hour of just one day, would you be willing to listen to a child read knowing that you would be helping that child become a better reader and have more confidence in herself or himself?

That is exactly what we do during DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) TIME at Montclair Elementary Freedom School every day from 11:10 - 11:55 a.m. every day.

Freedom School is a six-week summer literacy program for Montclair Elementary and it runs every day of the week from 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. The purpose is to give children three resources needed to develop their potential and inspire a love of reading and learning – literacy skills, character strengths, and a community that believes in them. If lower income children can't continue to learn through the summer, they fall behind their higher income peers. By the end of third grade, lower income children are typically two years behind in reading, due in large part to summer learning loss – the biggest reason for the achievement gap between low and higher income children. Ninety percent of children maintain or gain reading ability during Freedom School. Sixty-five percent increase their reading skills.



How do I sign up to volunteer at Montclair Freedom School?

- Sign up for all volunteer opportunities at Volunteer Hub, at this link:
- <http://montclair.freedom-school-partners.volunteerhub.com>
- The first time you visit this page, register as a volunteer by clicking on CREATE ACCOUNT at the upper right and follow the directions from there.
- If you have any problems with this website, please contact Cember or Larry Carella (704-532-7149 OR 704-904-0698) for help.

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CHILDREN'S NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements for Children's Ministry, please contact Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327, Ext 103. Office: (Room #7)

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the Youth, Adult, and Mission Ministries announcements, please contact Kevin Ward, Director of Family Ministries kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-553-1327, ext. 105. Office: (Commons Room Hallway)



SUMMER CONNECTION (FORMERLY VBS) NEEDS YOU

JULY 8-11TH! Openings are available in our small groups (leading children to and from each activity), welcome and sign in table, helpers in the craft room, dinner prep/clean up, hall monitors, play games, prep meals, run sound, give directions, act, clean up, organize, prep materials, help with mailings, make phone calls, serve meals, wipe tables, and many many more things! There is a place for you! We would love to have you join us in our adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Please contact Sherry Jackson at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com for more information about how you can join in help on our adventure!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SUMMER CONNECTION TIME.

There are several things we need to help make our childrens' summer connection program (formerly VBS) fun and exciting for everyone. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the childrens' ministry office or in the bins in the narthex. We will update our supply list periodically so keep checking in!

Space-related decorations	Painters tape	Masking tape
Sidewalk chalk (1 tub)	1 bag play sand	2 bags of balloons
1 bag solo cups	Duct tape	Modeling clay
Empty water bottles	Star glitter	¾ " Styrofoam boalls
Terry cloth fabric	8" square pan	Washable markers
Large glue bottles	Thin ribbon	Glitter glue
Toy microscope	napkins (2 packs of 200)	Plastic Forks (300)
Plastic Spoons (pack of 200)	Divided Paper Plates (400)	Silver Spray Paint (4 cans)



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE ENTERING THE 3RD GRADE NEXT YEAR?

Please send the child's name and address to Sherry Jackson at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com. We are preparing for our Third Grade Bible day.

ST. ANDREW'S UMC LOVES TO GIVE THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS A WELL-DESERVED VACATION.

This summer, we would love to allow our teachers to take some time off and would love to have you come share your many gifts and talents with our young people. If you can give of your time 1-2 Sundays (or more), please contact Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of our great families and share Christ with them. We have available spots on July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, and August 18th.



HIDING THE HONEY BEAR. Our children's sermon a few weeks ago was about meeting Jesus face to face in Heaven being worth the yucky days we live through on earth. One of our children suggested we play 'Hide and Seek' with the Honey Bear I used as an illustration so, "Find the Honey Bear" has begun. Each Sunday, there will be two Honey Bears hidden somewhere around the church. Each child is welcome to keep the bear that they find, keep only one bear so that everyone has the opportunity to find one. Happy Honey Bear Hunting!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH. MORE DETAILS TO COME!

