



WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, we conclude our summer series, "Family Tree" with a conversation about holy friendships. Through the lens of Mary's visit with Elizabeth, we will celebrate the gift of community and support. And don't forget that there is now an ongoing **new adult class meeting in Room #30** (please note the room change). This week's study focuses on questions related to the Bible. How do we read it? Does Scripture change? See you here.



CARD MAKING ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS CARDS. Join us every Wednesday starting August 30th through October 2nd 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.

TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY UPDATE

The Western North Carolina conference team has submitted their **MAP** (Ministry Action Plan) and the report has been shared with the leadership. **Next up, will be Town Hall meetings on September 10th and September 17th** to share with the congregation. On **September 24th**, we will welcome **Dan Pezet**, our Metro District Superintendent. There will be a called Charge Conference that day to consider the plan's recommendations. We are also planning on a covered dish luncheon that day. Watch here for more information.

SWINGING SAINTS LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE!!!
Starting on September 11th
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: 704-650-3138.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS is this Sunday during the worship service.



Please feel free to bring work bags, cell phones, laptops, lunch boxes, or whatever you work with or take to school to be blessed. We will offer up a time for you to come forward and bring your items to be blessed.



HARVESTERS IS COMING SOON. Mark your calendars and join us on **Thursday, September 7th**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall #2. Please **RSVP** Sherry Jackson at: childrensministry@standrewsumc.com or Christine Jelley.

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

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AUGUST Birthdays

- 27 Jason Buzzard
- 29 Henry Bryant
- 30 Mark Francis
- 30 Bobby Sherrill
- 31 Delmy Palma
- 31 Ruth Adams

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 2 Lanie DiPasquale
- 2 Dana Huntley
- 2 Annie Jones

WORSHIP SERVICE August 27, 2023

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

"Holy Friendship"
Luke/Lucas 1:39-45

11:11 a.m. Small Group Gatherings

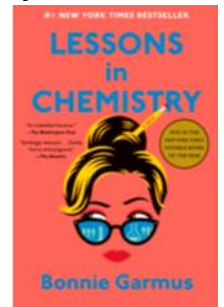
REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS BOOK CLUB

Friday, October 13th
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 Continued.

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 31st, 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

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS/STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND.



A SPECIAL THANKS to those who helped welcome the teachers, staff, and administration at Montclair Elementary back for a new school year! Good food and fellowship were had by all. Throughout the coming year, we will continue to offer a monthly snack cart (volunteers and financial assistance needed), and an end of year luncheon. Reach out to Sherry Jackson or Sara Terrell to learn more.

