

December 2016



**St. Andrew's  
United Methodist Church**  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
<http://www.standrewsumc.com>

# THE CHATTER



## **ADVENT: ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!**

### **BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

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

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 4:00 P.M.**

Christmas Cantata, Sanctuary

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 6:00 P.M.**

Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 4:00 P.M.**

Children's Ministry Christmas Program, Sanctuary

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 9:30 A.M.**

Preschool Christmas Program in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

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

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 10:30 A.M.**

Moravian Love Feast Service, Family Life Center #23

**Want to know more about any of these events? Contact the church office at 704-553-1327  
or [churchoffice@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@standrewsumc.com) for more information.**

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



As we move into the final two months of the year, the Finance Committee finds it necessary to bring you an update on the financial condition of the church. In the words of a Finance Committee member, we find ourselves in a situation that needs immediate attention. Let me explain. At present, St. Andrew's is experiencing a cash-flow problem caused by a couple of reasons: a shortage in giving; as usually happens during the summer months, the church experiences a lag in giving, but then giving returns to normal during the fall. However, that has not occurred this year. In fact, our giving during September and October has been the lowest of the year. There are quite a few families who are behind in their pledges. Secondly, expenses incurred due to an aging building and HVAC problems have pushed our budget to the limit and beyond. The Finance Committee has been looking at ways to reduce the annual budget. Ministry and program needs are already at a minimum, and the maintenance needs of the church will continue to increase. Utility bills will also need to be paid. If we continue in our present trajectory, the only expenses we will be able to cut in 2017 will be in the area of staff and we surely don't want to do that unless it is absolutely necessary. We appreciate the fact that many of you are giving sacrificially. It is our prayer that those who are behind in their giving will attempt to bring their giving up-to-date and that others will be able to help us meet our need as has been done so often in the past. Thank you.

## 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 will be available in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 27.

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## 2016 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST MEN

**Friday, November 25**  
**3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 26**  
**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 2, 9, and 16**  
**3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 3, 10, and 17**  
**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

You can purchase a tree through the church office from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

Prices:

6' - 7' = \$40.00 pre-ordered OR \$45.00 from the lot.  
7' - 8' = \$50.00 pre-ordered OR \$55.00 from the lot.  
9' - 10' = \$65.00 pre-ordered OR \$70.00 from the lot.

Delivery is available for a \$5.00 donation.

Discounts will apply if pre-ordered.

For more Information, contact the Church Office at 704-553-1327.

**UMW 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 the Commons Room #1 on December 10th and 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Suggested pricing ranges from \$1.00 to \$10.00, based on size. While you are waiting, you may enjoy refreshments provided by the Ruth Circle.

Would you like to help with the gift wrapping fundraiser? Susanna Circle will gratefully accept any donations of gift wrap, boxes, ribbon, tape, tissue paper, etc. A collection box is located in the Narthex. If you love to wrap and would like to join the fun, you are welcome!

# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join us this year for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting here at St. Andrew's on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. on the church grounds! We will be making plans for the Children's Ministry departments involvement over the next couple of weeks for this event. If you would like to help in the planning or come and assist with our activities, please contact Sherry Jackson at [ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com) or Pat Kendall at [cartwheelqueen55@yahoo.com](mailto:cartwheelqueen55@yahoo.com) know! We would love to have you share your ideas!



## DECEMBER 25TH



### No Sunday School on December 25th

There will be no Children's Sunday School on Sunday, December 25th. We encourage families to spend some time together and remember just why we are celebrating on this day. Please come join us that Sunday morning as we celebrate in a Moravian Love Feast at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

## CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### The 2016 Christmas Pageant



**Sunday, December 18th  
at 4:00 in our Sanctuary.**

This is a great time to slow down to remember the real reason we celebrate at Christmas. Please come and join us and enjoy the children and youth of St. Andrew's UMW as they share the story of the birth of Jesus.



Do you like a good treasure hunt? We are planning an Epiphany Treasure Hunt for January 4th with the children. This will be done during the regular K.I.C.K meeting on Wednesday evening. Come join us as we use clues to figure out where we need to travel and where the journey takes us. We would love to have several adults come and help be a part of our Treasure Stops. Please see Sherry Jackson to inquire to help serve or have you child participate.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements on this page, please contact Sherry Jackson at [ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com) or 704-553-1327, Ext 103.



## STAYING IN TOUCH

### **PRAYERS FOR...**

**For our members:** Sam Brown, Shawn Penny, P. K. Lackey, Bee Jones, Gladys Ott, Betty Reynolds, Ed Cole, Caroline Crabtree, Tony Jelley, Trula Booth, Charles Cassady, Anne Lisk, Juli Treadway-Lawson, Bob Neely, and Inez Weston.

**Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally:** Edna Senger, Ruth Drum, Mabel Chapman, Frank and Shirley Clontz, Juanita Bailey, Anne Friese, Nell Slade, and Evelyn Saunders.

**Pray for our friends and relatives:** Ralph Ward, father of Kevin Ward and Amy Ward's mother Shirley Whitaker; Emily Pierce; Trenton Miller; Edna Senger's daughter, Joyce Carpenter and family and Edna's great-grand-daughter, Madison Bovina; Trinity Lewis, sister of Betty Reynold's caregiver, Monica Lewis; Kenneth and Evelyn Farrar's son, Greg; Jim McGee, Jesyah Mungo, daughter of Debra Truesdale; Janey Disher's daughter, Lynda Adair; Glenda Patton's brother Jim Bolick; Barbara Loveland, mother of Jennifer Catha; Rosemary Gloege's sister, Jane; Reverend Bob Ralls, former pastor of St. Andrew's UMC; Emily Martin Stevenson's father, Don Martin; and Chase Harns.

### **WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER**

Please welcome to our church family Richard Zeller who joined St. Andrew's UMC on Sunday, November 13th.

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Anne Friese  
10035 Tealridge Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28277-2333  
704-906-9394

### **THANK YOU**

The Susanna Circle wants to give a huge shout-out to all of you for helping with our first annual coat drive. We collected over 50 coats! We donated all of the coats to Montclair Elementary. Thank you for helping us make this a success by keeping those little ones warm this winter. Remember the coat drive as you clean your closets and do your shopping. We plan to make this a yearly tradition.

**CHATTER UPDATE.** Due to financial issues we will no longer print the Chatter for bulk mailing. The Chatter will continue to be available at [www.standrewsumc.com](http://www.standrewsumc.com). A small number of black and white copies may be found on one of the tables in the Narthex. For those who do not have computer access and are not able to pick up a printed copy from the Narthex, please call the church office for assistance. Thank you for your understanding.

**MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING** December 13th off site in the Village of Troon Clubhouse located off of Ballantyne Trace at 12:00 p.m. For directions please contact Jean Hunter at 704-562-9492 or Carol Green at 704-554-0977.

**HARVESTERS.** Join us on Thursday, December 1st, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room.

**SUSANNA CIRCLE MEETING** December 4th at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

**RUTH CIRCLE MEETING** December 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall #2 for our covered dish luncheon.

**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.



### **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](mailto:dortigoza@wnccumc.net) or 704-553-1327.



Thank you for your donations of 94 pounds to Loaves and Fishes. Because of the support of this community, our emergency food pantries have never had to turn away a client. Last year, Loaves and Fishes fed 71,000 people in the Charlotte Mecklenburg area. Thank you for your support at the St. Giles Presbyterian Church Pantry. A special thank you to the Ruth Circle for the financial donation.



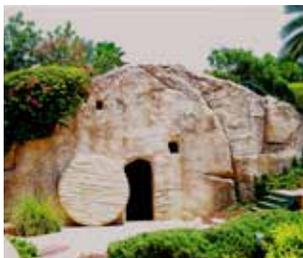
Our 13th season of Room In the Inn (Ministry for the Homeless) begins December 1st. The sign-up board is available in the FLC for the early service and in the Narthex for the 11:15 a.m. service. We have been very blessed that the Lord has brought this ministry to St. Andrew's for all of these years. 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.



**ANGEL TREE.** Once again, here at St. Andrew's UMC, we will be doing an angel tree to help others have the same Christmas experience and joy that we have on Christmas morning. We have 20 names of students from Montclair Elementary School and 10 names of folks affiliated with ARC of Mecklenburg. If you would like to buy gifts for one of these angels, please see the bulletin board outside of the church office! These gifts will need to be back on December 7th.



**VISIT THE HOLY LAND**

**GARY ROYALS TO LEAD NOVEMBER 2017 HOLY LAND TRIP.** Gary is planning to lead a November 2017 Holy Land trip that will be customized to include the most interesting sites and to make it a truly meaningful experience. For information about this trip, please contact Gary at [groyals@wnccumc.net](mailto:groyals@wnccumc.net).

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

## 2016 Schedule

### Family Life Center Service Coffee

**December 4th** Liz Snyder  
**December 11th** Penny Bryant  
**December 18th** Penny Bryant  
**December 25th** Liz Snyder

### Recycle Pickup

**December 1st-31st**  
Jim and Pam Warren

### Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up December

Bobby Corless

### Usher Schedule

**December Team Leader** Bill Robinson  
C J Ash  
Charles Cassidy  
Donald Owens  
Del Smith  
Carl Wissinger

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### **NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE**

December 8th at noon

### **SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Every Tuesday at Noon

Send your Chatter/Bulletin information,  
inserts, etc. to:

[churchchatter@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchchatter@standrewsumc.com)



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