



# Weekly CHATTER

September 18, 2022

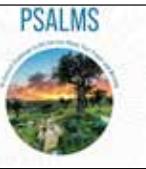
**WORSHIP UPDATE.** This Sunday, we continue our new series based upon Kay Kotan's work "Being Church in a Post-Pandemic World". Up this week - "Flexibility!" And remember that our intercessory prayer time has shifted to 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in Room 29!

**NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP.** Please be in prayer for the Nominations committee as they undertake matching people, gifts, and ministry for 2023 and beyond. If you are interested in serving an existing ministry such as Trustees, Finance, or Staff-Parish, or engaging a new opportunity such as Communications, Technology, or Discipleship, please reach out to Pastor Sherri or a member of the committee: Jimmie Dowless, Tom Patton, Karen Gibson, Gail Lewyn, Marti Little, Davy Lisk, Cheryl Broerman or your lay leaders, Sue Bullock, Pat Wolfe or Maria Alvarado.

**THE FUTURE OF THE UMC.** Mark your calendars for the next conversation on Sunday, September 25th, at 4:00 p.m. You can attend in person at University City UMC, come to SAUMC for a hybrid viewing option (with translation services), or watch online at [https://youtu.be/WTQojtwc\\_24](https://youtu.be/WTQojtwc_24). There will be a follow-up local conversation on October 2nd, at 11:11 a.m. Attendance isn't required, but encouraged. As shared previously, this will be a chance to hear from Conference leadership about some of the current issues facing our church.

**FOOD TRUCK PARTY.** Please plan to join us on **Saturday, September 17th**, in the church parking lot for stories, music, food, crafts, and more. All ages invited, bring your friends. Event time: 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. **Featured trucks:** "Big Kahuna Shaved Ice" and Mexican - Salvadorian food "Taqueria M: Reina".

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**, we will gather at 11:11 a.m. for a casual conversation entitled "Methodist Questions, Methodist Answers". Using a book from Belton Joyner by the same title, we'll explore some of the key beliefs of our faith tradition as well as explore some current concerns and issues. Looking for a small group to join, we hope you'll join Pastor Sherri for this one. This week, we will gather in the Family Life Center after worship.

**THIS FALL, DIVE DEEPER INTO THE PSALMS**, the  prayerbook and songbook of the Bible, with this video series from the Epic of Eden series by author Sandra Richter. All Scripture speaks to us, but the Psalms are unique in that they speak for us in every situation we may face in life. Facilitated by Sara and the choir, each session will incorporate an informative video, lively discussion, and singing together. There are also optional activities for

private home study. The series will be on selected Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons Room, #1 or by Zoom (see link below)

<https://zoom.us/j/901007699?fbclid=IwAR0rOqBQnSyhYFcIAdyg4wl-h1yptE6b7ijJhzFo-I2cvrd3Ie7EUQdg>

**Dates are:** Sept. 28th, Oct. 5th, 12th, and 26th, Nov. 2nd, 9th, and 23rd. The accompanying book, which also includes access to all videos for home viewing, will be available for purchase for \$16. See Sara or email her at [churchmusic@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchmusic@standrewsumc.com) for your copy or for more information. We hope to see you there!

**HELP NEEDED.** On **September 24th**, from 8:00 a.m. until... we will be moving mulch for the dog park and the playground. Please come and help. Bring your pitchfork. **Can't come on that day, no problem.** You can do the job on your own as your schedule permits. Job must be completed by Friday, September 30th. Questions? Call Nicole Campbell 704-589-2601. Thank you.



**MEMORIAL QUINCEÑERA FOR KATHERINE PALMA on Sunday, September 25th, at St. Andrew's UMC in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to come to show support for the family as they remember Delmi's daughter, Katherine, on what would have been her 15th birthday. (This is a very special birthday in the Hispanic culture). A reception afterward in the Family Life Center.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. On Sunday, October 2nd**, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday in the Family Life Center with "Breads and Spreads!" We'll gather around a common table, and everyone is invited to bring their favorite, bread or pastry, e.g., your grandmother's favorite corn muffins, donuts, zucchini bread, yeast rolls, flan, tortillas to name but a few of the many options. And maybe you and your garden were blessed with some berries for jams, or homemade pimento cheese or clover honey. We will literally and spiritually break bread together and be reminded that in Our Father's House, there is a big, big table with lots and lots of food, an abundance you can't help but share.

**THE HARVESTERS** will meet on Thursday, October 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1, follow by a meal at noon. Join us for FALL BINGO. Please bring a small inexpensive gift for the prize box. **Please make a reservation by Monday, October 3rd**, via Sherry Jackson at [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com), or calling the church office at 704-553-1327.

**LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY?** Check out the opportunities from our Montclaire Faire! You can be a reading buddy, math tutor, classroom helper, test proctor, substitute teacher, snack cart driver or more! Like to get involved? Simply sign-up in the Narthex or email Sherry Jackson at [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com) or Sara Terrell at [churchmusic@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchmusic@standrewsumc.com).

**SEPTEMBER Birthdays**

- 18 Madison Francis
- 18 Mary Hutchinson
- 18 Rosada Lackey
- 19 Abby McLaurin-Noell
- 19 Courtney Picha
- 21 Elaine Brewer
- 21 Jacob Catha
- 21 Anne Friese
- 21 Miriam Moore
- 21 Yair Padilla
- 22 Clara Bickett
- 22 Evelyn Thomas
- 23 Frank Clontz
- 23 Mary New

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
**Rosada Lackey, Anne Friese, and Evelyn Thomas** on their 90+ birthdays. Birthday cards may be sent to each of these ladies at the following addresses:

**Southminster**  
**Attn: Rosada Lackey**  
**8919 Park Road, EH-03**  
**Charlotte, NC 28210-8656**

**Anne Friese**  
**c/o Carrington Place Living Ctr.**  
**600 Fallwood Lane**  
**Matthews, NC 28105**

**Evelyn Thomas**  
**206 W. Sycamore Street**  
**Lincolnton, NC 28092**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Through Prayer  
10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center  
"Flexible"  
Matthew 16:18-19

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS**  
**September 18th - (Online Only)**  
SPRC - 3:00 p.m.  
Finance - 4:30 p.m.  
Trustees - 6:00 p.m.  
**September 25th (Hybrid)**  
**Church Council - 7:00 p.m.**  
Online and Commons Room, #1