



Weekly CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday, September 19th, In-Person and Online.

WORSHIP UPDATE

WORSHIP SERVICE. This Sunday, September 19th, we begin our Fall pattern for Sunday mornings. We will begin our morning with worship through prayer at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 29 (on the Emerywood Hall). At **10:00 a.m.**, we will worship through music and the word with this week's service from the Sanctuary. Remember, the service will also be live-streamed with access via YouTube, Facebook, and ZOOM. At **11:00 a.m.**, we will gather for spiritual formation with a special in-person mission project with the goal of creating 200 SPAM bags for our neighbors. "Join an existing class like the **Pathseekers** who is studying Francis Chan's, "Letters to the Church" in the Fellowship Hall Room #2, or the **Covenant** class who is studying Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from John" in the Commons Room #1, or the **Cross-Cultural Ministry** who will be meeting as well. Starting on September 26th, the **Misfits** class will meet in Room #30. Also, beginning September 26th, there will be conversations with Pastor Sherri that will include prayer walks of the neighborhood. Don't see something you like, create a new one, grab some friends to visit neighbors, or volunteer to work with our children and/ or youth! Options are available for any and all! See you here this Sunday for this exciting new chapter!

A PLEA FROM YOUR TRUSTEES.



As many of you are aware, during the warm days this year we have had a hard time keeping the interior of the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center cool. Within the last week it has become apparent that the large chiller outside of the Family Life Center is on its last leg. This unit is the primary source for air conditioning for both our Sanctuary and the Family Life Center.

Over the last two years, we have made several "band-aid fixes" to the equipment. However, during a recent breakdown, it was determined that 50% of the chiller is now inoperable, and the other 50% is only operating at around a 45% efficiency. This is due primarily to leaks and mechanical issues within the 18-year-old unit.

The Trustees and Finance Director met last week and determined that for St. Andrew's to maintain our level of community interaction within our church facility, the chiller must be replaced. This was voted on and approved. However, this comes with a cost.

There are a number of different avenues available for us to cover this cost. First, we can refinance our existing Family Life Center mortgage with the Western NC United Methodist Foundation (which holds our current note) and include the needed monies for the chiller purchase. This will increase our monthly mortgage payment from around \$1,995 to \$2,430.

Second, we are also going to ask the larger outside groups that use our church facilities if they would consider assisting us with a one-time financial donation.

Finally, we need to ask you, the congregation, to help. The more dollars that we raise from within the congregation, the lower the amount needed to refinance. You, the congregation, have never failed to support the Trustees when there has been a financial issue with the church physical plant. We, the Trustees, have been good stewards of your donations in the past and will be once again. Any dollars you can contribute would be a help toward the replacement of this

dilapidated chiller unit.

To replace the chiller we will need in the neighborhood of \$115,000 - \$120,000. It will take almost 17 weeks to obtain the new unit and we hope that the current chiller, with God's help, will hold on a little longer. **A charge conference will be held this Sunday, Sept. 19th,** at 7:00 p.m. with members of the Church Council to approve next steps.

For more information, please call Kenn Bullock, Chair of the Trustees at (704) 517-1561.

PLEASE HELP CELEBRATE. Rosada Lackey will celebrate her 96th birthday on September 18th. Please send birthday cards to **Rosada Lackey**, 8919 Park Road, EH-03, Charlotte, NC 28210-8656.

JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, AT 11:00 A.M. AS WE ASSEMBLE SPAM BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS.

Our goal is to make 200 or more bags! If you would like to donate items towards this project, please go to sign up genius at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SPAMBAGS>.



WE NEED YOU! We are celebrating the beginning of in-person activities for children on Sunday, Sept. 19th, and we need **YOU!** Volunteers are needed in the Nursery Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m., and classroom Leaders during our spiritual formation time of 11:00 a.m. and Sundays for our discipleship time 4:30-6:00 p.m. We are exploring new curriculums and activities to help along the way. Please contact Sherry Jackson if you are interested in serving and helping in the childrens' ministry area.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. On October 3rd we will celebrate World Communion Sunday outdoors with a tailgate! Bring your own, for your own, and you're also welcome to bring some to share! A prize will again be awarded for the best tailgate! -- Choose your sport, football, soccer, etc. and break out your colors, high school, college or pro! See you here!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE that came out to spread mulch on Saturday! It was a lot of hard work and I'm sure everyone was a little sore the next day! The children love the new mulch and are a little safer with the cushioning on the ground!

Thank you,
Amanda Newhouse
Preschool Director



- 19 Abby McLaurin-Noell
- 19 Courtney Picha
- 21 Elaine Brewer
- 21 Jacob Catha
- 21 Anne Friese
- 21 Kathryn Humphries
- 21 Miriam Moore
- 21 Yair Padilla
- 21 Jennifer Wiker
- 22 Clara Bickett
- 22 Rob Clontz
- 22 Evelyn Thomas
- 23 Frank Clontz
- 23 Mary New
- 25 Ted Campbell

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 19TH

9:30 a.m. Worship Through Prayer

10:00 a.m. Worship Through Music and Word

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11-13

11:00 Spiritual Formation for Children, Youth, and Adults

4:30 p.m. Youth, Children, and Parent Programming

REGULAR CHURCH HOURS:

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed on Fridays.

REMINDER.

ONLINE ADMIN. MEETINGS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

3:30 p.m. Staff Parish

Relation Committee

5:00 p.m. Finance Committee

6:00 p.m. Trustees

7:00 p.m. Church Council /
Special Charge Conf.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sunday, September 26th

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Service of blessing with a photo op and treats for our furry and feathered friends and their humans.

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. will be a drive-through blessing.