



Weekly CHATTER

DECEMBER 6, 2020

THIS SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY.

CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP UPDATE. Worship this Sunday, December 6th will be online only. We will worship in-person and online on December 13th. December 20th will be a special online only service of Las Posadas. And we plan to be in our Sanctuary for two services, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and online at 7:00 p.m. Sign-ups for our in-person services are now available through sign-up genius or may be made by calling the church office. **Sign-ups are limited to 60 congregants and 15 worship leaders for each service.** Continue to check out updates through the church's website, Chatter, and Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FROM 4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. Ready for a fun time of games and activities as we celebrate the coming of Christmas? Bring your whole family and join us for a piñata, building of the Nativity, lighting of the Christmas tree and **selfies with Santa.** We invite you to bring flowers or fruit to decorate around the Nativity. We are also collecting non-perishable food items to share with Loaves & Fishes for those who are in need this Christmas season.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL. This Advent, we are providing a daily devotional written by members of St. Andrew's UMC and leadership in ministries that we connect with as a church! The devotional is available online for download and self-printing at www.standrewsumc.com; viewable daily at <https://saumcadventdevo.blogspot.com> as well as on our St. Andrew's UMC Facebook page; and for those who are not able to view online or print a copy, (limited) printed copies are available at the church.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY. Your generous gift supports our students. When you give, you help provide for more than 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Donations can be made at: UMCgiving.org/giveUMSD or pick up a special offering envelope in our Narthex.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – COLLECTING PRAISES – FINAL CALL. In light of an extraordinary 2020, the Mary Lou Owens award will celebrate all of the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's UMC. Please take a moment to comment on the outstanding contributions of our church family and staff. A comment can be emailed to the church office at churchoffice@standrewsumc.com or dropped off in a bag located near the office. Thanks for your support.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

...The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS.

St. Andrew's UMC is once again providing an opportunity to honor or remember someone special through donations to our church's partner ministries. And this year's cover design is from our very own artist-in-residence, Patti Huss. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's UMC and note your charity choices on the "for" line. Cards are available in the Narthex at the entrance during office hours throughout December.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WHAT'S COMING UP? WINTER VBS! Please join us in January as we host a Winter Vacation Bible School entitled "Knights of North Castle". We are planning to meet in person as well as online.

Donations are needed as we begin preparing for this event. We need: Brown craft paper rolls, clear zip ties, white tulle, polyester fiberfill, aluminum foil, rectangle plastic tablecloths (purple, light blue or lime green). And if you are getting rid of your old artificial tree, we can use that too. Email Sherry Jackson at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com for more information. You may drop your tree off at the church or make arrangements to have it picked it up. Thank you.

THANK YOU.

To my church family,
Thank you for your cards and notes of encouragement following my stroke the end of September. Thank you for the phone calls, your love, and your prayers. I really enjoy getting your cards and notes - but it is your love and prayers that keep me going. I have been home from Rehab for a month during which I have worked hard with home therapy. I should start outpatient therapy next week. Your love and prayers will keep me going. Thank you again for your continued love and support.

Love and Blessings,
Norma Dowless

From Cathy Youngblood.



It is with sadness that I step down as Music Associate at St. Andrew's UMC. I am immensely grateful for the rich experience of serving this body, and working alongside this amazing staff. With greater demands on my time due to various family changes, and doctor's

orders to rest my hands, I look forward to a new chapter in my life. My love and prayers remain with you all, for an ever-growing love for the Savior, and for blessing in the many ways you touch this community! Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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- 6 Glenda Patton
- 7 Dianne Kindlick
- 7 Jonathan Marshall
- 7 Tammy Tokarz
- 9 Nicole Campbell
- 9 Jacob Davis
- 11 Ginny Grisdale
- 11 Gail Thorne
- 11 Cassidy Wolf
- 12 Richard Council

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 6TH
Second Sunday of Advent
Online.

Christmas Festival
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Church Parking Lot.

DECEMBER 13
Third Sunday of Advent
In-Person, Sanctuary
and Online.

DECEMBER 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Las Posadas - Online

DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
First Service - 5:30 p.m.
In-Person, Sanctuary.
Online - 7:00 p.m.
Second Service 8:00 p.m.
In-Person, Sanctuary.

DECEMBER 27
Western North Carolina
Conference United
Methodist Church Service
Online.

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHURCH HOURS:
The church is closed on
Christmas Eve,
Thursday, December 24th,
and Christmas Day,
Friday, December 25th.