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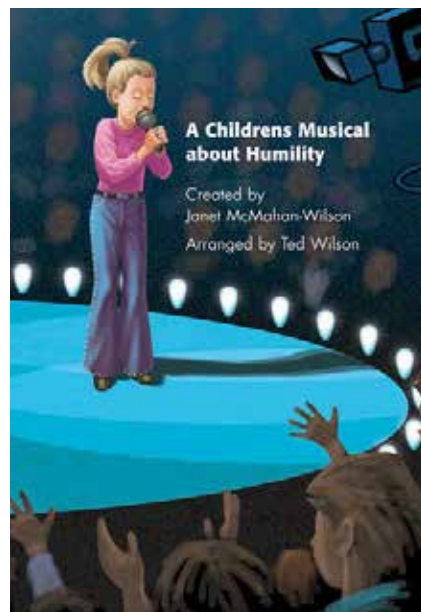
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**Follow Jesus.  
Make  
Disciples.  
Tranform  
the World.**



## **SAVE THE DATE FOR MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP AUGUST 7TH-11TH.**



Music camp will run from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for rising 2nd graders to rising 9th graders. There will be a closing performance on Sunday, August 13th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This year, we will be performing the musical "American Ideal" based on the popular show "American Idol". The musical teaches children a healthy balance of self-confidence and humanity. It will be an exciting week with rehearsals, lessons, crafts, set design and lots of drama. Mark your calendars and look for registration forms coming soon.

## CHURCH NEWS



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On June 4th, we welcomed the following persons by reaffirmation of faith to our St. Andrew's family: Fernando Valenzuela, María Alvarado, Christopher Manzo, Irma Díaz, Irene González, Gilvan Chavez Primo, Mirtes Alves Rocha, Humberto Martínez Humarsa, Miguel Franco Pivaral, Laura Padilla, Ana Gloria Flores, Ema Núñez, and Josó Sandoval. We welcome Yamilet Villatoro by transfer from Hickory Grove United Methodist Church, Charlotte.



**SUMMER MEALS.** Our Summer meals have begun! For the past 10 years or so, these meals have been a great way for us to invite our neighbors into our home and show them some hospitality! This year, we want to focus not just on providing a meal, but providing an opportunity to build relationships and get to know our neighbors better! We will hold free meals on Wednesday nights this summer now through August 23rd and there are lots of ways for you to be involved! Areas we need help:

**Set up – at 4:30 p.m. each week** – We need folks to help set tables, put out salt & pepper, etc.

**Kitchen** – Although our cooks are set, I am sure that groups would love to have your help

**Dishes** – At the end of each meal, we have a good number of dishes to wash! We have a great steady team of volunteers that would LOVE for you to come help them!

**Eating** – Yes, many of the people who come to eat are hungry, but often their biggest hunger is a social void! We encourage all members to come and enjoy the meal with our neighbors. We will have plenty of food, so do not think you are taking food from folks! The best way for you to serve is simply giving of your time to come and fellowship!

**Clean up** – We will need help each week washing off tables, sweeping, taking out trash, etc.

Please see Kevin Ward if you would like to help with any of these areas. To sign up, email Kevin Ward (kjlw2517@gmail.com)

## OUR GRADUATES

***Andrew Ryan Gibson***  
***Ardrey Kell High School***

***Andrew***



Andrew graduated from Ardrey Kell High School on June 12, 2017. He has attended St. Andrew's UMC all of his life, and was both baptized and confirmed here. Andrew has participated with the St. Andrew's Youth, where he has traveled to Hendersonville, and Wilmington, North Carolina, and Kentucky on several mission trips. He has also attended and volunteered with Vacation Bible School and many youth meal fundraisers. Andrew is a good swimmer, and has swam for several years on our neighborhood swim team. He also loves to skateboard and snowboard.

*Andrew will be attending Central Piedmont Community College in the fall where he plans on studying auto mechanics in the BMW program.*

***Brooke Leigh Gillespie***  
***Lees McRae College***

***Brooke***



Brooke Leigh Gillespie graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lees McRae College in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Minor in Wildlife Rehabilitation. During her college career, she worked many hours and mentored other students at the May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on Lees McRae campus. She also worked as a camp counselor for the Carolina Raptor Center in Summer 2016. Brooke continues to remain passionate about animals as she is spending this summer working at a black bear sanctuary in Minnesota.

*She will return to Banner Elk, NC, this fall to live and plans to teach at Banner Elk Elementary School. She will also continue to assist home schooling two young children whom she's been working with for the past year. Additionally, she will continue her pet/farm sitting business. Brooke also plans to pursue a nutrition degree from Appalachian State University next year. Her future is so bright and we couldn't be more proud of her and the wonderful, most determined young woman she is becoming. Thank you God!*



# YOUTH NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements on this page, please contact Kevin Ward  
Director of Family Ministries  
kjw2517@gmail.com



## YOUTH 2017 CALENDAR

Youth meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center and Rooms #20, #21, #28.

