



**St. Andrew's  
United Methodist Church**  
1900 Emerywood Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
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# THE CHATTER

## FALL SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY

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- 5:30-6:15** English as a Second Language Class #21
  - 5:30-7:15** Bridge Kids (K-5th), Sanctuary
  - 5:45-6:45** Dinner #23
  - 6:00-7:00** Confirmation Class #28
  - 6:00-7:00** 6th & 7th Grade Bible Study #21
  - 6:45-7:45** Bible Study in Spanish #20
  - 7:00-7:30** Youth Praise #23
  - 7:15-8:30** Chancel Choir #31
  - 7:30 8:30** Praise Team #23

### SUNDAY

- 4:45** Youth Dance Team, Sanctuary
- 5:30** Junior Youth Group (2nd-5th)  
Youth Group #16, #21, #23, #28  
(includes dinner)
- 7:00** Beginning Handbells (6th-Adult) #30



September 6, 2013

Pastor Dan Hester  
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church  
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An Open Letter to the St. Andrews United Methodist Church community:

As the new school year begins, I am reflecting on the summer and counting the blessings of our 2013 Freedom Schools. Top of mind is the deep commitment of your congregation to the children you served with us in the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools@ program. I am honored to call you my brothers and sisters, and I celebrate the way that you put your faith to work through our Freedom School partnership.

Thanks to your hospitality and generosity:

- 100 scholars engaged in the Integrated Reading Curriculum and participated in enriching fieldtrips and afternoon activities; they forged positive relationships, gained confidence, and developed strong character traits.
- One Site Coordinator and 12 college student interns worked really hard in meaningful jobs and gave more of themselves than they ever thought possible, in the service of children!
- Untold numbers of volunteers wrapped their hearts and arms around the interns, scholars and their parents; clearly this is kingdom-building work!

You are part of the larger Freedom School family, both in Charlotte and across the nation. Locally, we served 1200 scholars at 19 sites in relationship with a myriad of partners who are committed to children and education. Across the country, COF Freedom Schools programs served 12,000 scholars at 183 sites in 29 states and 96 cities. Thanks to partners like St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Charlotte is clearly a strong leader in the national Freedom Schools movement.

I look forward to the work we will do together in the coming years. While we sent 1200 scholars back to school as better readers and more engaged learners, still thousands more suffered summer learning loss for lack of quality, affordable programs. Join you in praying and working for a community in which all children have the opportunity to achieve their potential.

Again, thank you for being terrific partners. I wish you all the best in this new school year, knowing that you will stay connected with your Montclair scholars and families. The community of support around them and their families helps ensure a more hopeful future. Please don't hesitate to be in touch if we can support your ongoing efforts in any way.

On behalf of the children we serve, please share our sincere thanks throughout the St. Andrews United Methodist Church community.

In Partnership,  
Mary Nell McPherson  
Executive Director

P.S. We are looking forward to an upcoming Fiesta! I love your engagement with parents and want to help support their efforts!

# MISSION AND EDUCATION NEWS



**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 FROM 5:30PM-7PM.** Kids in Grades 2-5 are invited to come be a part of an awesome Fellowship Group. Bring your friends. Our first gathering will be a Campfire Hot Dog/Grilled Cheese, s'more roast. Lots of fun! Parents can stay to get the information, calendar etc.... Looking forward to Games, Movement with Angel, Christmas Play, service, trips, Bible Study & more! Want to join the adult leadership team? Contact Sandy Devoid at [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com) or 704-553-1327.

**CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.** We'll head down to Presbyterian Hospital and walk with Church folks from all over the city to raise funds to Stop Hunger here in Charlotte and around the world. Church World Service heads up the CROP WALK and they do amazing work. Pick up a sponsor envelope, ask family and friends for a donation and get ready to have a blast! Last year we have over 25 walkers, and boy, did we have fun! We'd like to service lunch after church and are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this. Contact Sandy Devoid or Pam Bame if you would like to help with this.

**CYBER SAFETY NIGHT FOR PARENTS WITH ELEMENTARY AGE KIDS SUNDAY, OCT 20. Dinner at 5:00pm, Program at 5:30pm, Junior Youth Group will meet at 5:30pm.** A speaker from the Mooresville School District will present a program especially designed for parents of Elementary Age kids. This is the time to figure out how to handle technology using our Christian Faith as a guide.

**ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TOTALLY AMAZING! WOW!** Our Children's & Youth Sunday School Classes are so great! The kids are engaged in lots of activities to help them grow in faith. Bring the kids! Where else do kids get to spend 45 minutes centered on God's word? Our teachers plan creative lessons that are tailored for the students in their class. Here are some ways to make the most of Sunday School:

- Treat it like Regular School or another favorite activity. Would you let your kids miss regular school or sports/dance/scouts for whatever the reason is? God knows we need the fellowship, learning and worship of the Sabbath.
- Be on time. The teachers work hard to prepare great lessons. Being on time helps the kids get the most out of Sunday School and it is hard on the teachers to keep the class on task when students arrive late. BUT better to be late than not to attend at all.
- Attend regularly. Kids feel connected when they participate and lose that feeling of belonging to a special community if their attendance is irregular
- Talk about Sunday School at home. Read the take home papers. They are great sources for family devotions. Reading the stories can count toward at home school reading.

- Make Church/Sunday School Attendance non-negotiable. If the troops start to complain, do not get pulled into negotiations. Say something like, "Grandma (or someone else special) always brought me to church so I'm going to bring you" or "Mr/Ms (someone special to your family) is looking forward to seeing you today so we have to go." Keep it relational.
- Enjoy worship and Sunday School.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY NEEDS:** 4 Adult Leaders for our Preschool Class are needed. 1 Adult Leader for our Older Elementary Class and 1 Adult leader for our Middle School class are needed. Sunday School gives kids a place to explore the Bible, grow in Christian Fellowship and Belong. Be one of those special adults who cares about kids. Volunteer to serve in our Sunday School Ministry! You'll love it. Nursery Snacks are needed. Donations of Goldfish, Nilla Wafers, Ritz Crackers and Graham Crackers are welcome. These can be left in Nursery on Sunday Mornings or in the Narthex during the week.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

We need about 30 more volunteers to pray for our kids! See Lisa Pool or Jennifer Bryant to sign up. So far, our adults are so excited to pray for our kids.....and our kids are praying for their adult, too! We're having an ICE CREAM SOCIAL so Prayer Partners can meet each other on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come each dinner at 5:45pm in the Family Life Center, if you like. This will be a great evening at St. Andrew's Church!

**HARD HAT HOME OFFERING.** Use the Hard Hat that you received on Sunday as an offering bowl in your home. All offering will help build our Habitat House. If you missed church on Sunday, you can pick up a very cool Habitat for Humanity Hard Hat and for your home in the narthex or on Wednesday Night in the Family Life Center. Together we can give a single mom with 2 kids a place to live. Questions? See Pam Bame or Pat Smathers. ([Pamela.bame@orthocarolina.com](mailto:Pamela.bame@orthocarolina.com)) ([gmomsmathers@comporium.net](mailto:gmomsmathers@comporium.net)) We will joyfully receive this offering on Sunday, October 20.

## **ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES HAVE BEGUN AT ST. ANDREW'S ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30PM.**

Spread the Word! We welcome Barbara Cantisano from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library as our teacher. If you are interested with helping with this class, please contact Sandy Devoid at [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com).

**EVERY CHILD READY TO READ.** Is a Parent/child Program through the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. It helps preschool parents learn how to read the help their kids be ready when the time for kindergarten rolls around! We will be hosting this program on Tuesday Mornings. Montclair School and our Library system will lead. We are excited to provide a place to help families with their educational needs. Interested in volunteering here? Contact Sandy Devoid, our Director of Christian Education at [sdevoid@standrewsumc.com](mailto:sdevoid@standrewsumc.com).

# YOUTH NEWS



## OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

- October 1 ..... 7:30PM High School Bible Study at Panera Bread
- October 2 ..... 6:00pm Middle School Bible Study
- October 6 ..... 5:30pm Regular Youth Program – Meal provided by the Jordans/Sergels/Lewyns
- October 8 ..... 7:30pm High School Bible Study at Panera Bread
- October 9 ..... 6:00pm Middle School Bible Study
- October 13..... Crop Walk (Lunch after church/Walk at 2:00)
- October 15..... 7:30pm High School Bible Study at Panera Bread
- October 16..... 6:00pm Middle School Bible Study
- October 20 ..... “Cyber Safety” Night at SAUMC with Dilworth
- October 22..... 7:30PM High School Bible Study at Panera Bread
- October 23..... 6:00PM Middle School Bible Study
- October 27 ..... Shrimp Boil – Youth helping set up, run it, clean up, and music!
- October 29..... 7:30PM High School Bible Study at Panera Bread
- October 30..... No Wednesday Night Meal
- October 31..... Community Halloween Party

## YOUTH EMAIL LIST

I try to send weekly emails to update you on what is going on with the youth program. Please make sure you check and read these emails! This is the best/primary way to communicate out information! If you would like to be added to this email list, please send an email to [youth@standrewsumc.com](mailto:youth@standrewsumc.com). If you would like to be removed from the list, please also email me!

