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The CHATTER

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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**Follow Jesus.
Make
Disciples.
Tranform
the World.**



FROM THE PASTOR.



Pastor Sherri Barnes

Rose Post was a long-time columnist for the Salisbury Post and each year as the school year started, she “remembered the powerful mix of emotions” every parent goes through when sending a child to school. Rose was a gifted writer, an incredible mother and community activist. She said that this “prayer” came from a principal in Franklin, Indiana, and each year the Post reprints it as a new school year rolls around. As we turn the corner to September, may it be a prayer for all of the children in our midst.

“It’s hard to believe my son starts to school this week. It’s all going to be strange and new to him for a while, and I wish you would sort of treat him gently. Up to now he’s been boss of the backyard. I have always been around to repair his wounds, and I’ve always been handy to soothe his feelings. But now ...

“Things are going to be different. This morning he’s going to walk down the front steps, wave his hands and start on his great adventure that probably will include wars and tragedy and sorrow. To live his life in the world will require faith and love and courage. So, teacher, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

“Teach him, but gently if you can. He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, that all men are not true. Teach him that for every scoundrel, there is a hero. For every crooked politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick. Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hill. Teach him about the world of work. Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men, but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the truth that comes through. Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidder, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears in a howling mob and to stand and fight if he thinks he’s right. Teach him gently, but don’t cuddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel. This is a big order, teacher, but see what you can do. He’s such a nice little fellow, my son.”

Pastor Sherri

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CHURCH NEWS



Alice Glefke

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER, ALICE GLEFKE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

She and her husband moved here from Florida almost two years ago to be near one of their daughters and her new family. They have a blended family of five children and 9 grandchildren. She and her husband are both active members at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Alice enjoys singing, cooking, baking, cake decorating, spending time with her grandsons and playing board and card games.

She has more than 35 years administrative and bookkeeping experience that included five years as a church secretary and another 5 years as a church financial secretary. Prior to her move from Florida, Alice worked as the Administrative Bookkeeper for the Junior League of Greater Orlando.

"I am looking forward to working at St. Andrews UMC and, once again, being a part of a church staff." — Alice Glefke



Thanks to everyone who has helped make the 2019 Freedom School Program at Montclair Elementary another success!!!

You might be interested to know that for 2019 we had 80 scholars (as they are called at Freedom School) and that 90% of those who attend Freedom School maintain or improve their reading skills during the six-week session. In addition, the one-on-one time spent with a scholar during DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Time gives the scholars more self-confidence. Teachers tell us that when students return to school in the fall, the ones who attended Freedom School are more ready to return and have more confidence in themselves.



Thanks to everyone who helped with Freedom School:

DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) volunteers who came to listen to the scholars read : Nancy Holtkamp, Larry and Cember Carella, Carole Greene and her grand-daughter Allison Kelker, Doreen Ledger, and Karen Patton; and

Ed Morales for being a Harambee reader this year;

Gina and Madison Collard, Vicki Robinson and Katie Patton for teaching fun cooking classes for the kids;

Kevin Ward for all of his behind-the-scenes support;

Patti Huss and Vicki Lawson for preparing the announcements for the Sunday weekly bulletins and the Thursday Happenings sent out in e-mail, and to Patti Huss for preparing the 2019 Freedom School posters which were displayed around the church;



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MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP



2019 MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP

Seeing the fruit of what 50 rising 2nd-8th graders learned during Music and Drama Camp 2019 is truly a reason to celebrate! A sizeable camp staff taught them instruments, dance, drama and singing. They ate, played, created, and most importantly, learned that Jesus wants to be their companion through life. Gifts were developed, relationships deepened, children blessed. Praise God for this ministry to the young people of our community! Our heart-felt thanks goes out to the many youth and adults who made this all possible – you know who you are. May God bless you each for your offering of self to these kids. Music and Drama Camp 2020... here we come!

Cathy Youngblood
Music Associate

Sara Terrell
Music and Arts



CHURCH NEWS



Freedom School continued from page 2.



