



St. Andrew's  
United Methodist Church  
1901 Archdale Drive  
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# THE CHATTER

## Blessing of the Animals



Church members, friends, and neighbors, please join us on Saturday, April 30, from 4 - 4:30 p.m. as we gather to have our family pets blessed.

We will meet on the grassy area next to the basketball court for this simple yet meaningful event. Bring family members and friends and their pets, too - all are welcome! Pets must be on leashes or in crates.

We will have a community blessing at 4:00 p.m. followed by individual pet blessings. In inclement weather, we will announce a rain date. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful worship service for our loving pets.

Questions or want to help? Email Louise Hargadon at [louiseharg7@gmail.com](mailto:louiseharg7@gmail.com).





## STAYING IN TOUCH

### PRAYERS FOR...

**Our members:** Bill Scroggs, Max Snyder, Caroline Crabtree, Cember Carella, Jay Kizer, Tony Jelley, Trula Booth, Charles Cassady, Sheryl Furr, Bill Ferrell, 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, Pearl Poole, Margaret Mayo, Mabel Chapman, Frank and Shirley Clontz, Juanita Bailey, Anne Friese, Nell Slade, and Evelyn Saunders.

**Pray for our friends and relatives:** Ed Barber, friend of Ginny Grisdale's son; Janey Disher's daughter, Lynda Adair; Claire Packard, a former student of Dawn Lisk; Glenda Patton's brother, Jim Bolick; Barbara Loveland, mother of Jennifer Catha; Rosemary Gloege's sister, Jane; Mary Pool, mother of Thomas Pool; Diane J. Jones; Reverend Henry Justice and Reverend Bob Ralls, former pastors of St. Andrew's UMC; Madison Bovina, great-grand daughter of Edna Senger; Emily Martin Stevenson's father, Don Martin; Connie Austin, friend of Hazel Huss; and Chase Harns.

### UPDATE

Jimmie and Norma Dowless have dropped their home phone number. You may reach Jimmie at 704-351-0297 and Norma at 704-351-2698.

**MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet at the church on April 5th at noon in the Commons Room #1.

**HARVESTERS'** next meeting is on April 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1. Harvesters' meet the first Thursday each month.

**SUSANNA CIRCLE MEETING** April 10th at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1. On Saturday, April 30th, the Susanna UMW Circle will be assisting Bright Blessings, a non-profit organization, in preparing birthday parties for homeless children. We are extending an invitation to all to join in the fun. All persons who would like to attend, please confirm and pay the attendance fee of \$5 to Lisa Pool by Sunday, April 10th. For further information contact Lisa Pool at 704-780-4230 or tepool@comporium.net.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet at the church on April 12th in the Commons Room #1 at 10:00 a.m.

**OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are collecting Country Time Lemonade in 5lb. 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.



**special SUNDAY**  
PLEASE give generously

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH.

UNITED METHODIST

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**  
*Sunday*

your GENEROUS GIFT TODAY

EMPOWERS LOCAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATES NATIVE AMERICAN SEMINARY STUDENTS TO SERVE GOD FAITHFULLY.

*"If we do not help others learn about Jesus and become part of the church, how can we expect the church to survive or grow?"*

—THE REV. KIRBY VERETT, CHAIR  
Louisiana Conference Committee on Native American Ministries

*"You ... dressed me up in joy so that my whole being might sing praises to you and never stop. Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever."*  
—PSALM 30:11-12, CEB

### 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 704-553-1327 or dortigoza@wnccumc.net.

## TREASURE SALE!



### Save the date and Save your treasures!

The preschool will have its annual Craft and Treasure Sale on November 5th, 2016. You may rent tables to sell your craft items or yard sale items.



## CRAFT SALE!





# CHILDREN'S NEWS



**JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN  
AT ST. ANDREW'S VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL SURF SHACK!**

**June 20th-24th 5:45-8:30 p.m.  
Registrations will be available  
April 3rd.**

**Come and bring a friend!**



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**

At the Surf Shack this summer you can come and enjoy summer with the kids while helping the kids to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love! We are seeking lifeguards to help with the small groups, crafters, helpers to assist with set up and decorations, persons to clean, and surfers to help throughout the week. If you would love to come hang 10 with us, please contact Sherry Jackson at [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com) or Lisa Pool at [tepool@comporium.net](mailto:tepool@comporium.net).



