



Weekly CHATTER

AUGUST 30, 2020

NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS THIS SUNDAY (under the oaks).



FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

I'm looking forward to gathering in-person this Sunday, August 30. Pray now for sunshine (and a cool breeze would be welcome too!). Remember that we will also be online for those who want to join us as they continue to be "Safe at Home." As we look towards fall, we are hopeful that North Carolina will move to Phase 3 and that we will be able to return to in-person indoor gatherings. We appreciate your continued prayers, support and patience. The leadership team continues to monitor guidance from a variety of sources and exercise wisdom as it relates to small groups (both within and beyond our church family). Check the sidebar for September's worship schedule. For now, small groups such as Sunday School, Bible Study, Cross-Cultural Ministries, Youth, and Children will continue to meet online. We'll provide updates as they develop.

Pastor Sherri

DEAR ST. ANDREW'S UMC CONGREGATION:

Earlier this year, a letter was sent out detailing the steps the church and the staff have taken due to the pandemic. One of the concerns stated in the letter was the financial health of the church. As remote services became the "new normal", the concern was our finances would slow down to a trickle. Your response to that letter was overwhelming and helped us weather the usual slowdown in giving during the summer. As we begin to enter the Fall season, however donations have begun to slip. Even though we are still largely worshipping from afar, the expenses of the programs at the church are still happening in part and the bills are still coming.

I would respectfully ask if you are able to assist St. Andrew's financially please do so we can continue God's calling. As God has first priority in our hearts, so shall he receive first priority with our good fortune. In closing, I will continue to monitor the financial situation of the church and will provide you with frequent updates. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions and/or concerns at ddenison1217@gmail.com.

In Christ,
Doug Dennison, Finance Chair



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY.

Do you know of any preschool moms in need of a little break? St. Andrew's UMC

Preschool is registering now for September. Classes for 2 and 3 year olds will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. each day. Call Amanda Newhouse at 704-553-7896 for more information!



FINAL CALL FOR THIRD GRADE BIBLES.

Third graders do not miss your opportunity to receive a Bible this year. Parents, please submitted all names to Sherry Jackson by Sunday, August 30th. You may contact Sherry Jackson with

the child's name or any questions you may have at: childrensministry@standrewsumc.com. Be on the lookout for special time of sharing in the near future.

A NEW SEASON OF MUSIC NOTES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!

It's a good way to worship and be spiritually renewed midweek, as we remained largely socially distanced. Join Sara and Cathy on Wednesday, September 9th and Jimmy New on September 23rd, both at 7:00pm. Feel free to watch on Zoom or Facebook Live.



CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY.

The Trustees are planning to hold our church wide work day on **Saturday, September 19th**. It will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. We are planning to paint along the Archdale Drive side of the church, cleaning in the Family Life Center, landscape cleanup in the



Columbarium, general property limb cleanup, stump grinding, and window cleaning. We are asking church members to please bring paint brushes, ladders, cleaning supplies, shop vacuums, pruners, rakes, etc.. to help with the tasks. Thank you

Matthew 10:40-42

"We are intimately linked in this harvest work. This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. (MSG)



- 30 Mark Francis
- 30 Bobby Sherrill
- 31 Ruth Adams
- 31 Brenda LaBorde



- 1 Julie Hecksher
- 2 Wilda Council
- 2 Dana Huntley
- 2 Annie Jones
- 3 Kevin Jones
- 3 Kayla McMurray
- 4 Robert Newhouse
- 5 Sophia Morales
- 5 Fernando Valenzuela
- 6 Sophia Heck



September 6th Tekoa Weekend

Online for those not at Camp Tekoa.

September 13th

In-person Outdoor Tailgate worship and Online.

September 20th

Online Only.

September 27th

In-person Indoor (In Phase 3) and Online.

Blessing of the Animals. at 4:00 p.m. More information to come.