BULLETIN BOARD



CROSS-CULTURAL WORSHIP

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

This is not only for Hispanic/Latino Families! Everyone is welcome to worship here –Pastor David is multi-lingual. If you attend, you will understand and have a wonderful experience. Please join us!



LOAVES AND FISHES.

We need your help. Please remember that the need for food is greater during the summer when the children are at home and do not have the meals provided at school. You can help. Please donate canned, non-parishable foods, canned fruit, fruit juice, rice, and grocery bags. Your generous donations may be dropped off in the grocery cart located in the Narthex. Thank you.



HEATH AND ACTIVE: A COMMUNITY SCREENING PROGRAM,

St. Andrew's UMC is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Friday, July 19th, between 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979. **If a priority code is requested, use HSC-5313.**

Preparations on the day of your screening

All ultrasound and heart rhythm screenings:

- Wear a short sleeved shirt that is open at the collar – no turtlenecks
- Wear a comfortable two-piece outfit consisting of loose clothing
- Do not wear pantyhose

Additional preparations:

Abdominal aortic aneurysm

- Fast for 4 hours prior to your screening.
- Make sure the meal you eat 4 hours prior to your screening is a light one (less than 1/2 of what you normally eat of non-gassy food).
- If you are thirsty during your fasting period, you may have 1/2 cup of coffee or tea and a moderate amount of water.
- If you take medication, take it as prescribed.
- If you are diabetic and are not comfortable fasting for 4 hours, limit yourself to a "diabetic meal" (piece of toast, 1 cup of any juice and 1/2 cup coffee or tea). If you are in doubt, please follow your diabetic care plan.

Complete lipid panel (cholesterol)

- Fast for 8 hours prior to your screening.

Atrial fibrillation (stroke)

- Do not wear pantyhose.
- Do not wear a watch.
- Keep your cell phone turned off.
- Do not wear lotion or oil.

Glucose (type 2 diabetes)

- Fast for 8 hours prior to your screening.

