



## WORSHIP UPDATE

Over the course of my ministry I've received many gifts, but one of the dearest to me is a print received from a friend entitled, "*It Was The Women Who Stayed*". Based upon the lesson in **John 19:25** the picture offers a poignant reminder that as Jesus hung on the cross and the disciples had fled (save John), it was the women who remained to tend to him, and one of them, Mary Magdalene, became the first evangelist, sharing the news that Jesus had risen. This Sunday, we'll explore this and more as we look to the stories of the five women named in Jesus' genealogy. **And don't forget** that the Pathseekers are hosting a short-term study exploring United Methodist beliefs in Room #29. Everyone is welcome.



## UPDATE

This past weekend, church leadership gathered with representatives/guides from across our conference to listen, learn and discern. All of this work is to help St. Andrew's cast a vision for the future that embraces God's unique call for us as we worship, learn, fellowship, and serve together. Next up, the guides will put together a proposed MAP (Ministry Action Plan). There will be two town hall meetings, **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and again on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome our DS, Dan Pezet** to preach and there will be a Charge Conference to consider the plan's recommendations. We are also looking to have a covered dish luncheon on that day as well. Watch here for more information.



## SWINGING SAINTS LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE!!!

**Starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Open House Free  
**7:00 - 8:30 p.m. every Monday**  
at St. Andrew's UMC in the Fellowship Hall, Room #2.  
**\$5.00 weekly to continue.**  
Instructor/Caller: Randy Page  
Questions?  
Please contact Glenda Patton  
at 704-650-3138.

**SUMMER CASH.** Now that we have your attention. As summer continues and families enjoy time away, please remember that ministry continues at home and your financial support is needed.



Donations can be made during office hours, by mail, via text or even better, set up a weekly EFT (**reach out to Alice Glefke for assistance**). And to those who give by EFT thanks for covering the processing fee. Thanks everyone for your continued support! And check out the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter video to see the IMPACT your gifts make!



**WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN** during our small group time this past Sunday morning. We met together and discussed '*I Am*' from the book of Exodus. **Curious?** Read about Moses and the burning bush to discover who **I Am** is. The children of the church are invited to join us on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Room #30 for a time of study and fellowship.

## AUGUST Birthdays

- 20 Nancy Holtkamp
- 21 Joyce Henney
- 22 Myrtle Lawson
- 22 Katie Patton
- 25 Vicki Grooms
- 26 Charlene Simpson

## WORSHIP SERVICE August 20, 2023

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

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

**"It Was the Women"  
Joshua 2:1, 8-14**

**11:11 a.m.  
Small Group Gatherings**

## REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

## MEETINGS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**SPRC - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Commons Room #1**

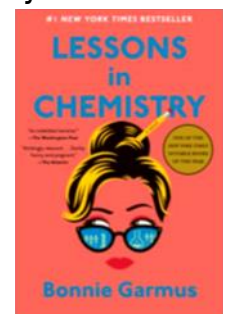
**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Commons Room #1/Hybrid**

## 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.**



## TO OUR CONGREGATION:

Your Trustees and others spent the last four weeks cleaning out the church in preparation for the relocation of St. Andrew's preschool to the FLC wing and the inclusion of the new Alliance preschool in the current preschool wing. During the cleanup, we found numerous pieces of furniture that have been brought to the church. This included couches, upholstered chairs, side tables, shelves, televisions, computers and wheel chairs to name some of the things found. We sincerely appreciate your donations but please do not do so without the approval of the Trustees. We had to pay over \$700 to have the larger items hauled to the dump, because they were in the way of our new preschool expansion. As our church becomes more occupied, space for additional items is very limited. If you have any furniture items that you need to donate, please contact the Chair of the Trustees or Pastor Ortigoza. We will do our best to help find a home for your items. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the Trustees, the Staff or the Ministers. We appreciate your understanding of this issue.

~Kenn Bullock, Chair of the Trustees



## PRAYERS CONTINUE FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN MAUI.

We especially remember **Will Newhouse and his fiancé Beth**. While both are physically okay, the fires took their home and Will's livelihood, and postponed their wedding scheduled for October. As always, **UMCOR** is already providing care and support for those on the island. Here's the link to support UMCOR online or a check can be given to SAUMC with the designation of UMCOR. <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/we-are-disciples/disaster-relief>



## 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 SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY GATHERING.

