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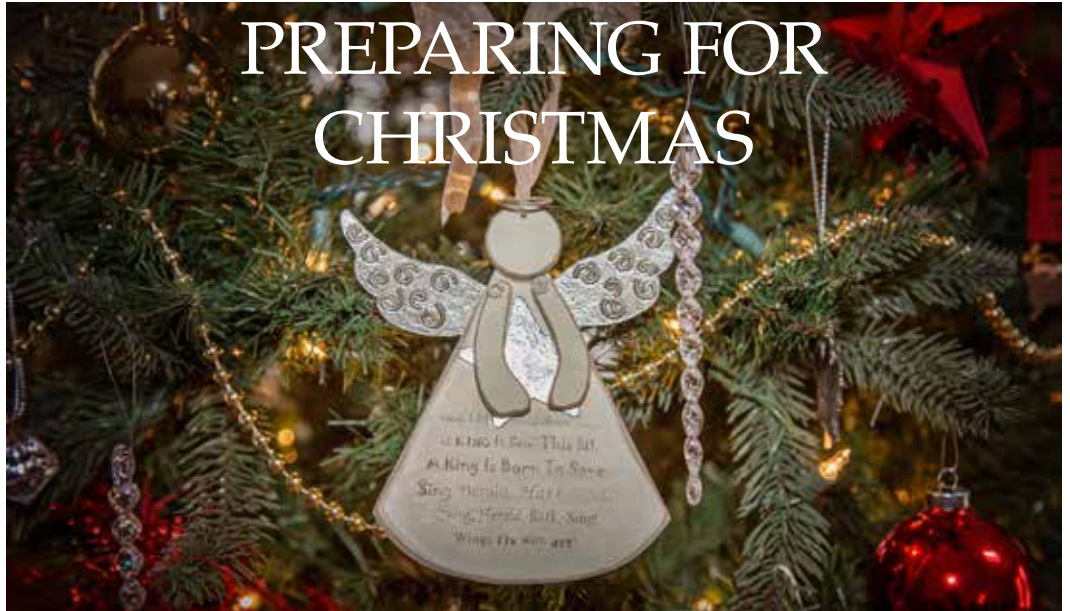
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**Follow Jesus.
Make
Disciples.
Tranform
the World.**

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



**ADVENT: ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU!
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 4:00 P.M.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting, Church Parking Lot

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 4:00 P.M.

"Sing Joy to All the World" by Lloyd Larson
Christmas Cantata, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 9:30 A.M.

Preschool Christmas Program in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 p.m., Las Posadas - Christmas Eve Worship Service, Family Life Center #23

7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, Sanctuary

Want to know more about any of these events? Contact the church office at 704-553-1327 or churchoffice@standrewsumc.com for more information.

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CHURCH NEWS



ANGEL TREE. Please check the bulletin board outside of the church office to pick up an angel from the Angel Tree. We will have 20 names from Montclair Elementary School and 10 names from ARC of Mecklenburg. These gifts will be due back at the church December 3rd. More instructions will be on the bulletin board.



Our 14th season of Room In the Inn (Ministry for the Homeless) begins December 7th. The sign-up board is available in the FLC and in the Narthex. We have been very blessed that the Lord has brought this ministry to St. Andrew's for all of these years. There are many ways you can volunteer; and will find yourself blessed to have done so. Please review the sign-up board for details as to the different areas where help is needed.

We assemble toiletry bags to leave on each Neighbor's cot with donations of the following items currently needed: *Small (travel size) deodorants, one-gallon zip-lock bags, tooth paste, and tooth brushes.*

Hebrews 13:2 says:

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Your prayerful consideration to serve in this ministry is greatly appreciated.



THE SUSANNA CIRCLE wants to thank all of you that participated in our recent coat drive. Because of your generosity, we received and were able to donate 45 coats to Montclair Elementary. Some items were too small for the students at Montclair, and they were donated to another coat drive that serves our surrounding community, so our reach in this effort was widespread.