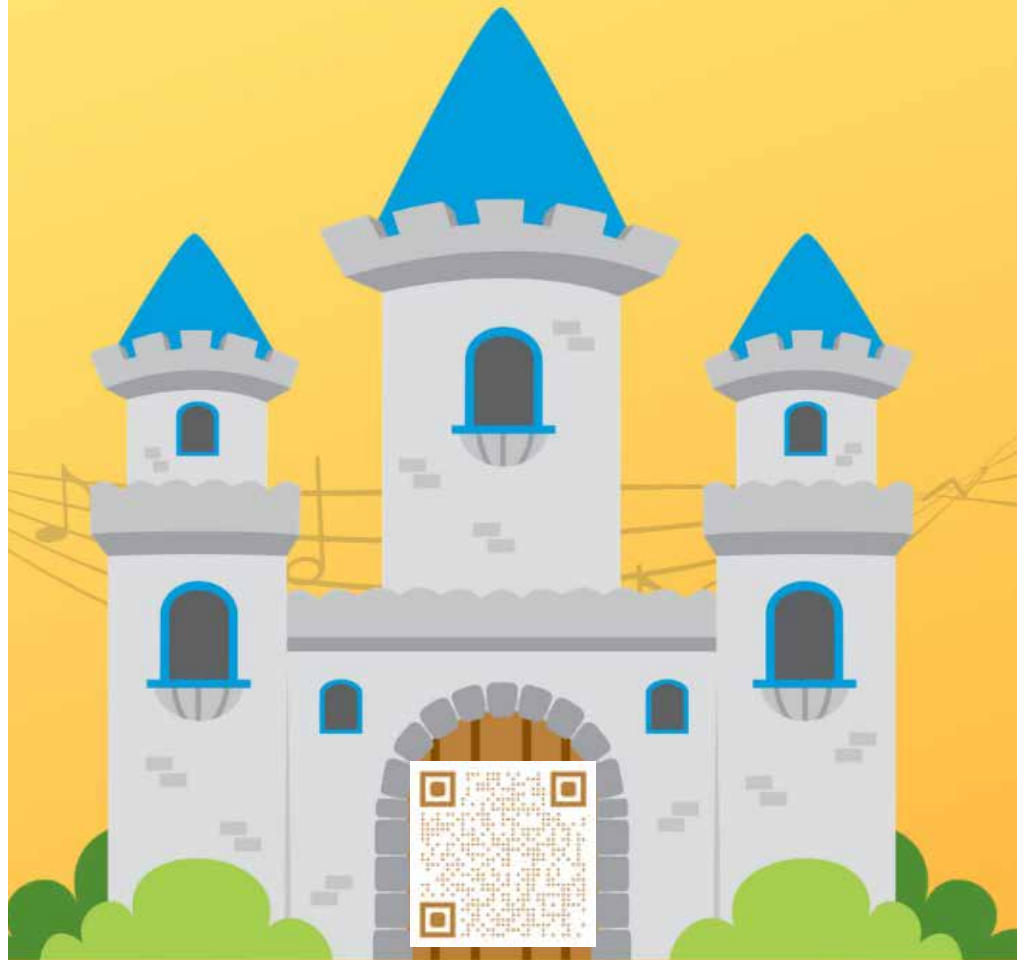


Friends and Family Savings – Tell a friend we will be in their area soon.

COMING EVENT

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**St. Andrew's UMC Music and
Drama Camp is coming! Sign up
to be notified when registration opens.**

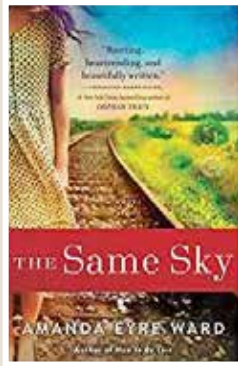


AUGUST 12TH-16TH

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily
Performance on August 18th**

Registration is \$25.00 per child or \$60.00 max per family. Lunch and snack provided. Open to rising 2nd - 8th graders. If someone needs help paying for camp, they may contact Sara Terrell at 704-553-1327, ext.104 or Kevin Ward at ext. 105. This year's musical is called "Song of the King" and will be medieval/castle themed. Sign up by pointing your phone's camera at the castle door above, go to <https://standrewsumc.wufoo.com/forms/zi1by811yh5rui/>, or sign up forms found in the Narthex and Family Life Center. We need lots of smiling volunteers to make camp happen. Anyone who is volunteering can get in touch with Sara Terrell at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com.

GET INVOLVED



UMW BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION: STARTING FRIDAY, JULY 26TH, AT 6:30 P.M. the United Methodist Women will be meeting to discuss “The Same Sky” by Amanda Eyre Ward at Panera Bread, on Hwy. 51 near Carmel Road in Charlotte. All women are invited. This book is a beautiful and heartrending novel about motherhood, resilience, and faith—a ripped-from-the-headlines story of two families on both sides of the American border.

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As soon as you register you can sign up to:

- be a DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Time partner (from 11:10 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. On your first day, come at 10:45 a.m. for a training session),
- bring Snacks for Scholars (80 scholars and 8 interns),
- Chaperone on Field Trips,
- Shop for supplies (shopping list is provided each week for 6 weeks of summer. Sign up for one or more weeks with reimbursement available),
- Lead and share a skill, hobby, or interest with scholars in a hands-on way, ex. Gina Collard with cooking or David Drum with drums.
- Bring Snacks or help serve for the Finale on July 25th.



Even if you only volunteer once during the summer you will be helping a child.



Questions?

- Can children help? We would like everyone, regardless of age, to participate. Small children can help make snacks and come with a parent to Harambee. High school students can volunteer as adults, and middle school students can help if accompanied by a parent.
- **Other questions?**
Contact Kevin Ward (704-553-1327, ext. 105) or kjw2517@gmail.com or Cember or Larry Carella (704-532-7149 or 704-904-0698) or larrycember@gmail.com.
- Other ways to help? Make a contribution to Freedom School through St. Andrew's and put "Montclair Elementary Freedom School" on the "For" line of your check.