Sue Bullock, Madison Collard, Karen Dennison, Carole Greene, Ruth Mauldin, Vicki Robinson, Freida Scroggs, Nell Smith, Shirley Tripp, and Jean Wissinger who provided drinks and snacks for the Freedom School Finale;

Sherri Barnes, Sue Bullock, Karen Dennison, Ruth Mauldin, Vicki Robinson, and Nell Smith who set-up, and served snacks and drinks at the Finale;

Ryan Ksous who set up and manned the microphone equipment for the Finale;

And to all of our wonderful and generous members who gave financial support for Freedom School by sponsoring a child for a day (\$40), a week (\$200), or for six weeks (\$1,200).

Thanks to all of you who made Freedom School such a great success again this year and for being such a positive influence on every one of the scholars!!!!

Larry and Cember Carella



IT'S PRESCHOOL TIME! Mornings at St. Andrew's UMC are going to be much livelier after Labor Day! The new school year is starting and we are excited for all the new faces and new adventures this school year has to offer. As you go about the coming days, keep our preschool teachers and children in your prayers. The first few weeks are especially hard for our younger ones (and their teachers!) as they adjust to being away from Mom and Dad. As a way to support the school, link your Harris Teeter card to St. Andrew's Preschool (3232).

CHILDREN'S NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements for Children's Ministry, please contact Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327, Ext 103. Office: (Room #7)



THANK YOU.

A very special thank you is extended to all of the great volunteers who helped with our summer connection. We had a great adventure going to mars and beyond. Thank you to everyone who helps to make this a great time for the kids!



K.I.C.K. KID'S IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

Join us Wednesdays at 5:45 for our meals and 6:30 for our K.I.C.K. (Kids in Christs' Kingdom) program here at the church. This is for kids in 1st - 5th grade. We start in the FLC and then we will have time just for the kids!



CHILDREN'S COUNCIL MEETING.

Please mark your calendars and come help us with some upcoming plans! Sunday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS.

We are always looking for loving and caring adults who will help teach or substitute teach Sunday School classes for the children. You can teach once a month, two Sundays a month or a year long! Please contact Sherry Jackson if you would like more information about our Sunday morning connections time.

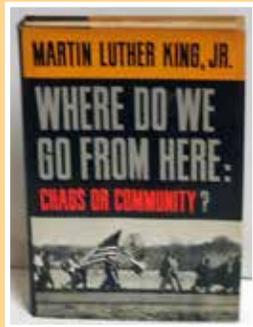


TELL SOMEONE ABOUT

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COMING EVENTS



UMW BOOK CLUB:

Starting Friday, September 27th, at 6:30 p.m. the United Methodist Women will be meeting at Panera Bread, on Hwy. 51 near Carmel Road in Charlotte to discuss "Where Do We Go From Here?" by Martin Luther King, Jr. All women are invited. For more information, please call the church at 704-553-1327. Invite a friend. Hope to see you there.



SUSANNA CIRCLE MEETING Sunday, September 1st, at 12:30 p.m. in Room #18.

MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING Tuesday, September 3rd, at 12:00 p.m. in Room #29.

RUTH CIRCLE MEETING Tuesday, September 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commons Room #1.

OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are collecting Country Time Lemonade in 5 lb. 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. Containers may be left on the counter in the Archdale Kitchen labeled for UMW/Urban Ministries.



HARVESTERS. On Thursday, September 5th, Harvesters will meet in the Commons Room #1 at 10:30 a.m. Come be a part of our seniors gathering and program. Afterwards, we will enjoy a delicious meal in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join in the fun. Please remember to bring non-perishable food and grocery bags for Loaves and Fishes. Thank you for helping provide food for those in need.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.

Sunday, September 29th, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to this event, so let your friends and neighbors know about it! There will be a community pet blessing at 4:00 p.m., with individual pet blessings to follow. Pets should be on leashes or in crates. Photos of current or previous pets are also encouraged! Meet in the grassy area in the front near the basketball court. If it rains, we will meet under the sheltered area at the front steps. It would be especially wonderful if some of our church members were in attendance to say hello to those attending with their pets since many of the attendees will be from the neighborhood. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Louise at louiseharg7@gmail.com.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the Youth, Adult, and Mission Ministries announcements, please contact Kevin Ward, Director of Family Ministries kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-553-1327, ext. 105. Office: (Commons Room Hallway)



MONTCLAIRE TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone that pitched in to help make the teacher appreciation breakfast happen for Montclair Elementary School staff! Thank you to everyone who made a casserole, all those who were there Sunday evening to cut up fruit, those who played hosts for the day, and for those that were there Monday, August 19th, to help serve the staff! The staff were very thankful to have a nice cool location for their staff retreat and were extremely thankful for the breakfast! Please look for opportunities in the coming months for other ways to support Montclair Elementary School students and staff!



