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The CHATTER

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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FREEDOM SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone who has helped make the 2018 Freedom School Program at Montclair Elementary another success!!!

You might be interested to know that for 2018 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. A scholar who attends 3 years of Freedom School is practically guaranteed to graduate from high school.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Freedom School: Pastor Dan Hester and Pastor David Ortigoza for being Harambee readers again this year; DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) volunteers who came to listen to the scholars read : Nancy Holtkamp, Jean Hunter, Debbie Marshall, Shirley Tripp, Paula Wolfe, Larry and Cember Carella, and Carole Greene's granddaughter, Allison Kelker; Ron Melvin for donating snacks for the scholars; David Drum for teaching the kids on two separate occasions how to play the drums; Gina and Madison Collard, Vicki Robinson, and Katie Patton for teaching fun cooking classes for the kids; Kevin Ward for all of his support and for chaperoning groups of scholars in the Family Life Center for various activities; Patti Huss and Vicki Lawson for preparing the announcements for the weekly bulletins and the Thursday Happenings sent out in e-mail, and to Patti Huss for preparing the 2018 Freedom School posters, 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



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Disciples.
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CHURCH NEWS



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 The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and Charlotte Community School of the Arts “Project Harmony” classes will begin on September 18th and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. Snack/Homework time will be from 2:30-4:00 p.m. and we need 3-4 VOLUNTEERS each day to help with this. Please contact Phyllis Lazenby at 704-756-3139 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 2018-2019 school year. ALSO, we need snack donations for 50 children each day of the program. 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. Please no candy or Rice Crispy treats this year. 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!



A LEARNING ADVENTURE/ AVENTURA PARA APRENDER

Our program is designed for children from 18 months to 4 years of age, and for their parents. We provide classes/activities for children (crafts, reading, Bible stories, drama, music and cross-cultural assimilation, among others). For parents, we promote English language learning, prenatal classes, marriage counseling, mental health care, and ways to provide nutritional meals. During the events we provide a healthy breakfast or lunch each Wednesday that we meet.

Nuestro programa está diseñado para niños de 18 meses a 4 años de edad y para sus padres. Proveemos clases/actividades para los niños (manualidades, lectura, historias bíblicas, teatro, música y asimilación cross-cultural, entre otros). Para los padres promovemos el aprendizaje del idioma inglés, clases prenatales, consejería matrimonial, como cuidar de la salud mental y como alimentarse nutricionalmente bien. Durante los eventos servimos comida saludable ya sea en el desayuno o en el almuerzo, todos los Miércoles cuando nos reunimos.



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.

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 on the river experiencing the ride of a lifetime with God! Thank you to everyone who helps to make this a great time for the kids!



BIBLES FOR RISING THIRD GRADERS

We will be presenting Bibles to the rising third graders on Sunday, September 9th. If you have a child that will be going into the third grade this fall, please let Sherry Jackson know by August 26th.

*Put these words of mine in your heart and soul...
Teach them to your children...*

Deuteronomy 10:18-19 NRSV



CHILDREN'S COUNCIL MEETING

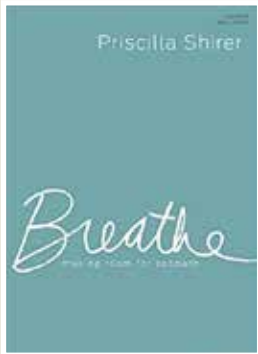
Please mark your calendars and come help us with some upcoming plans!
Sunday, September 16th, at 5:00 p.m.
in the Commons Room (1).



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 year long! Please contact Sherry Jackson if you would like more information about our Sunday morning connections time.

BULLETIN BOARD



BIBLE STUDY. Join us on Wednesday, September 12th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons Room (#1) as we begin the Bible study "Breathe Making Room For Sabbath" by Priscilla Shirer. This is open to anyone who would love to participate in this 6-week course on Wednesday mornings. For more information, please email Karen Dennison at kdennison5749@yahoo.com.



MISSION COMMITTEE SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION. AUGUST 20TH –SEPTEMBER 2ND.

Please help us furnish school supplies for Montclair Elementary School. School supplies may be dropped off in designated boxes in the Narthex and Family Life Center. Please call Pat Smathers at 803-493-6408 if you have any questions. Needed items are as follows:

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| Paper | Pencils | Composition books | Copy paper |
| Color pencils | Crayons | Construction paper | Glue sticks |
| White glue | Rulers | | |

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE

SUSANNA CIRCLE Sunday, September 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. in Room #18.

MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, September 4th, at noon in the Commons Room #1.

RUTH CIRCLE MEETING Tuesday, September 11th, 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.



SENIOR ADULTS PROGRAM



HARVESTERS will meet on Thursday, September 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons Room #1 with lunch to follow in the Family Life Center #23. We will be entertained by musician Jeff Whittington. Please remember to bring in donations of non-parishable food/canned goods for Loaves and Fishes. We look forward to seeing you.



PRESSURE WASHER NEEDED. The picnic tables on the playground need to be washed each May and September of the year. If you have a pressure washer and would like to offer your service twice a year, please call with Amanda Newhouse or Gina Collard in the Preschool Office (#6) located on the Archdale wing or call 704-553-7896.

BULLETIN BOARD



MARY LOU OWENS AWARD

Once again, we are collecting nominations for the person you feel has served the community and ministered to the needs of others. The United Methodist Women offer this award once a year in loving memory of our member Mary Lou Owens. All nominations are due by Sunday, October 28th. Nomination forms can be found in the Narthex and Family Life Center. The photo to the left is of the Sanctuary decorated for Advent. This was the last service Mary Lou performed for St. Andrew's before she passed away.



BIRTHDAYS



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





STAYING IN TOUCH

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

For our members: Doug Dennison, Dan Jones, Kevin Ward, Jack Muntz, Christine Jelley, Traveonia James, Phyllis Cole, Scott Poteat, Pat Smathers, Del Smith, Peter Gamwell, Ginny Grisdale, Tom Aucoin, Bee Jones, Carol Hudgins, Jonathan Bickett, Jay Kizer, Mary Morris, and Caroline Crabtree.

Condolences to Jean Wissinger and family on the death of her husband, Carl Wissinger, on Thursday, July 26th; to Freida Scroggs on the death of her cousin Tangy Owens; and the family of Pat Phifer upon her death.

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

Pray for our friends and relatives: Sarah Cope, niece of Phyllis Lazenby; Tamiah Exum, friend 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, Bee Jones's daughter-in-law's brother; Betty Gambell's daughter, Cheryl Gambell; Ruth Wissinger, sister of Carl Wissinger; Wanda Joines, mother-in-law of Sara Bame Joines; Tangy Owens, cousin of Freida Scroggs; Mattie Thomas, sister of Jean Wissinger; Rob Molazo, St. Andrew's neighbor; Patrick Smith, brother of Rosemary Gloege; Bee Jones' daughter, 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.

Praise for Caitlin Patton and Will Stanley's marriage on August 11th.

2018 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

September 2	Liz Snyder
September 9	Penny Bryant
September 16	Penny Bryant
September 23	Penny Bryant
September 30	Penny Bryant

Recycle Pickup

September Randy and Lura Stokes

Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

September Allen Jackson

Usher Schedule

September Team Leader	Fred Boger
	Cember Carella
	Larry Carella
	Larry Collins
	Linda Collins
	George White



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NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 13TH AT NOON

SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON

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