Thank you, Gail Lewyn

STUDIES AVAILABLE AT ST. ANDREW'S UMC

THE LEGACY JOURNEY.

St. Andrew's UMC is exploring offering a Legacy Journey class starting in January 2018. *The Legacy Journey* by Dave Ramsey is a seven-week, biblically-based class that teaches you how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, purposeful living, safeguarding your legacy, and discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. Please let Kevin Ward know if you are interested in this class, so we can gauge interest! You may contact him at kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-650-9725.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is a wonderful class designed to help you get a hold of your finances, using a biblically-based model. Dave Ramsey's FPU class has had a profound impact on millions of people, including many St. Andrew's UMC members. We will be offering a class starting in January of 2018. Please see Kevin Ward if you are interested in taking this class or learning more about the class at kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-650-9725.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING.

See you January 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons Room #1 for a joint childrens' council and VBS planning meeting. We would love for you to come and help us plan our VBS program for the summer of 2018. At this meeting, we will choose a program and begin making plans for a great summer event. Please join us!



K.I.C.K (Kids Into Christ's Kingdom)

Join us in the new year for K.I.C.K. (Kids in Christs Kingdom) beginning on January 10th. We meet each Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. beginning with music and then 6:45 p.m. for program time. We would love to have your kids come and join us for a great time of fellowship and spiritual development.



SUNDAY SCHOOL. Need a great volunteer opportunity?

We are seeking two persons to help teach the preschool class two Sundays a month. If you are able to help, please contact Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327, ext 103, or Pat Wolfe at 704-525-6408.

YOUTH NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements below, please contact Kevin Ward Director of Family Ministries kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-553-1327,ext. 105.



YOUTH MCADENVILLE TRIP. Sunday, December 17th, we will do our Annual Trip to McAdenville, NC. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and then carpool to McAdenville. We will stop on the way to grab dinner together, and then park and walk McAdenville to see the lights! Friends are welcome! Please contact Kevin for more information!

YOUTH KICK-OFF MEAL. Sunday, January 7th, will be our kick off meal and informational meeting for the spring semester. The time is to be determined, but we will have our normal covered-dish meal.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP. Mark your calendars, the youth mission trip will be back in Hendersonville, NC. June 17th-23rd. This trip is open to all current 6th-12th grade youth.

BULLETIN BOARD



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS. The Mission Committee is providing our church members the opportunity to give a gift of service this Christmas. Alternative Christmas cards are given to honor or in memory of someone special. Donations support an organization within the church or the community. Cards are now available in the Narthex.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLES

SUSANNA CIRCLE Sunday, December 3rd, at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, December 12th, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Plantation Estates. Hosted by Shirley Tripp and Linda Collins. For more information, contact Shirley Tripp at 980-339-7691 or Carole Greene at 704-554-0977.


RUTH CIRCLE MEETING Tuesday, December 12th, luncheon in the Fellowship Hall #2 at 11:00 a.m.



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. A collection bin is located in the Narthex.

SENIOR ADULTS PROGRAM

HARVESTERS. Harvesters' will meet on December 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1 with lunch in the Family Life Center #23. See you on there.



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SUSANNA
CIRCLE will be
hosting a Gift
Wrap Fundraiser
to benefit Bright
Blessings.

Let the Susanna Circle do your gift wrapping for you.

Bring your Christmas presents to Classroom #20 (on the Emerywood wing) on December 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Your gifts will be wrapped while you are in worship and ready for pick-up afterwards. Suggested pricing ranges from \$1.00 to \$10.00, based on size.

CHURCH NEWS



PRAYER TEAM.

St. Andrew's UMC has a team who pray for the staff and ministries of the church. They sign up to pray on the same date each month and an email reminder is sent to them. Over the course of the year, all staff members and ministries will be covered in prayer. Would you like to be a part of this prayer ministry? Contact Lisa Pool at tepool@comporium.net to sign up.