CROSS-CULTURAL WORSHIP

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

This is not only for Hispanic/Latino Families! Everyone is welcome to worship here -Pastor David is multi-lingual. If you attend, you will understand and have a wonderful experience. Please join us!



PROJECT HARMONY classes will begin on Monday, September 30th, and will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. Snack/Homework time will be from 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Volunteers. We are currently in need of 3-4 volunteers to help us with each class day. Please contact Phyllis Lazenby at 704-756-3139 (call or text) or at umcccphyllis@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are interested in ministering to the children in this very valuable program during the 2019-2020 school year.

Snack Donations. Please help by donating snacks for 50 children to cover each day. Healthy snacks are very important. We are asking for snacks with very little sugar for their health and for the preservation of the band instruments. The small 8-ounce water bottles are ideal for drinking. Please bring your donations to Pastor David Ortigoza's office. Thank you so much for your support! Contact Phyllis Lazenby at umcccphyllis@gmail.com if you need more information. Thank you!

**COMING
IN
OCTOBER**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Stop Hunger Now meal-packing event on Sunday, October 13th. More information to come.



FALL FUNDRAISER FESTIVAL. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th. We will have a fall fundraiser festival from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be kids' games, popcorn, food, dances, musicians, product vendors, and much more!

Volunteers and Venders needed by September 1st! Contact Phyllis Lazenby at 704-756-3139 or umcccphyllis@gmail.com if you would like to help.



UMM SHRIMP BOIL YOUTH MISSIONS

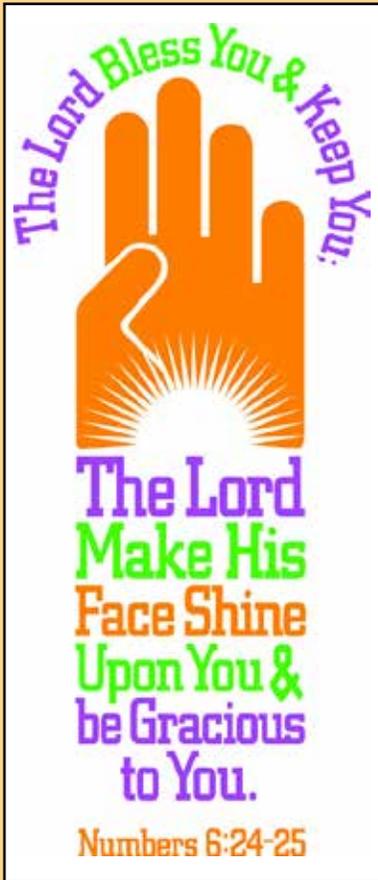
FUNDRAISER on Sunday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Menu: Shrimp (in the shell) with sausage, corn on the cob, onions and potatoes, chicken breast, hot wings with carrots, and celery for dipping, beverage, and condiments on tables. More information call the church office at 704-553-1327.



Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

1 TIMOTHY 6:18, NIV

BIRTHDAYS



September

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Julie Hecksher | 11 Scott Arndt | 21 Jennifer Wiker |
| 2 Wilda Council | 11 James Carte | 22 Clara Bickett |
| 2 Dana Huntley | 11 Joshua Evans | 22 Rob Clontz |
| 2 Annie Jones | 11 Jay Kizer | 22 Evelyn Thomas |
| 3 Kevin Jones | 11 Andrea Ridgely | 23 Frack Clontz |
| 3 Kayla McMurray | 11 Kelly Wolf | 23 Mary New |
| 4 Robert Newhouse | 12 Josh Patton | 25 Ted Campbell |
| 5 Sophia Morales | 12 Millie Shannon | 25 Ron Padgett |
| 5 Fernando Valenzuela | 14 Diane Slade | 27 Barnes Brinkley III |
| 6 Sophia Heck | 16 Abbey Buzzard | 27 Victoria Furr |
| 7 DE Murray | 16 Hannah Buzzard | 27 Jean Wissinger |
| 7 John Newhouse | 17 Matthew Carte | 27 Pat Wolfe |
| 7 Beth Wallace | 17 Irene Gonzalez | 28 Sarah Humphries |
| 8 Kurt Grist | 18 Madison Francis | 28 Jimmy McLaurin |
| 8 Betsy Grooms | 18 Mary Hutchinson | 28 Mark Schrader |
| 9 Jack Muntz | 18 Rosada Lackey | 29 Ashlei Alvarez |
| 9 Devon Webster | 19 Abby McLaurin-Noell | 29 Rachel Gillespie |
| 9 John Whichard | 19 Jessica Padgett | 29 Katelyn Pearson |
| 10 Eric Bryant | 20 Brenda Heck | 30 Max Jelley |
| 10 Jennifer Catha | 21 Elaine Brewer | 30 David Poteat |
| 10 Jordan Edwards | 21 Jacob Catha | |
| 10 Steve Gibson | 21 Anne Frieze | |
| 10 Rosemary Gloege | 21 Kathryn Humphries | |
| 10 Carolyn Kier | 21 Miriam Moore | |
| 10 Megan Wagner | 21 Yair Padilla | |



STAYING IN TOUCH

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

For our friends and relatives: Pam Bame; Bob Miller; Kayla McMurray; John Patrick; Joslyn and Jimmy McLaurin; Thomas White; Phyllis Lazenby; Herbert Thomas; Bee Jones; A. D. Adcock; Bonnie White; Abbey Buzzard; Garret Webster and family; Charlene Simpson; Shanieka Brown; Traveonia James; Phyllis Cole; Pat Smathers; Del Smith; Peter Gamwell; Tom Aucoin; Carol Hudgins; Jonathan Bickett; Jay Kizer; Caroline Crabtree; Fernando Aguirre; family members of Phyllis Lasenby: brother Dana Williams, sister Lynda Adair MacPherson, aunt Nancy Harkleroad, grandson Landon Lazenby, niece Sarah Cope, and great-grandfather to Phyllis' grand children Clyde Ramdwar; Glenda Patton's friend, Elsie Phillips; David Lisk's father; Shirley Clontz's sister, June S. Cochran, and Rob Shay, son-in-law; Bobby Henneycy's mother-in-law, Shirley Spencer; Pat Davis' nephew, David Giles; Barbara Webster, mother of Shanna Morales; Faith Shaw, friend of Jenna Plaisted; Rosemary Young; Chris Picha; Lynda Adair, daughter of Janey Disher; Tamiah Exum, Melissa Ortigoa, and Antonio Gibson, friends of Traveonia James; John and Karen Patrick's brother-in-law, Larry Wood; Dot Kille's great-grandson, Christopher Lindler; Matt Hardy; Rev. Lee Williams; Betty Gambell's daughter, Cheryl Gambell; Rob Molazo; Patrick Smith, brother of Rosemary Gloege; Milly Ash's sister-in-law, Shirley Ash; and Betty Reynolds' son-in-law Babak Emadi.

Condolences to the families of Bill Niven on his death on August 8th; and Leslie Southerland who passed on August 14th.

Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally: Bernice Ledford, Anne Friese, Frank and Shirley Clontz, and Nell Slade.

Praise Report. Welcome Maddox Christopher Capps, son of Allison and Jason Capps, grandson of Peggy and Ricky Netherton, and great grandson of Bee Jones.

THANK YOU.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, flowers, food, and support at Bill's passing.

With God's help and your prayers and support we will make it through each new day.

The family of Bill Scroggs

2019 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

September 1 Penny Bryant
September 8 Penny Bryant
September 15 Penny Bryant
September 22 Penny Bryant
September 29 Penny Bryant

Recycle Pickup

September Randy and Lura Stokes

Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

September John Patrick

Usher Schedule

September Team Leader George White
 Cember Carella
 Larry Carella
 Larry Collins
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SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON

Please send your Chatter/Bulletin information, inserts, etc. to: churchchatter@standrewsumc.com