



weekly CHATTER

October 8, 2023

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

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WORSHIP UPDATE

Unrelenting Grace: A way of life: embracing grace, seeking holiness, building connections. During October we will be exploring a new book by Bishop Ken Carter entitled *Unrelenting Grace*. It's available for purchase via Amazon and the Pathseekers class as well as the Tuesday Night Bible Study will be studying the book further if you'd like to go deeper. Throughout the book, Bishop Carter reminds us of our core values as United Methodists, and we are prompted to rediscover, redefine, and reclaim the power of grace, holiness, and connection. Tune in this week for more!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Our cooperative youth ministry continues and will meet here at St. Andrew's **this Sunday**. **Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. with the program to follow until 2:00 p.m.** Help is needed to prepare lunch on October 15th, and adults are needed on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to “hang out” with the youth as they arrive for open gym time. Want to help? Email Sherry Jackson at: childrensministry@standrewsumc.com.



CONDOLENCES.

Marjorie Adcock passed from the church militant to the church triumphant on

Friday, September 29th. The family will have a private graveside service this week. Please keep her daughters, Vicki and Heidi, and their family in your prayers.



BARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 7TH AT 10:00 A.M.!

Bring your dog to church! Come meet the two and four-legged friends who gather weekly on Saturdays in our dog park. We'll enjoy donuts and coffee, casual fellowship, music, and a reflection. Let's get to know our neighbors!

WOODLAWN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP UMC is

sponsoring **FREE DINNERS** each Thursday night from **6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** during the month of October and November.

October dates:

5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

November dates:

2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th

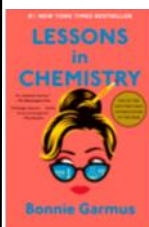
Church location:

737 East Woodlawn Rd.,
Charlotte, NC 28209
704-523-5052

Please join us for fellowship and conversation together.

(Donations accepted.)

Dinners catered by: Gayle Smith, Founder and Executive Director of Dahlia Grove, Inc.



BOOK CLUB

Friday, October 13th

6:30 p.m. - Gail Lewyn's home.

3117 Deep Meadow Ln.
Char., NC 28210

“Lessons in Chemistry”

by Bonnie Garmus.

All are welcome, bring a friend.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER EVENT.

Saturday, October 21st at Symphony Park - SouthPark.

Let's help **Mark Collard** reach his individual goal of raising \$1,500, or help as a walker - in a team goal of \$2,500. Join either Team Pinky SWEAR (Supporting Women Everywhere Around Region) or by making a donation. **For more information, click link below:**

[Making Strides Against Breast Cancer](#)

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, FROM 11:15 A.M. UNTIL NOON.

Everyone is invited to come and see the updates and changes to the “new” Emerywood Hall!

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER.

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Menu:

Chopped pork butt - \$13/pound; Sliced chicken breast - \$13/pound; and Chili (beef, pork, and turkey) \$8/8 oz. bowl



Sides:

Mac and cheese, baked beans, or white slaw.

Take Out or Dine In

(dine in includes tea or water) on divided tray \$13.

Includes: 1 meat (pork or chicken), bun, and 2 sides. (Mac and cheese, baked beans, or white slaw).

3 sides or 8 oz. of chili \$8.

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 9 Jonathan Loeza
- 10 Jade Hernandez
- 11 Kevin Stevenson
- 12 Dennis Starnes
- 14 Loma Ash
- 14 Carolyn Freeman

WORSHIP SERVICE October 8, 2023

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

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary

“The Heart of the Matter”
Luke 4:16-20

11:11 a.m.

Small Group Gatherings

Youth Ministry
12:30 p.m.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual charge conference will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 19th at 4:00 p.m.** Beyond the annual reports, this meeting helps to set our goals and align our resources to reach them for the coming year. Please be in prayer for the leadership team to include staff, finance, nominations and trustees in this work.

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LATINO FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tasty foods, medical clinics, theatrical interaction, folk music, typical dances, national kiosks, various games, piñatas, and more. See you there.



CARD-MAKING ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS CARDS. Join us every Wednesday now through November 1st at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. to make cards for the upcoming holiday.

We're meeting in the Commons Room, #1. A sign-up is outside of Pastor David's office (Room #16). For more information, please email Phyllis Lazenby at: adairphyllis3@gmail.com



always gives us just enough light to take the next step. And, when I get farther away from God, the vision for the next step grows dim. As we try to discern the vision for St. Andrew's, I know that the closer I walk with God, the better I will be able to see that path ahead, and even though I won't see the whole trail, I can have the faith to take the next step because He will light the way. *"For You are my lamp, O Lord; And the Lord illumines my darkness."* 2 Samuel 22:29
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

~Lisa Pool



UPDATE

A special thanks to our Metro District Supervisor Dan Pezet for his leadership on Sunday, September 24th. Following worship, a charge conference was held concerning adopting the recommendations made by the Transformation Journey team in the Ministry Action Plan (MAP). After good conversation, the MAP was approved. **So now what?** First, copies of the plan are available in the church office and on the church's website, and you're encouraged to read them. You can also watch the town hall videos for more information too. Second, I along with the church's leadership, viewable on the website, will begin conversation with the Transformation Journey coordinator Nancy Rankin and team as to next faithful steps. I recognize that questions remain. While the MAP outlines the "what," the "how" is yet to be answered. In summary, the MAP asks us to be intentional in working through a clear and defined vision for the church's ministry, how best to love, serve, and teach together in a community with multiple cultures and languages; and how we as a church

can ensure that there are pathways for everyone to engage in deepening their relationship with Jesus through presence, worship, study, and service. As questions arise, I encourage you to reach out to church council members, to the staff, and to me. And please continue to hold this work in your prayers. As we sang on Sunday, we've come this far by faith, and I trust that God isn't finished with us yet!

~Pastor Sherri

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED to keep this lighthouse shining. Each giving unit is being asked to consider an additional \$500 in second-mile giving between now and December 31, 2023. This will allow us to fully meet our obligations and begin 2024 in good financial health. Thanks for your faithful response.



MONTCLAIRE OUTREACH. Last year, a small group of volunteers made a monthly visit to Montclair Elementary to deliver snacks to teachers as a way of appreciation and encouragement. This year, the **Snack Cart** outreach continues and we are rounding up some new volunteers. **Time Commitment** is one Friday a month for two hours. **Activity** – pushing a cart, sharing snacks, and making teachers smile! Interested? Reach out to Sara Terrell at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com



BOOKS FROM BECKY FONTAINE'S LIBRARY ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TAKING. Becky was a life-long learner and wanted others to share her love and collection. Books are located in the Narthex. Take two, one to keep and one to share and give thanks to Becky for her witness.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Thomas and I usually walk in the morning. On a recent weekend, we were staying at the lake and decided to walk the steep path from the house to the water. Once we started, we realized it was dark, it had started to rain, and I was not real sure-footed on the path. Thomas pulled out his phone, turned on the light, and held it behind him as he walked on the trail in front of me. I discovered the phone lit up just enough of my path to see my next steps. I also found that if I didn't stay close to him, my path would be dark again. It reminded me of how God usually doesn't give us the full picture of what's ahead, but He

IF YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT that is now back at school, we would love to have their mailing address. Please send the address to childrensministry@standrewsumc.com. We would like to be able to communicate with them throughout the school year.

