



# weekly CHATTER

July 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
in Sanctuary and Online.

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## WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, we will explore the story of Jacob's wrestling at Peniel found in Genesis 32, and you're invited to consider your own places of connection with God. Looking back at your week, where and with whom have you encountered God? Where have you seen the face of Jesus? Where has the Holy Spirit provided solace or conviction? Join us as we explore these questions and more.



## IN THE PAST YEAR, we have had churches in our conference that have closed or have chosen to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.



This can leave members of those churches without a church home. The conference has established **Lighthouse Congregations**, local churches in the NC Conference that are

equipped and willing to be a caring and hospitable place that welcomes anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated. Lighthouse Congregations are committed to: **Worship** (providing online or onsite worship opportunities that engage and welcome new people), **Discipleship** (create space to learn and grow), **Mission** (invite others into opportunities to serve through hands-on ministries), **Sacrament** (offer communion at least 1 Sunday a month but also outside of traditional worship if needed), **Pastoral Care** (offering care to those in

need - responsibility of the pastor and the congregation). Lighthouse Congregations also agree that they will not be seeking disaffiliation prior to the 2024 General Council meeting. As you can see, the commitments of a Lighthouse Congregation are things we are already doing here at St. Andrew's UMC. At our most recent Church Council meeting, the council voted and approved for St. Andrew's to apply to be a Lighthouse Congregation. We will continue to welcome and invite all to participate in the work we do to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



**2023 WESTERN NC ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY.** To see a summary from Bishop Ken Carter of this event, please visit the church's website at: <http://www.standrewsumc.com>



**SING WITH THE CHOIR THIS SUMMER, SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, AND 30<sup>TH</sup>!** The sun's out and it's the perfect time to let your voice shine! No need to commit to weekly rehearsals or every Sunday; just grab your sunglasses (or your reading glasses!) and show up at 8:45 on Sunday morning to sing some fun and simple music with us during worship. **All ages, abilities, and languages are welcome!** Questions? Email Sara at: [churchmusic@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchmusic@standrewsumc.com) Let's sing!



## CARD MAKING AND SCRAPBOOKING CLASSES.

Come join us each Wednesday, July 12<sup>TH</sup> through August 2<sup>ND</sup>, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., for card making and scrapbooking classes led by Phyllis Lazenby. We'll meet in the Commons Rm. (#1).

### Please sign up by July 9th.

Interested in these activities? Text Phyllis at 704-756-3139, or e-mail her at [umcccphyllis@gmail.com](mailto:umcccphyllis@gmail.com) so that she will be able to have enough supplies for the class. Estimate material cost will be \$20.00.



## JOIN US JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR A TOWN HALL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO HEAR UPDATES ON PRESCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS.



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED as we look to participate in a resource made available through our conference,

**"Transformation Journey".** Between now and July 16<sup>th</sup>, please take a moment and consider these three questions. We'll compile your answers and share them with our discernment guides. Thanks for your help. Questions, please reach out to Lisa Pool and/or Pastor Sherri.

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## WORSHIP SERVICE July 2, 2023

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

10:00 a.m.  
Worship in the Sanctuary

**"A Lasting Impression/Una Gran Impresión"**  
Genesis 32:22-32

11:11 a.m.  
Small Group Gatherings



The Church Office will close at noon on Monday, July 3rd, and reopen on Wednesday, July 5th. Program Staff will be out of the office July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>.



**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Closed on Fridays.

**FINANCE MEETING**  
Sunday, July 16th  
from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Online and Commons Room.



**“Transformation Journey”  
continued from front.**

You can write out your answers and return them to the church office or you can complete the survey online at <https://forms.gle/TZ75FDfyToqaeqrE7>.

**Survey Questions**

- 1) What are the strengths of St. Andrew's UMC?
- 2) What are the challenges facing St. Andrew's UMC?
- 3) If you had unlimited resources, money, etc. how would you use them at St. Andrew's and what would it then look like in 3 years?

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY**  
*celebration*

Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday celebration will be **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite breakfast item and we will gather for worship and celebration of all that God is doing and has done in, with and through St. Andrew's UMC. And during the small group meeting time, we will have a presentation from those who attended this year's annual conference meeting. A special thanks to Anne Lisk, Maria Alvarado and Pat Wolfe for serving as SAUMC's lay members to conference.

*Dahlia Grove*

We are overjoyed to celebrate the blessing of our second Dahlia Grove home. This home will provide sanctuary and support to an additional 4 women who are survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and addiction. This new place of safety and acceptance marks a significant step forward in our mission to heal and empower survivors in our area.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a short-term adult study on Sunday mornings beginning **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be using some resources from **Belton Joyner**, **“Being Methodist in the Bible Belt”** and **“Methodist Questions, Methodist Answers for #BeUMC 101”**. See you here.



SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

**CAMP  
TEKOA**

**FAMILY WEEKEND**

Once again, we are planning our reunion of families from St. Andrew's, Cokesbury, and South Park churches. **We arrive Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and leave Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Although some costs have increased this year, our stay at Camp Tekoa is still one of the best deals around. To register use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/TEKOA2023>

**MONTHLY PLAYDATES will resume in the fall.** Watch for Pickleball, Volleyball, Zumba, Corn Hole, and more!

**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM  
NALEO CITIZENSHIP EVENT ON  
SATURDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

Eight members of the Cross-Cultural group were volunteers at the NALEO Citizenship Event. The volunteers included: *Maria Alvarado, Javier Diaz, Irene Gonzalez, Geoffrey Hemenway, Erasto Hernandez, Phyllis Lazenby, and Maria Makar-Zamora*. They helped a number of people review and complete their citizenship applications. Everyone said it was a heart-warming experience to meet and assist these soon to be citizens.



**JULY**  
Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Bailey
- 3 Kenn Bullock
- 3 Bobby Corless
- 4 Shannon Brakstad
- 4 Drew Sharpe
- 5 Dustin Morgan
- 7 Laura Arndt
- 8 Regina Albin
- 8 Chris Tita
- 8 Kevin Wolfe
- 9 Elaine Wallace
- 11 Bonnie White
- 12 Allison Unumb
- 14 Louise Hoover
- 14 Lety Reyes
- 14 Sara Terrell

**+89 BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATIONS.**

Please shower **Bonnie White** (Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>) and **Jackie Auville** (Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>) with cards on their special day.

**Cards may be sent to:**

Bonnie White  
13180 Dorman Rd.  
Room A-103  
Pineville, NC 28134

Jackie Auville  
100 Hickory St. - 102C  
Greenville, NC 27858