**MISSION TRIP DATE**  
July 16th-22nd  
Hendersonville, North Carolina

# YOUTH MISSION CAMP



**Where:** Hendersonville, NC – Staying at the Nazarene Camp off of Upward Road

**What:** Working with Housing Assistance Corporation to fix up some of our neighbors’ homes.

**How much:** \$175 for youth. We are asking adults to make a \$100 donation for the trip to help cover the cost.

**When:** July 16th-22nd

**Who:** Youth currently (2016-2017 school year) in 6th-12th grade may attend as participants, and Safe-Sanctuary trained and approved adults may attend as volunteer chaperones.

**TO REGISTER:** Email Kevin at youth@standrewsumc.com. Please make sure you have a youth health form, current insurance card, Housing Assistance form, and church permission form filled out. You can get all of these forms from Kevin.

### HOW YOU AS A CHURCH CAN BE INVOLVED!

**1. Pray** - Please be in prayer for everyone on the trip. We are doing this trip in conjunction with St. Andrew’s UMC from Parkersburg, WV; Cokesbury UMC from Charlotte; Etowah UMC from Etowah, NC; and Hope UMC from East Flat Rock, NC. There will be around 65 folks attending this trip. Please pray for the staff, the participants, and the homeowners we will be working for.

**2. Donate** - If you want to help cover the cost of the trip, please consider making a donation to youth missions or the scholarship fund. This allows us to open the trip up to more people to attend.

**3. Administrative Help** – A few adults are needed pre-trip to help put together adult notebooks, make copies of paper work, and help with check-in and registration on the first day of the trip. These adults do not have to attend the trip! Notebooks will be put together the week of July 10th.

# CHILDREN'S NEWS



Do you have a child who will be entering the 3rd grade next year? Please send the child's name and address to Sherry Jackson at [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com). We are preparing for our Third Grade Bible Day. Thank you.



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements on this page, please contact Sherry Jackson at [ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com) or 704-553-1327, Ext 103.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED.



St. Andrew's UMC loves to give the children's Sunday school teachers a well-deserved vacation. This summer, we would love to allow our teachers to take some time off and we would love to have you come share your many gifts and talents with our young people. If you can give of your time 1-2 Sundays (or more), please contact Sherry Jackson. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of our great families and share Christ with them.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**  
**"Blessing of the Backpacks"**  
**Sunday, August 27th.**  
**More details to come!**





# Montclair Freedom School

Summer 2017  
Now – July 27th



## LEARNING CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE THE SUMMER OFF

If lower income children can't continue to learn through the summer, they fall behind their higher income peers. By the end of third grade, lower income children are typically two years behind in reading, due in a large part to summer learning loss – the biggest reason for the achievement gap between low and higher income children.

Freedom School is a six-week summer literacy program for Montclair Elementary and it runs every day of the week from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. The purpose is to give children three resources needed to develop their potential and inspire a love of reading and learning – literacy skills, character strengths, and a community that believes in them. 90% of children maintain or gain reading ability during Freedom School. 65% increase their reading skills. A student who attends three years of Freedom School is practically guaranteed to graduate from high school.





## How do I sign up to volunteer at Montclair Freedom School?



- Sign up for all volunteer opportunities at Volunteer Hub, at:
  - <http://montclair.freedom-school-partners.volunteerhub.com>
  - The first time you visit this page, register as a volunteer by clicking on "Sign In" at the upper right and follow the directions from there.
  - If you have any problems with this website, please contact Cember or Larry Carella (704-554-7848) for help.



As soon as you register you can sign up to:

- be a **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)** time partner 11:10 to 11:55 a.m. except July 19th then its 12:45-1:145 p.m. on that day only.
- bring Snacks for Scholars (110 scholars and 11 interns),
- Chaperone on Field Trips,
- Shop for supplies (a shopping list is provided each week for 6 weeks of summer. Sign up for one or more weeks with reimbursement available),
- Lead and share a skill, hobby, or interest with scholars in a hands-on way, ex. Gina Collard with cooking, and David Drum with drums.

Even if you only volunteer once during the summer, you will be helping a child.

### Questions?

- Can children help? We would like everyone, regardless of age, to participate. Small children can help make snacks and come with a parent to Harambee. High school students can volunteer as adults, and middle school students can help if accompanied by a parent.
- Other questions?

Contact Kevin Ward (704-553-1327 ext. 105 or [kjw2517@gmail.com](mailto:kjw2517@gmail.com)) or Cember or Larry Carella (704-554-7848 or [larrycember@carolina.rr.com](mailto:larrycember@carolina.rr.com))





# BULLETIN BOARD



## HISPANIC/LATINO FAMILIES

If you know any Hispanic/Latino families please, refer them to Pastor David Ortigoza. Let's reach out to these families and make disciples for Jesus Christ together. Keep them in your prayers and invite them to be part of our St. Andrew's family. David can be reached at [dortigoza@wnccumc.net](mailto:dortigoza@wnccumc.net) or 704-553-1327.