## CYBER SAFETY NIGHT

Sunday October 20th in the FLC, we are going to be offering a parenting workshop on Cyber Safety. This workshop will be led by Dr. Scott Smith of the Mooresville Graded School District. Scott is the Technology Director for the district and oversees the one to one initiative, where every student 4th grade up is given a Macbook air for the school year. Scott is very knowledgeable and has a great workshop planned for you! I do need RSVP's for this event! Parents of 4th grade – 12th grade children are welcome!

At the same time as the parent seminar, John Isley, the Program Director for Camp Tekoa and seasoned youth ministry veteran will be leading a program for the 8th grade and high school youth on the topic “Does my faith make an impact on my media usage.” This will be a great program for our high school teens. Tresca McSwain, the Dilworth UMC youth director, and Kevin Ward will be leading a program for the 6th-7th grade youth.

We will have dinner at 5:00 and the workshops at 5:30! Once again, please RSVP for this event so we can plan for food!

## FALL YOUTH RETREAT

November 9th and 10th, we will be headed to Camp Tekoa for a fall retreat! We will get a chance to do the Big Zip line out in the meadow, the “Big Swing” that is part of the High Ropes Course, the challenge course, and many other great camp activities! We will be meeting at 6:30 am on Saturday November 9th and returning a little after dinner on Sunday November 10th! The cost for this trip will be \$75.00. Please let me know if you want to attend! I do need chaperones for this retreat!

## STAYING IN TOUCH

### PRAYERS FOR...

Hilda Bookout	Herb Thomas	Inez Weston
Alan Davis	Vernon Booth	Anne Lisk
Penny Bryant	John Cassady	Jessica Carte
C.J. Ash	Evelyn Miller	Carolyn Kier

Pearl Poole - Aldersgate  
Gladys Ott - CMC Main  
Bernice Ledford - Presbyterian Hospital  
Dean Forbis son of Wayne and Alice Forbis - Had surgery on September 6, 2013.

### THANK YOU

Dear St. Andrew's family,

Thank you so much for your cards, your concern, your love, and your prayers as I travelled along side my Dad during his journey to end-of-life. Without your support it would have been a very difficult time for me. I am truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring Christian community.

In His name,  
Sue Bullock



### THANK YOU FROM CAMP TEKOA!

On behalf of Camp Tekoa I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$244.25 toward our scholarship fund. Your commitment to helping Camp Tekoa is greatly appreciated. We are blessed by your faithful giving.

Each year Camp Tekoa continues to advance its mission. Through our many programs we have seen many lives changed for the better.

We thought you would like to hear a quote from a past camper, "My favorite part of camp is the high dive. I was scared at first, but then the lifeguard reminded me that she was there to take care of me and for me to pray and ask God for courage. I did it and I loved it."

The goal of Camp Tekoa is to touch hearts, change lives and share the Light of Christ. With the help of supporters such as you we will continue to see this goal met over and over again.

Thanks again for your generous support.

Melisa Coates  
And the Staff at Camp Tekoa

**MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE** next meeting is October 1 at 12:00pm in the Commons Room #1.

**THE HARVESTERS** will meet on Thursday, October 3 at 10:30 AM in the Commons Room #1. Please plan now to attend. Bring non-perishables for Loaves and Fishes. The program will be given by a staff writer from the Charlotte Observer. If you are not already on a calling list, please make a reservation by calling Rosada Lackey at 704/551-6980.

**HANNAH AND HER SISTERS** will meet on Saturday, October 5 at 9:30 #1.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00am in the Commons Room #1.