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER!**

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 over 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.

**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.**



# Tekoa Family Weekend 2016 is St. Andrew's 40th Anniversary!

**WE LISTENED!**

We heard you say you wanted Camp Tekoa Staff to handle the evening meals on Saturday and Sunday so that no one misses any part of the activities on those nights. Labor Day weekend of 2015 we did have Camp Tekoa Staff handle these two meals and according to evaluations, you really liked it.

**WE LISTENED!**

We heard you say you wanted a reduced rate two-night option for Tekoa. Labor Day weekend of 2016 will give you that option. You will be able to register for either all three nights or for only two nights.

**WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?**

Camp Tekoa charges us \$7.00 per person per meal. When Family Camp participants handle all of the meals, the per meal per person cost is around \$2.50.

Regardless of the number of nights staying at the camp, last year's flat rate of \$95.00 per person, for all campers over the age of 3, helped with some of the shortfall. However, by having Camp Tekoa Staff handle the two evening meals coupled with offering the reduced-rate two-night option, all expenses for the weekend will not be covered. Add in the fact that other programming costs for Camp Tekoa have risen over the last few years and we have a problem.



**SOLUTION:**

To continue using Tekoa Staff to handle Saturday and Sunday night meals, maintain our scheduled Tekoa lead programming, and to offer the reduced-rate two-night option, rates are changing for the first time in five years.

For all campers over the age of three:	Register Prior to May 1st	Register after May 1st
Three nights	\$105.00	\$110.00
Two nights	\$ 85.00	\$90.00
Day camper	\$ 20.00	\$20.00



We will no longer offer a family maximum for families with more than four members. Although limited by the amount of funds available, scholarships will be available on a first-come basis.

Plan ahead! Early bird payment plans are available with the final payment due by August 15.

Please find the informational packet and registration forms in the Narthex, Family Life Center, and in the Family Ministries Office.

We look forward to our 40th anniversary retreat at Camp Tekoa!



# April Birthdays

- |                           |                       |                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Becky Fontaine          | 10 Stone Simpson      | 22 Priscilla Mills  |
| 3 Gayle Smith             | 13 Tammy Padgett      | 22 Bradley Lisk     |
| 3 Lori Hennecey           | 13 Payton Kizer       | 23 Chris Heck       |
| 3 Ian Broernan            | 14 Jeremy Evans       | 24 Meryl LaBorde    |
| 4 Steve Honaker           | 14 Amanda Pridgeon    | 25 Cleve Bray       |
| 4 Kirby Blackwelder       | 15 Debbie Marshall    | 26 Sue Unumb        |
| 4 Anna Ensminger          | 15 Emerson Lawson     | 26 Cheryl Broerman  |
| 4 Riley Crosby            | 15 C. J. Ash          | 26 Adam McBroom     |
| 5 Elaine Shumate          | 17 Evelyn Grain       | 27 Geralyn Ferrell  |
| 6 Caleb Connell           | 17 Mary Ann Streetman | 27 Terri Dickerson  |
| 6 Stephanie Love          | 17 Terry Knotts       | 27 Joyce Plyler     |
| 8 Robert Hoover           | 18 Jessica Johnson    | 28 Chip Council     |
| 8 Justin Johnson          | 19 Rob Moore          | 28 Jeff Johnson     |
| 9 Doug Sutherland         | 20 Amanda Newhouse    | 29 Brandon Harris   |
| 9 Tammy Murray-VandeVusse | 20 Jimmy New          | 29 Sherry Jackson   |
| 10 Marjorie Adcock        | 22 Larry Wolfe        | 30 Rebecca Irizarry |
| 10 Roger Penny            |                       |                     |







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**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE**

April 14 at Noon

**SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Every Tuesday at Noon

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



**St. Andrew's United Methodist Church**

**2016 Schedule**

**Family Life Center Service Coffee**

**April 3** Liz Snyder  
**April 10** Penny Bryant  
**April 17** Penny Bryant  
**April 24** Penny Bryant

**Recycle Pickup**

**April** To be announced.

**Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up**

**April** Jim Warren

**Usher Schedule**

**April Team Leader** Bill Robinson

C J Ash  
Donald Owens  
Del Smith  
Carl Wissinger

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