



# Weekly CHATTER

**AUGUST 22, 2021**
**Sunday, August 22nd,  
In Person and Online Worship.**


## WORSHIP UPDATE

**WORSHIP SERVICES** on August 22nd and 29th will be both in person and online at 10:00 a.m. This Sunday, August 22nd, we will meet in the Sanctuary for Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases. August 29th is a special morning of prayer in the Sanctuary. On Labor Day Sunday, September 5th, we will be online only with a special livestream from Camp Tekoa and Sunday, September 12th, will be both online and in-person as we conclude our Story Walk of the Summer.

**WITH THE RECENT UPTICK IN COVID CASES,** we have returned to wearing masks when meeting indoors for worship and small group gatherings, regardless of vaccination status. As John Wesley reminds, the first rule is "Do No Harm." Thanks for your cooperation.



Sherri Barnes, Pastor,  
St. Andrew's UMC-Charlotte



**Blessing of the  
Backpacks  
and Briefcases.**



**Sunday, August 22nd.**

### Montclair Teacher Appreciation:

Monday, August 23rd, we will be putting together a bagged breakfast for the teachers at Montclair Elementary School. We will gather at 6:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center kitchen to bag the meals and then deliver them to the school between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. If you would like to help, please contact Kevin Ward at [kjw2517@gmail.com](mailto:kjw2517@gmail.com). Join us in showing the teachers at Montclair how much we appreciate the work they do!



**St. Andrew's Preschool is in need of a teacher** for our three-year-old class. If interested, please call Amanda Newhouse at 704-553-7896 or email [preschool@standrewsumc.com](mailto:preschool@standrewsumc.com).

Amanda Newhouse, Preschool Director

**FOCUS/LISTENING GROUPS.** As we move towards fall, we are taking the opportunity to listen broadly and gain insight as to worship and Sunday mornings, mission and spiritual formation opportunities. On Sunday, August 29th, we will have a general conversation for those who may not be connected to an existing small group at 11:15 a.m.



(following the worship service) in Fellowship Hall. The session will last approximately an hour. You do not have to attend more than one. Questions are available on the website click the following link:

[http://www.standrewsumc.com/uploads/1/2/3/2/12323833/focus\\_group\\_questions\\_summer\\_2021.pdf](http://www.standrewsumc.com/uploads/1/2/3/2/12323833/focus_group_questions_summer_2021.pdf)

Need more information? Please reach out to Pastor Sherri or the church's leadership team. Looking forward to hearing from you.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE.** I am still amazed at how the community of St. Andrew's UMC responded last year to the call for back to school supplies for the students at Montclair



Elementary. A number of folks have inquired about a repeat of the event for this year. Thankfully, it sounds like the students at Montclair are well taken care of for school supplies for the 2021/2022 school year. As a church, we are going to shift our focus for this school year on teacher support. Please keep your eyes out for ways that we will be able to support the faculty and staff at Montclair this coming year!

~Kevin Ward, Director of Family Ministries



**HAITI NEEDS OUR HELP.** Please support UMCOR in response to the devastation in Haiti as a result of the recent earthquake. For more information and to give to the International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance Fund click on the link below.

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor/standing-with-haiti-amid-quake-and-storm/>  
100% of each dollar given will go directly to aid. Thank you.



22 Myrtle Lawson  
22 Katie Patton  
22 Patricia Peres  
22 Paula Wolfe  
23 Libbie Johnson  
24 Carlos Alava  
25 Vicki Grooms  
26 Charlene Simpson  
27 Jason Buzzard

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**AUGUST 22ND, 10:00 a.m.**  
In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online.  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
and Briefcases.

"Blessing of the Children"  
Mark 10:13-16

**AUGUST 29TH, 10:00 a.m.**  
In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online.

"Jesus Weeps"  
John 11:28-37

### REGULAR CHURCH HOURS:

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

### STREET NAME UPDATE

Wilda Council  
733 Pavilion View Drive  
Apt. B306  
Matthews, NC 28105



Let the little children  
come to me, and do  
not hinder them, for  
the kingdom of God  
belongs to such as  
these.

~Mark 10:14