



Weekly CHATTER

AUGUST 2, 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

One of my former students (thanks Alyssa) shared with me a beautiful prayer by Nadia Bolz-Weber. In it, Nadia offers that throughout her days and week in the practice of our most basic acts she finds the opportunity to worship. She writes..."when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace. And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism. And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer. And as I sit at the table and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion." Friends, I pray that each day you and I may recognize the opportunity to worship the ONE who has named and claimed us. Every day. And even on Sunday.

Pastor Sherri

CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP PLANS FOR AUGUST UPDATE.

The Re-Launch team, made up of lay and staff leadership, has decided to continue online only worship for August 2nd and 9th. We continue to look to resuming in-person indoor worship as soon as possible, but are also seeking to honor the recommendations of the WNCUMC as well as governmental and health agencies. Online options for worship, including Cross Cultural at 1:00 p.m., and small groups such as Sunday School will continue. Look for an update in early August.

OFFICE AND OFFERINGS – Office Hours remain 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. And thanks for your continued financial support of SAUMC's mission and ministry!

CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRY weekly bi-lingual Bible study on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** (following VBS). Contact Pastor David Ortigoza for more information, at dortigoza@wncumc.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS UPDATE – We are a praying church. Although we are not publishing or publicizing personal prayer concerns, we encourage you to share your concerns (health concerns included) by contacting the church office at 704-553-1327, ext. 100, or churchoffice@standrewsumc.com.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18



PATSY DAVIS PROJECT

Our school supply project for Montclaire Elementary School is now called the Patsy Davis Project! We have raised a very large portion of the money needed to buy the supplies, but could still use some more donations! If you would like to give to the Patsy Davis Project, make your check out to St. Andrew's UMC and put "Patsy Davis Project" in the memo, or give online and choose designated and put "Patsy Davis Project" in the memo line!

WHERE WE STILL NEED HELP:

1. Donations! Monetary donations are still the best way to support this project, because it allows us to buy in bulk and save tons of money! This is the best way for us to be good stewards of the gifts for this project.

2. Shoppers. There are a number of items that we will need folks to help do some shopping for. If you are interested in being a shopper, please contact Kevin Ward at kjw2517@gmail.com and he can help you figure out the best way to help!

NOTE: Please do not go and just buy random school supplies. These bags will have specific items going in each one. We do not want to waste any supplies donated. If we have extra supplies when all the bags are packed, we will pass the extras along to Montclaire teachers.

3. Packers. The current goal is to start packing the 600 remote learning tool kits on Sunday August 9th. Please look for a sign-up genius later this week to reserve for a time to help pack bags!

Once again, thanks to generous donations so far. We are guaranteed to be able to pack 600 remote learning tool kits. We still need donations to be able to fill the bags with the entire supply list that the volunteer team (made up of mostly teachers) have come up with!

Despite the fact that this project has come about in a very short amount of time, I am amazed at the ways that St. Andrew's UMC has stepped up to help our neighbors at Montclaire Elementary School!

Kevin

THANK YOU.

A very big thank you is extended to all of the people who contributed to our Virtual VBS this summer! A variety of people young and old participated in making this event a very special time of learning and fun! We look forward to having more opportunities of fun and growth in the future. Keep an eye out and checking our St. Andrew's UMC webpage at www.standrewsumc.com.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES. Do you have a child entering into the Third Grade this year? We are presently of collecting names for our Third Grade Bible presentation. Please email Sherry Jackson with the name of your child at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com so they may be included.



August
BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kevin Alvarez
- 2 Shelby Amon
- 3 Dot Kille
- 3 Rebekah Lisk
- 5 Richard Zeller
- 6 Pam Warren
- 7 Katie Stokes
- 9 A. D. Adcock
- 9 Blane Barnes
- 9 Chipper New
- 11 Jack Grooms
- 11 Garry Wallace
- 12 Michael Pridgeon
- 13 Russell Ott
- 13 Jenna Plaisted
- 14 Amanda Davis
- 14 Christy Hughes
- 14 Nell Smith
- 15 Mary Medlin
- 16 Martha Anne Reynolds
- 17 Beverly Brown
- 17 Joe Hecksher
- 17 Thomas Hoover
- 18 Tom Kindlick
- 18 Lynda Kizer
- 19 Laura Dagenhart
- 19 Emily Dellinger
- 19 Lynn Starnes
- 20 Nancy Holtkamp
- 21 Joyce Henney
- 22 William Ferrell
- 22 Lorraine Haithcock
- 22 Myrtle Lawson
- 22 Katie Patton
- 22 Patricia Peres
- 23 Libbie Johnson
- 25 Vicki Grooms
- 26 Charlene Simpson
- 27 Jason Buzzard
- 29 Henry Bryant
- 30 Mark Francis
- 30 Bobby Sherrill
- 31 Ruth Adams
- 31 Brenda LaBorde