UMW ONGOING COLLECTION

Feminine Products Needed for Women at Salvation Army and Urban Ministries.

The United Methodist Women of St. Andrew's UMC-Charlotte are collecting feminine hygiene products to be distributed to homeless shelters in our area. A designated collection box is located in the Commons Room hallway. If you would like to contribute to our cause, we are in need of: individually-wrapped tampons, sanitary pads, panty liners, and cleansing cloths. These items will be donated to the Salvation Army and Urban Ministries, with the possibility of adding an additional location. Thank you for your support!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Want to know more? Contact:
Jatana Royster
jroyster@wnccumc.org

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand
shand@wnccumc.org

Are you ready to register?

Click link below

[https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/
SALTRegistrationmetro](https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/SALTRegistrationmetro)



The Spiritual Academy forleading Transformation (SALT) is a program designed to identify, inspire, train, and support spiritually-mature lay people, partnering with clergy, to lead effective change in their congregations and communities.

Why SALT: Spiritual Academy for Leading Transformation exists to help laity discover, develop, and fully live into their calling as Transformational Leaders in their churches, communities and globally.

Values:

- Building Stronger Relationships
- Interactive, Experiential Learning
- Bias for Action
- Triangle-Square Leadership
- Baptism is the ordination of the laity
- Community vs. Solo Heroic Leadership
- Asset-Based Community Development

Cost:

Cost is \$150 per person if 3 or more from a church attend and \$200 per individual if less than 3 register from a church. Scholarships are available.

DATES

2019 - September 21st, October 19th,
November 16th

2020 - January 25th, February 22nd,
March 28th, April 25th

SATURDAY SESSIONS

Participants will gather for 7 **Saturday's** for the purpose of interacting around new learning, as well as establishing a community of peers who can help each other translate leadership principles into their particular contexts. The purpose of these gatherings will be to inspire excitement and commitment while exposing participants to excellent training around leadership principles and practices. Exploring topics like Leading in the God's Kingdom, leading self, leading others, leading change, etc. Churches are encouraged to send a team of laity.

LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Participants will discern a church and or a community need, then each participate will collaborate with their pastor and church leadership along with participants of the SALT Cohort to shape their project. Throughout the SALT process each participant will press into their idea, through prayer, collaborative conversations, constructive feedback, analyzing their case study, more prayer and the development of a ministry action plan. Towards the end of the program process, projects are presented, with community input, and discussion of shared learning from the SALT Cohort participants. Prayerfully each participant will implement their plan and have the opportunity to see the fruit and handiwork of God.

BIRTHDAYS



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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Bruce Bailey | 12 Allison Unumb | 22 Brian Dowless |
| 1 Herbert Thomas | 14 Louise Hoover | 22 James Sisk |
| 3 Kenn Bullock | 15 Josh Corless | 23 Linda Collins |
| 3 Bobby Cordless | 16 Kalea Barnes | 23 Ruth Mauldin |
| 4 Cynthia Poteat | 16 Gail Lewyn | 23 DeAnna Murray |
| 4 Drew Sharpe | 16 George White | 24 Jennifer Bryant |
| 4 Jane Yates | 16 Bob Wiker | 24 Joshua Marshall |
| 5 Dustin Morgan | 17 Kelly Crosby | 24 Emily Stevenson |
| 7 Laura Arndt | 18 Tim Sanford | 26 Mark Collard |
| 8 Chris Tita | 18 Justin Weeks | 27 Peggy Gamwell |
| 8 Kevin Wolfe | 19 Zoey Irizarry | 28 Ryan Farmer |
| 9 Trula Booth | 19 Maria Jordan | 29 Gina Collard |
| 9 Elaine Wallace | 20 Jackie Auville | 29 Kaela Hughes |
| 11 Stephanie Dowless | 21 Cindy Alvarez | 29 Patti Huss |
| 11 Bonnie White | 21 Renee Owens | 29 Don Jordan |
| 12 Jordan Harris | 22 Lilly Faith Buzzard | |

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



CONGRATULATIONS!