ST. ANDREW'S UMC ROCKS ON FACEBOOK!

Join the group and spread God's love by putting smiles on the faces of others. The idea is to paint rocks and hide them in various locations to brighten someone's day. Go on Facebook, and request to join the group, then read the instructions. We'd love to have YOU paint a rock! Rocks are available in the Narthex. Any questions, email Amanda at preschool@standrewsumc.com.



HISPANIC/LATINO FAMILIES

If you know any Hispanic/Latino families please, refer them to Pastor David Ortigoza. Let's reach out to these families and make disciples for Jesus Christ together. Keep them in your prayers and invite them to be part of our St. Andrew's family. David can be reached at dortigoza@wnccumc.net or 704-553-1327.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Carol Hudgins | 13 Libby Patton | 28 Jane Battin |
| 1 Glenda Lawson-Treadway | 15 Susan Saunders | 28 Carol Kingsmore |
| 3 Robin Rea | 17 Scot Hughes | 29 Teresa Taber |
| 3 Chris Horoschak | 18 Doris Campbell | 29 Alex Kendall |
| 4 Gilly Shepherd | 19 Martha Ann Harris | 30 Cember Carella |
| 4 Corey Joines | 19 Russ Thorne | 30 Herb Johnson |
| 4 Yamilet Villatoro | 19 Brenda Turbyfill | 31 Ann Whichard |
| 5 James Pendleton | 20 Joan Hileman | 31 Susan Maxson |
| 5 David Patton | 21 Larry Carella | |
| 6 Glenda Patton | 21 Christopher Maher | |
| 6 Jim Harris | 22 Suzette Grist | |
| 7 Dianne Kindlick | 22 Evelyn Farrar | |
| 7 Jonathan Marshall | 22 Si Davis | |
| 7 Tammy Tokarz | 25 Miguel Pivaral | |
| 9 Nicole Campbell | 26 Kim Pridgeon | |
| 9 Jacob Davis | 27 Christine Jelley | |
| 11 Ginny Grisdale | 27 Chris Brown, Jr. | |
| 11 Gail Thorne | 27 Michael Doriani | |
| 11 Cassidy Wolf | 27 Jacob Plaisted | |
| 12 Richard Council | 28 Chris Colvin | |



STAYING IN TOUCH

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

For our members: Ginny Grisdale, Jimmy McLauren, Vivian Thornton, Tom Aucoin, Bee Jones, Carol Hudgins, Phyllis Cole, Jonathan Bickett, Bill Scroggs, Jay Kizer, Mary Morris, Betty Reynolds, Sam Brown, Caroline Crabtree, and Bob Neely.

Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally: Anne Friese, Bill and Geralyn Ferrell (cell phone: 704-307-6833), Bonnie White, Edna Senger, Ruth Drum, Mabel Chapman, Frank and Shirley Clontz, and Nell Slade.

Pray for our friends and relatives: George White's mother, Margaret White; Patrick Smith, brother of Rosemary Gloege; Bee Jones' daughters, Peggy Netherton, and Laura Arndt; Milly Ash's cousins, Jean and Alan Rose; Sue Bullock's son, Phil Edwards; Leslie Southerland; and Betty Reynolds' son-in-law Babak Emadi.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin and Amy Ward on the birth of their son, James Compton Ward who was born on October 27th. Anna Ward is now a big sister.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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704-844-9864

2017 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

December 3rd Liz Snyder
December 10th Penny Bryant
December 17th Penny Bryant
December 24th Penny Bryant
December 31st Penny Bryant

Recycle Pickup

December Jim and Pam Warren

Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

December Jim Warren

Usher Schedule

December Team Leader Bill Robinson
C J Ash
Donald Owens
Carl Wissinger
Jean Hunter
Mark Collard



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NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE - DECEMBER 14TH AT NOON
SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON
Please send your Chatter/Bulletin information, inserts, etc. to: churchchatter@standrewsumc.com