



WORSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday, May 28th, we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the church. Wear your red, yellow, and orange to celebrate the lasting strength and gifts of the Holy Spirit. **On Sunday, June 4th, we will celebrate with Bluegrass and Milestones.** Join us as we honor the Class of 2023, high school, college, and pre-school. There will also be a special celebration honoring our pre-school retirees, Amanda Newhouse, Millie Ash, and Frances Nettles. See you here.

THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR PATIENCE with the technical difficulties this past Sunday. Technology is great when it works and we are grateful to the sound and tech crew for their persistence, creativity and ingenuity. If you want to catch the service a new link has been created on YouTube : <https://youtu.be/EbmFdzhdGXw> . Fingers crossed and prayers said for this and future Sundays.

Since January, we have provided gas cards, Food Lion gift cards, meal cards, housing assistance, utility assistance, diapers and more. These folks are vetted by Vicki Lawson and also receive referrals to other agencies as needed. In 8 out of 10 cases, these are working folks who simply don't have the means to make it to the end of the month. Sometimes needs arise due to illness or unexpected circumstance. As you consider your weekly gifts, please consider making an additional gift to Helping Hands. Thanks in advance for your support.

MONTHLY PLAYDATES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL. Watch for Pickball, Volleyball, Zumba, Corn Hole and more!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We offer a warm and special welcome to **Shannon Brakstad** who will be serving as our next director of the SAUMC pre-school. Shannon will begin her work with us this summer and we look forward to working with her. Please keep Shannon and the board in your prayers as they begin their work and continue to hire and train the new teachers needed for fall.



(L) Shannon Brakstad,
(R) Amanda Newhouse.

SAVE THE DATE.

Book Club. Join us on **Friday, June 16th, at 6:30 p.m.** at Nicole Campbell's house. All women are invited. Bring a friend. We will discuss **"Anxious People"** by Fredrik Backman.



TAKE ONE STEP UP.

During church on Sunday May 21st, we accepted the "Take One Step Up" pledge cards. **If you missed this opportunity to turn in your card, please turn in your cards no later than Sunday, June 11th.** You may place the card in the collection plate on Sunday, mail it to the church, or you may slip the card in the slot on the door of the Financial Secretary's office, which is in the hall leading to the Commons Room across from the bathrooms. If you need a card, they are available on a table in the Narthex, or you may visit www.standrewsumc.com and select "Ways to Give to St. Andrews UMC", a link to the card. Your support of the ministry at St. Andrew's is most appreciated.

~Tom Patton, Finance Chair.

HELPING HANDS FUND

Last Sunday, you heard the story of **Terrell** and his four-legged companion **Baby Queen**. Claiming shelter under our portico due to the storm, they left later in the day with a shower, clean clothes, a full stomach, a new tent and phone. All of these gifts were made possible by your support of the **Helping Hands Fund**.



IT'S TIME FOR END OF GRADE TESTING AT MONTCLAIRE!

Our teachers need volunteer proctors on testing days in late May and early June. Proctors stay in the room with the

teacher while the exams are given, and no experience or test giving is required - just your time and a smile! Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/MESEOG23> to help out. Volunteers will need to be signed up online in advance to volunteer. Thanks for supporting our students and teachers!



OUR FIRST ANNUAL PETS' DAY OUT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We welcomed over 100 human guests and more than 30 pets last Saturday for a gathering of fun, food, and fur! Pets received a special blessing and we celebrated the ministry of our dog park in our neighborhood. We collected pet food for a local rescue and met a bunch of adorable adoptable dogs. Did you know that we have a meetup at the dog park every Saturday at 10:00 a.m.? Spread the word, and we'll see you at next year's Pets' Day Out!



MAY Birthdays

- 23 Miguel Gonzalez
- 24 Carla Villamar
- 26 Pam Chandler
- 26 Ashton Council
- 26 Norma Dowless
- 26 Barbara Woodruff

JUNE Birthdays

- 1 Anthony Dowless
- 1 Vicki Ivey
- 1 Dean Unumb
- 3 Samuel Hecksher
- 3 Gilberto Salas-Reyes
- 3 Julie Wynne

WORSHIP SERVICE May 28, 2023

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

10:00 a.m.
Worship in the
Family Life Center
"Divine Empowerment/
Empoderamiento
Divino"
Acts/Hechos 2:1-4;
44-47

11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings.

CHURCH
OFFICE CLOSED:
Monday, May 29th,
in honor of
Memorial Day.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING
Sunday, June 11th,
at 12:30 p.m.
in person for a
Special Sundaes Sunday.

THEY SAW WHAT
SEEMED TO BE
TONGUES
OF FIRE
THAT SEPARATED
AND CAME TO REST
ON EACH OF THEM.
ACTS 2:3, NIV