Loma Ash is a recent graduate of North West School of the Arts. She has won several Gold Silver keys for her art work. Loma will attend Maryland Institue of College-Art. She is the grand-daughter of C. J. and Milly Ash who are very proud of her accomplishments.



STAYING IN TOUCH

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

For our members: John Patrick, Joslyn and Jimmy McLaurin, Bernice Ledford, Thomas White, Phyllis Lazenby, Herbert Thomas, Bee Jones, A. D. Adcock, Bonnie White, Hazel Huss, Abbey Buzzard, Garret Webster and family; Charlene Simpson; Shanieka Brown; Austin Brown and Amanda Martin; Dan Jones, Kevin Ward, Traveonia James, Phyllis Cole, Pat Smathers, Del Smith, Peter Gamwell, Tom Aucoin, Carol Hudgins, Jonathan Bickett, Jay Kizer, and Caroline Crabtree.

Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally: Anne Friese, Frank and Shirley Clontz, and Nell Slade.

Pray for our friends and relatives: Jolene White's brother-in-law, Linwood Thacker; Glenda Patton's friend, Elsy Phillips; David Lisk's father; Shirley Clontz's sister, June S. Cochran, and Rob Shay, son-in-law; Leslie Southerland; Bobby Henneycy's mother-in-law, Shirley Spencer; Pat Davis' nephew, David Giles; Stephanie Wells, friend of Karen and David Patton; Bee Jones' daughter, Laura Arndt; Barbara Webster, mother of Shanna Morales; Ryan Costin, friend/co-worker of Cheryl Broerman and Karen Gibson; Faith Shaw, friend of Jenna Plaisted; Rosemary Young; Chris Picha; Lynda Adair, daughter of Janey Disher; Sarah Cope, niece of Phyllis Lazenby; Tamiah Exum, Melissa Ortigoa, and Antonio Gibson, friends of Traveonia James; John and Karen Patrick's brother-in-law, Larry Wood; Dot Kille's great-grandson, Christopher Lindler; Matt Hardy; Rev. Lee Williams; Bee Jones's grandson, Scott Arndt; Betty Gambell's daughter, Cheryl Gambell; Rob Molazo; Patrick Smith, brother of Rosemary Gloege; Milly Ash's sister-in-law, Shirley Ash; and Betty Reynolds' son-in-law Babak Emadi.



MISSION TRIP TO BRAZIL. Plans are under way for a possible mission trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Liz Snyder (a member of our church) is working with Myers Park United Methodist Church to explore such a trip in the fall of 2019. Myers

Park UMC has hosted numerous trips to Brazil over the past decade, working with a facility there that houses and cares for the elderly and disabled. This mission work in Brazil involves minor repairs/cleaning, but most of the time is spent with the residents. The trip would be for at least 10 days (possibly two weeks). Most meals would be provided at the facility and there is a small hotel nearby at which the team stays. The biggest expense of the trip would be airfare. The total cost of the trip would be \$2,500-\$3,000, similar to the cost of most international mission trips. If anyone is interested in learning more about the mission trip or if you know someone who might be interested, please contact Liz Snyder for more details at 704-905-1078.

2019 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

July 7 Liz Snyder
July 14 Penny Bryant
July 21 Penny Bryant
July 28 Penny Bryant

Recycle Pickup

July Tom and Glenda Patton

Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

July Brian Dowless

Usher Schedule

July Team Leader Bill Robinson
C J Ash
Donald Owens
Mark Collard
Ted Campbell



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NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE - JULY 11TH AT NOON

SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON

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