



**WORSHIP UPDATES**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>,**  
 we come once again to **Palm Sunday** and we are invited to consider how we might as one in the crowd that welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem.

Holy Week follows with a special service of Communion and Foot Washing on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. And on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a sunrise service in the Columbarium at 7:00 a.m. (check the weather, and dress accordingly). Our second service of Easter will be at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a time of fellowship (it's a Bunny Dunch) at 9:15 a.m. **(Please bring your favorite brunch finger food to share). We will also have the flower cross available to decorate.**

**So, we'll see you this Sunday. We begin with Intercessory Prayer at 9:15 a.m., followed by Worship and Small Groups. There is no youth this Sunday due to CMS Spring Break.**



**Easter Celebration**  
**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
**in the Family Life Center and church grounds.**

Join Learning Help Centers of Charlotte (LHCC) and St. Andrew's UMC for Easter fellowship and fun! There will be snacks, crafts, games, and an Easter message! **WANT TO HELP!** We are collecting donations of fillable eggs, candy, and prizes. **Please drop donations off in the green bin in the Narthex by Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.** To volunteer, call the church office at 704-553-1327, ext. 100.



**PICKLEBALL**  
**Wednesdays: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

Join us for loads of fun. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a friend. Please use the Emerywood Dr. entrance.

**PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP.**  
*(You do not have to be enrolled in our regular program to attend.)*

**Camp dates are:**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (Summer Fun)**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (Bug Camp),**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> (Jungle Camp).**

**Cost is \$150 per camper per week.** Contact the preschool office at 704-553-7896 for more information or find the registration form online at: [www.standrewsumcpreschool.com](http://www.standrewsumcpreschool.com).

*Dahlia Grove*  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**  
**Dahlia Grove Golf Tournament**  
**Tuesday, May 6th**

**Olde Sycamore Golf Community**  
**7500 Olde Sycamore Dr.**  
**Charlotte, NC**

**Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Shot gun start at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Captain's Choice**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**  
 Raffle tickets and Mulligans will be available for purchase.

**AWARDS CEREMONY.**  
 Immediately following with refreshments and cash bar.  
 For more information, call Michael Verano, 704-562-5127

or Scan the QR code for more event information and learn how you can support our mission!



**89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**  
 Please shower **Evelyn Grain** (Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>) with cards on her special day. Cards may be sent to:  
**Evelyn Grain**  
 2400 Hatherly Road  
 Charlotte, NC 28209-3453



- 15 C.J. Ash
- 17 Evelyn Grain
- 17 Tammy Thompson
- 19 Rob Moore



**Consider supporting the jail ministry** by donating used Upper Rooms, other devotional books, Sunday school/Bible study books, and etc. Please drop-off reading materials in the green box located in the Narthex entry hall below the Upper Room book rack. Please continue to support this outreach and know your kindness is appreciated by the jail chaplains. Thank you.



**SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!**  
 Send a picture and information to Patti Huss at: [churchchatter@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchchatter@standrewsumc.com) and we'll celebrate with you!

**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Thursday, April 3rd, Harvesters Easter Bonnet Contest. Christine Jelley was (sitted lower right corner) was the bonnet winner.



Patti Huss celebrated her 19<sup>th</sup> Workaversary at St. Andrew's UMC on Wednesday, April 3rd. Congratulations.



**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 13, 2025**  
 9:15 a.m.  
 Intercessory Prayer Service #30  
 10:00 a.m.  
 "Coats on the Road" in the Sanctuary  
*Luke 19:28, 36-40*  
 11:11 a.m.  
 Small Group Gatherings.  
 NO YOUTH gathering due to CMS Spring break.

**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday-Thursday  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Closed on Friday.

**APRIL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS**  
**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
 2:00 p.m. Trustees in room #17 and Online.  
 3:00 p.m. SPRC (Online only).  
 4:30 p.m. Finance (Online only).



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**Join us during this season of Lent.**

- **PALM SUNDAY** service, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- **HOLY/MAUNDY THURSDAY** service with communion and footwashing on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- **EASTER SUNDAY – April 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise gathering**, in the columbarium at 7:00 a.m. Folks are invited to bring their favorite finger brunch or breakfast fare for fellowship time.  
**Easter worship celebration** at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.





# weekly Chatter ...continued

## WOMEN'S RETREAT UPDATE.



From Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, seventeen (17) women from SAUMC traveled to Ocean Isle Beach for a weekend of rest, renewal, study, and worship. It was a beautiful weekend and plans are already underway for a day apart in the fall and another weekend retreat in Spring 2026. The theme of the weekend was “**What’s In a Name**” drawing upon **Isaiah 43:1** in which we are told that God has named and claimed us. And we spent time with four unnamed women from scripture, the

widow at Zarephath, the woman bent double, the Canaanite woman and the woman at the well (WoW). Though their names are unknown to us, they were known by God, claimed, and redeemed. Their stories invited us to claim their faith, hope, trust, perspective, courage, and freedom. And in so doing, that we might be WoW women, offering witness to the life changing love of God.

If you didn’t get to go this time, please consider this an invitation to next time. If you’d like to learn more, reach out to those who attended. The time together was truly a gift, and if you wonder its impact, here are some of the reflections from those who attended on gifts they received.

The Women’s Retreat was wonderful... a time to disconnect from daily life and refresh with reminders of faith, grace, and courage of strong women in the Bible and in our midst!

I loved all our stories of the “unnamed women”. Not knowing their names made it easier to put ourselves in their circumstances. Would I have given Jesus water at the well? Or gone forward in the temple when he called to me? Or seen myself as a sinful outcast? I know that He sees me and who I am, and loves me in spite of myself.

While packing my things, I had no idea of the spiritual journey I was about to go on. My sisters in Christ and I were transported back in time to meet and identify with 4 women in the Bible who had no name. Their stories were powerful. Jesus knew their name, their needs and everything about them. I was renewed with the peace that He also knows my name , my concerns and listens to my every prayer. Most of all he loves me and I need to share this love to others with the joy that the women at the well did.

I did not have “one” God moment but an overwhelming feeling of Peace over the whole weekend. I think I saw a piece of “myself” in each of these women. I am grateful for them, as it brings me hope that Jesus sees, loves, heals and forgives. Breathing in the air of the ocean when we first arrived and the presence of my sisters beside me, that is God beginning his work in me again, and it continues today.

On Sunday morning as I watched the waves rolling in, saw women walking on the beach, and felt Bible stories come to life. I had an overwhelming sense of contentment that God sees me and that I was exactly where I was supposed to be. I loved that although we are all at different ages and stages in life, we are connected through Christ and care deeply for one another.

~Pastor Sherri Barnes

