



weekly CHATTER

June 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
in Family Life Center
and Online.

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WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, we continue our series "Family Tree" and will look at the story of the birth of Isaac. In this, we are reminded that with God all things are possible. **We will also commission the Youth Mission Team** as they prepare for a week of service in Wilkes County. The team will be staying at West Wilkes Middle School from June 25TH – July 1ST. If you would like to send a care package or a note of encouragement, please do so to: **Camper/SAUMC, CCC, P.O. Box 1292 Millers Creek, NC 28651.** Also **Jonathan Pool** and **Grayson Dowless** are on summer staff for Camp Tekoa. **Notes of encouragement, may be sent to them as well at: P.O. Box 1793, Flat Rock, NC 28731.**



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.



SING WITH THE CHOIR THIS SUMMER, SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 16TH, AND 30TH! 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
Let's sing!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED as we look to participate in a resource made available through our conference, "Transformation Journey". Between now and July 16th, 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.

You can write out your answers and return them to the church office or you can complete the survey online at <https://forms.gleTZ75FDfyToqaeqrE7>. Thanks you.

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?

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA – Thanks everyone for the prayers for last weekend's annual conference meeting. On **Sunday, July 30th** following our next 5th Sunday celebration we will have a presentation by those who attended the meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, check out the videos and summaries at to <https://www.wnccumc.org/ac2023> June 16th and 18th final wrap up of annual conference is at www.standrewsumc.com.



- 25 Rachel Bryant
- 26 Traveonia James
- 26 Ema Nunez
- 30 Cassady Broerman
- 30 Karen Patton
- 30 Jackie Sherrill

WORSHIP SERVICE June 25, 2023

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Family Life Center "With God/Con Dios" Genesis 21:1-7

11:11 a.m. Small Group Gatherings

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

MONTHLY PLAYDATES will resume in the fall.

Watch for Pickleball, Volleyball, Zumba, Corn Hole, and more!

Sept. 1- 4, 2023



Once again, we are planning our reunion of families from St. Andrew's, Cokesbury, and South Park churches. **We arrive Friday, Sept. 1st, and leave Monday, Sept. 4th.** 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>