## ST. ANDREW'S UMC ROCKS.

We have started a new group on Facebook: St. Andrew's UMC Rocks! This group was started to spread God's love by putting smiles on the faces of others. The idea is to paint rocks and hide them in various locations to brighten someone's day. Find the group on Facebook, request to join the group, then read the instructions. We'd love to have YOU paint a rock! Any questions, email Amanda at [preschool@standrewsumc.com](mailto:preschool@standrewsumc.com).

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLES

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** Sunday, July 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

**MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING** Tuesday, July 4th, meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.



## OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

are collecting Country Time Lemonade in 5 lb. 2.5 oz. size. These are used once a month when our United Methodist Women go to Urban Ministries to share a cup of lemonade and a smile. Help support our women with this ministry area. A collection bin is located in the Narthex.

## PRAYER TEAM

St. Andrew's has a team who pray for the staff and ministries of the church. They sign up to pray on the same date each month and an email reminder is sent to them. Over the course of the year, all staff members and ministries will be covered in prayer. Would you like to be a part of this prayer ministry? Contact Lisa Pool at [tepool@comporium.net](mailto:tepool@comporium.net) to sign up.



Thank you for your donations of 704.8 pounds to Loaves and Fishes. Because of the support of this community, our emergency food pantries have never had to turn away a client. In 2016, Loaves and Fishes fed 67,509 people in the Charlotte Mecklenburg area. Thank you for your support at the St. Giles Presbyterian Church Pantry.

Jennifer Basquin, St. Giles Loaves and Fishes



## BIRTHDAYS

# JULY



1 Bruce Bailey	15 Josh Corless	23 DeAnna Murray
1 Herbert Thomas	16 Kalea Barnes	24 Jennifer Bryant
3 Kenn Bullock	16 Gail Lewyn	24 Joshua Marshall
3 Bobby Corless	16 George White	24 Emily Stevenson
4 Cynthia Poteat	16 Bob Wiker	26 Mark Collard
4 Drew Sharpe	17 Kelly Crosby	27 Peggy Gamwell
4 Jane Yates	18 Tim Sanford	28 Ryan Farmer
5 Dustin Morgan	18 Justin Weeks	29 Gina Collard
7 Laura Arndt	19 Zoey Irizarry	29 Kaela Hughes
8 Reginia Albin	19 Maria Jordan	29 Patti Huss
8 Chris Tita	20 Jackie Auville	29 Don Jordan
8 Larry Wolfe	20 Pat Crosby	
9 Trula Booth	21 Cindy Alvarez	
9 Elaine Wallace	21 Renee Owens	
11 Stephanie Dowless	22 Lilly Faith Buzzard	
11 Bonnie White	22 Brian Dowless	
12 Jordan Harris	22 James Sisk	
12 Allison Unumb	23 Linda Collins	
14 Louise Hoover	23 Ruth Mauldin	



## STAYING IN TOUCH

### PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

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**For our members:** Bee Jones, Maggie Patton, Carol Hudgens, Phyllis Cole, Vivian Thornton, Jonathan Bickett, Jean Hunter, Roger and Shawn Penny, Bill Scroggs, Jay Kizer, Mary Morris, Emily Brinkley, Betty Reynolds, Anne Friese, Sam Brown, P. K. Lackey, Caroline Crabtree, Charles Cassady, Anne Lisk, Juli Treadway-Lawson, Bob Neely, and Inez Weston.

**Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally:** Edna Senger, Ruth Drum, Mabel Chapman, Frank and Shirley Clontz, Juanita Bailey, and Nell Slade.

**Pray for our friends and relatives:** Sue Bullock's son, Phil Edwards and Kenn Bullock's brother-in-law; Bonnie White's caregiver, Dianne; Rev. Dan Hester's cousin; Rosemary Gloege's brother, Patrick Smith; Betty Wallace; Margarita Toth; Leslie Southerland; Emily Pierce; Trenton Miller; Edna Senger's daughter, Joyce Carpenter and family, and Edna's great-grand-daughter, Madison Bovina; Trinity Lewis, sister of Betty Reynolds' caregiver, Monica Lewis and Betty Reynolds' son-in-law Babak Emadi; Jesyiah Mungo, daughter of Debra Truesdale; Barbara Loveland, mother of Jennifer Catha; Rosemary Gloege's sister, Jane; and Emily Martin Stevenson's father, Don Martin.

### **2017 Schedule**

#### **Family Life Center Service Coffee**

**July 2nd** Liz Snyder  
**July 9th** Penny Bryant  
**July 16th** Penny Bryant  
**July 23rd** Penny Bryant  
**July 30th** Penny Bryant

#### **Recycle Pickup**

**July** Geoffrey Hemenway

#### **Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up**

**July** Brian Dowless

#### **Usher Schedule**

**July Team Leader** Larry Wolfe  
 Mark Hemenway  
 Davy Lisk  
 Bob Miller  
 Bill Scroggs  
 Harvey Whichard  
 Jim Walkup (Alternate)



### **ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF**

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**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE - JUNE 14TH AT NOON**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON**

**Pleas send your Chatter/Bulletin information, inserts, etc. to: [churchchatter@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchchatter@standrewsumc.com)**