



# Weekly CHATTER

JULY 26, 2020

**NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS THIS SUNDAY (under the oaks).**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Blessed and highly favored! Ask me how I'm doing, and that is what I will tell you. As I've gathered with family over the past several weeks, I've shared in stories, laughter and tears. We've reminisced about parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who are no longer on this side of heaven. We've revisited our childhoods. We've celebrated babies yet to arrive, and shared in the delight of a toddler and a sprinkler on a warm, summer day! I've made new friends, and reconnected with "old" ones. We've traveled from the mountains to the coast and witnessed God's grandeur in all of it. My prayer is that some of God's goodness will find you wherever you find yourself this week. And when it finds you, I pray you will welcome it, give thanks for it and pass it along!

*Pastor Sherri*

## CHURCH NEWS

**PRAYER MINISTRY.** Throughout July, the church will be open from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for prayer. This is a not a corporate time of prayer, but individuals are welcome to come and spend 15 minutes in prayer for our church, community, and world. A prayer guide will be available to you when you arrive as well as instructions on how to keep yourself and others physically safe.



**WORSHIP PLANS FOR AUGUST.** The Re-Launch team, made up of lay and staff leadership, has decided to continue online only worship for August 2 and 9. We continue to look to resuming in-person indoor worship in August, 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 the first week of 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!

### THE JULY/AUGUST UPPER ROOM

**IS NOW AVAILABLE.** One can be mailed to you or portico pick up is available during office hours. Cost: small print \$1.25 ea. and large print \$1.75. Online access is also available at [upperroom.org/devotionals](http://upperroom.org/devotionals).

**VIRTUAL VBS-LAST SESSION THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH AT 6:30 P.M.** Our Virtual VBS wraps up this week as we return to Lava Lava Island, and if you are not available on Wednesday, you can still create your own family time to enjoy this time of fun and learning. Connect links are available on our website at [www.standrewsumc.com](http://www.standrewsumc.com). A special thanks to Sherry Jackson and the VBS Leadership team for bringing this year's VBS to the small screen!



**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@wnccumc.net](mailto:dortigoza@wnccumc.net).



### REMOTE LEARNING TOOL KITS.

As Montclair Elementary School begins this fall, they will mostly be in a remote learning model. Many of the students at Montclair ES lack the basic school supplies in their home that they need to be successful remotely learning. We are planning to create a remote learning tool kit for each student at Montclair ES. Each tool kit will have some of the basic supplies needed for the student to be able to actively participate in remote learning activities with their teachers. We believe each kit will cost just under \$13, but with an estimated enrollment of 560 students for this school year, that will bring about a hefty price tag. We believe to be the best stewards, it is best to have money donated toward this project, so we can then buy many of the needed items in bulk.

### So, how can you help?

1. Be looking in the coming days for information on ways you can contribute money toward this project.
2. Consider asking your employer/company if they would be willing to contribute to this project and support Montclair Elementary School. We already have verbal commitments from businesses planning to contribute!
3. Watch for a date to come volunteer to help assemble these tool kits. We will have a plan in place to do this safely!
4. Look for ways to volunteer for distribution of these bags in the week or so before school starts!

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or need help securing a donation from your company, please contact Kevin Ward at [kjw2517@gmail.com](mailto:kjw2517@gmail.com) or 704-650-9725!

Thank you in advance for being a blessing to the students and teachers at Montclair ES!

Kevin Ward, Director of Family Ministries



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### 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](mailto:churchoffice@standrewsumc.com).

### THANK YOU.

Thank you to all the members of St. Andrew's UMC for all you did during Patsy's sickness and funeral. You have shown what a church family really is. The caring, thoughtfulness, and love has been greatly appreciated.

Love to you all,  
Alan Davis, Don,  
and Doris Jean

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:8*