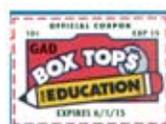
**LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST** is looking for volunteers to help their clients. There are opportunities to serve a single time, to do a service once a month. or to work as part of a team helping a client who is in more need. If interested, please call Laurin Austin at Love INC, 704-536-5588 ext. 205.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's that time again – to share some of our blessings with needy children throughout the world. Join the Harvesters in donating shoeboxes filled with gifts to be distributed through Samaritan's Purse. Instruction brochures are available in the narthex and the Family Life Center. Begin your shopping now. Shoeboxes are due at the church by November 10.



**If anyone wants any part  
or parts from the old organ  
please call  
CJ Ash at  
803-547-4146 or  
704-560-1315.**



### BOX TOPS NEEDED FOR MONTCLAIRE SCHOOL

Please leave your box tops with the soup labels box in the hallway near the Commons Room.



**ST ANDREW'S UMW PRESENTS  
A PROGRAM ON  
SOCIAL JUSTICE BY SILENT IMAGES**

**Speaker: David Johnson**  
**Date: Saturday, October 19**  
**Time: 10:00am-12:00pm**  
**Place: The Family Life Center**

Please join us for an eye-opening, inspiring talk, video and conversation on local homelessness of children and the problem of human trafficking in Charlotte.

\*Light refreshments will be served



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE....

**FAMILY  
HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**



**Thursday, October 31**

**6:00-7:30PM**

**Hot Dogs, Games, Treats!**

**FUN!**  **FUN!**  **FUN!**

**Bring your friends!**  
**No Scary Costumes, please.**  
**Donations of candy can be**  
**left in the Narthex.**



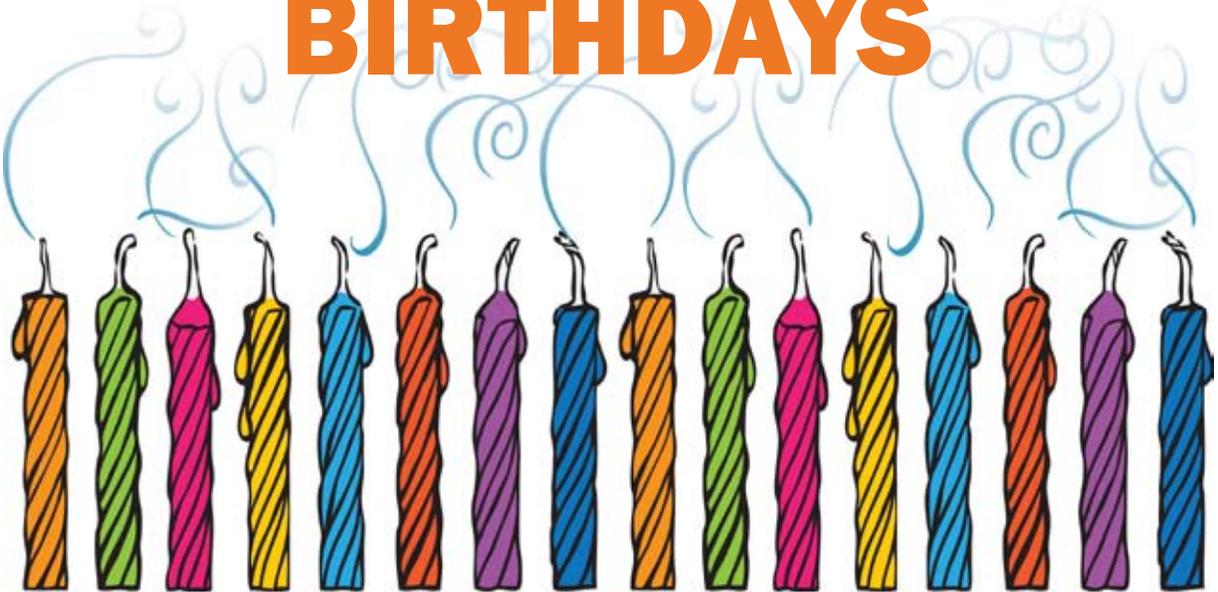
**ST. ANDREW'S UMC  
SHRIMP BOIL OR  
GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER**



**with Ice Cream Social and Entertainment**

Join us on Sunday, October 27 in the Family Life Center at 6:00PM for this enjoyable meal. Save the date and keep your eyes peeled for more information on this fun event.

# HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1 Bill Robinson  
1 Allison Bickett  
2 Mackenzie Sharpe  
2 Kaley Crosby  
3 Max Snyder  
4 Doug Hileman  
5 Cyndi Crosby  
6 Charles LaBorde  
6 Sandy Devoid  
6 Matthew Jones  
7 Patricia Thomas  
7 Isabel Sigmon  
7 Lucy Hester  
8 Vernon Buffaloe

9 Roger Penny, Sr.  
11 Kevin Stevenson  
11 William Maher  
12 Pearl Poole  
12 Dennis Starnes  
13 Haydn Heck  
14 David Knoespel  
14 Carolyn Freeman  
15 Jimmie Dowless  
16 William Greene  
17 Freida Scroggs  
18 John Cassady  
18 Rebecca Penny  
18 Braden Tita

20 Gerald Johnson  
23 Nancy Jo  
Michaud  
23 Jim Smith  
24 James Preston  
26 David Lewyn  
26 Teresa Boone  
26 Austin Brown  
26 Lily Darr  
28 Pat Parker  
28 Susan Johnson  
30 Joyce Merritt

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BINGO BLAST



Where: St. Andrew's UMC Commons Room #1

When: Saturday, November 2, 2013

What Time: 10:00AM-1:00pm Prizes Permitting

Why: Because Hannah Sisters Love Our Seniors

What Else: Yum! Finger Foods to Celebrate Fall!

What Else: Gooood Prizes!

No Charge—Bring a Friend—Have Fun

Donation boxes will be located both in the hallway leading into the Commons Room and also in the Family Life Center. Hannah Sisters are eager to greet and feté all seniors and their companions at this twice annual fun event!

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



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Please take one minute to help our outreach by completing the following sentence. "Stewardship is

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_."

Place whatever word or words in the blank and return that completed phrase to the church office or email Roger Penny at rpenny@bsamail.org. We will collect your suggestions and expand upon this in a future issue.

You are important to this church so everyone's experiences can be a lesson to others. Let's write a new chapter in the life of St. Andrew's. Help develop the building blocks that will enable this church to serve this community and members of the church with a sense of direction and a spirit of growth.

As we all work together we can strive:  
**TO BE THE CHURCH WE WERE MEANT TO BE!!**

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**LOAVES AND FISHES.** Thank you for your donation of 117 lbs. to Loaves and Fishes. Because of the support of this community, our emergency food pantries have never had to turn away a client.

Believe it or not the percentage of clients has decreased some this year. But there is still a need for this ministry. Please stop by and see The Pantry on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

In Christ,  
 Sharon Wohlfarth,  
 St. Giles Loaves and Fishes



**FREE NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE**

Available by Pauline Muntz. Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the front desk in the narthex.



**RECYCLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** The recycle bins containing used paper, cardboard, cans and plastic bottles from our CHURCH need to be collected weekly from the church office and both kitchens. Charlotte Solid Waste Services charges churches and private businesses to pick up these materials. We need church members to pick up these materials from the church once a week and take them to the recycling bins at the Park Road Park or place them in your own recycling bins at home. Since the Recycle Waste Services pick up from our homes every other week, it would be great to have 2 families each month to share the responsibilities. We already have a core group doing this but we need more help. If you are willing to help in this ministry, please fill out the form below and tell me WHICH MONTH YOU PREFER TO HELP. Remember, once your month is over, you are free for the next eleven (11) months.

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**RECYCLE MINISTRY FORM for the September 2013 – August 2014 SEASON**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH (S) YOU PREFER TO SERVE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this form in the offering plate or on the desk in the office. If you have questions please call Beverly Brown at 704-553-9061 or send her an e-mail: sambev@bellsouth.net Thank you for your help!



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**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE**

October 19, 2013 at 12:00 Noon

**SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Every Tuesday at Noon

Send your Chatter/Bulletin information,  
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**2013 Schedule**

**Family Life Center Service Coffee**

**OCTOBER**

**October 6** Mark Francis  
Penny Bryant  
Don Jordan  
**October 13** Penny Brynat  
Amy Penny  
Shawn Penny  
**October 20** Liz Snyder  
Mark Francis  
**October 27**

**Recycle Pickup 2013**

**October** ..... Jack and Pauline Muntz

**Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up**

**Schedule for 2013**

**October** .....Harvey Whichard

**Usher Schedule for 2013**

**October Team Leader**.....Mark Horoschak  
Sam Brown  
Drew Haynes  
James Walkup  
Bill Scroggs  
Steve Wilenchek  
Harvey Whichard