



Weekly CHATTER



DECEMBER 19, 2021

In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online.



WORSHIP UPDATE. This Sunday we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent, the Sunday of Love, and we remember the words of 1 John 4:7, "beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." And we have two opportunities for worship, in the Sanctuary and online at 10:00 a.m. and again in-person at 1:00 p.m. for our service of Las Posadas hosted by our Cross-Cultural Ministry and Pastor David.

As always, we will gather for Worship through Prayer in Room #29 at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:11 a.m. small group opportunities with Pathseekers, Covenant Class, Misfits, and Cross-Cultural Ministry follow worship.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO LISA POOL, INCOMING CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR, for sharing with us about our financial needs. You should have received (or will shortly) a mailing with a letter, a year-end giving guide and a revised commitment card for 2022. You can also access that information in English and Spanish online under the Many Gifts, One Spirit tab. Year-end gifts will allow us to enter 2022 in a financially healthier way, and the commitment cards will allow us to be better stewards of our financial resources as we plan for the coming year. In the last several months we've been tackling significant HVAC repairs (chiller and boiler) and are also seeking to honor our connectional commitment of apportionments by year end, as well as our monthly operating obligations. With God's providence and your generosity, we will be able to do just that. Although we are meeting online only on Sunday, December 26th, the church office will be open the week of December 26th to receive and process gifts. Questions, reach out to lay leadership, pastors or staff. And again, thanks for your support and faithfulness. ~Pastor Sherri

CONGRATULATIONS to Tripp Lisk and William Wagner for receipt of their third grade Bibles on Sunday, December 12th.

UMCOR TORNADO RELIEF. Please help those devastated by the recent tornadoes that swept across several states. Gifts may be made to the church with a designation or directly to UMCOR online at umcmisison.org. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Neighborhood Caroling. On Wednesday, December 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we'll be caroling around the neighborhood and spreading holiday cheer by visiting some of our local senior friends with a song and a smile. We don't want to miss anyone who would enjoy a visit, so if you or someone you know would like a song and a visit, please contact Sara at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com or call the church office at 704-553-1327 by Tuesday afternoon to let us know.

More carolers are always welcome! If you'd like to spread Christmas music and cheer, meet inside the church entry by the red rocking chair at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

Christmas Eve - On Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th, we will have two services of worship. At 4:00 p.m., it's a paper bag pageant for all ages in the Family Life Center and at **7:00 p.m.**, our traditional communion and candlelight service in the Sanctuary. **Our 7:00 p.m. service will be live streamed** and if you plan to join us online for that service, kits with a candle and communion cup are available for pick-up or delivery. Call the church office at 704-553-1327 for more information. And we're also looking for some elves to help with luminaries at 6:00 p.m. Reach out to Kevin Ward if you're interested and available.

On Sunday, December 26th, the first Sunday of Christmas, we will be **online only** at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM, Facebook and Youtube with a service that offers a special message from our choir as well as our resident bishop Ken Carter and other WNCUMC leadership.

On Sunday, January 2nd, we will celebrate the 9th day of Christmas with a Carol Sing as we gather online and in the Family Life Center.

CAMP TEKOA. It is time to sign up for summer camp at Camp Tekoa! Please go to www.camptekoa.org to explore camps that are available for your child! Kevin Ward will be the Pastor of the Week the 8th week of Camp (July 24th-July 30th, 2022) and you are encouraged to sign up for that week if you can! If you have any questions, need financial assistance with camp, or need help understanding the various camp offerings for your child, please contact Kevin at kjw2517@gmail.com



- 19 Russ Thorne
- 19 Brenda Turbyfill
- 20 Joan Hileman
- 21 Larry Carella
- 21 Christopher Maher
- 22 Evelyn Farrar
- 22 Suzette Grist
- 22 Si Davis, III
- 25 Miguel Pivaral
- 26 Kim Pridgeon
- 27 Michael Doriani
- 27 Christine Jelley
- 27 Jacob Plaisted
- 28 Jane Battin
- 28 Carol Kingmore
- 29 Alex Kendall, Jr.
- 29 Teresa Taber
- 30 Cember Carella
- 30 Herb Johnson
- 31 Susan Maxson
- 31 Ann Whichard

WORSHIP SERVICES DECEMBER 12, 2021

9:30 a.m. Worship Through Prayer

10:00 a.m. Worship Through Music and Word
"Family!?"
Luke 1:39-45

11:11 a.m. Spiritual Formation and Fellowship for Children, Youth, and Adults.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be open on a limited basis the week of December 26th. On Monday, December 27th, the office is closed. Tuesday - Thursday, December 28th, through December 30th, the office will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily for business and year-end financial gifts. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 3rd, and resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 4th.

NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A CHATTER THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH (FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022).

COOKIES, COCOA, AND MORE PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

