



# Weekly CHATTER

AUGUST 23, 2020



## FROM THE PASTOR

**Friends,**

I wanted to share our upcoming plans for worship gatherings throughout the fall. And I want to begin by thanking the members of the Re-Launch team, our staff, and lay leadership their continued leadership, guidance, and support.

### August 2020

This Sunday, August 23rd, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. online only. Our next in-person outdoor gathering (weather permitting) will be on Sunday, August 30th, when we will once again meet under the oaks and conclude our summer study of Matthew 10. Our focus verse for the day will be Matthew 10:40-42.

### September 2020

Sunday, **September 6th** (Labor Day Sunday) will be split between those heading to Camp Tekoa and those remaining, online. In September, we have two in-person gatherings planned.

**September 13th** will be a worship tailgate (more information to follow) and on **September 27th** we hope to be meeting in the building.

September 20th will be online only. **As we look to October and November**, we are looking at twice monthly in-person gatherings with the remaining Sundays online. We are planning special celebrations of World Communion Sunday and All Saints Sunday. We are also beginning to look towards Advent and Christmas although no decisions have yet been made.

Online options for Cross Cultural Ministries and small groups such as Sunday School and Bible Study will continue. Online worship will also continue every Sunday even when we meet in-person. As the state of North Carolina moves through phases, we may need to adjust. As always, we are taking into consideration best practices and guidance from health, church, and governmental leaders. Watch the Chatter, website, and Facebook page for updates. Questions or concerns, please reach out to me, your lay leaders and/or other key laity. Thanks for your continued patience and care of each other. How grateful I am that we continue to be church together, no matter where we find ourselves.

*Pastor Sherri*

## DEAR ST. ANDREW'S UMC CONGREGATION:

Earlier this year, a letter was sent out detailing the steps the church and the staff have taken due to the pandemic. One of the concerns stated in the letter was the financial health of the church. As remote services became the "new normal", the concern was our finances would slow down to a trickle. Your response to that letter was overwhelming and helped us weather the usual slowdown in giving during the summer. As we begin to enter the Fall season, however donations have begun to slip. Even though we are still largely worshipping from afar, the expenses of the programs at the church are still happening in part and the bills are still coming.

I would respectfully ask if you are able to assist St. Andrew's financially please do so we can continue God's calling. As God has first priority in our hearts, so shall he receive first priority with our good fortune. In closing, I will continue to monitor the financial situation of the church and will provide you with frequent updates. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions and/or concerns at ddenison1217@gmail.com.

In Christ,

Doug Dennison  
Finance Chair

**THE BEST OF MUSIC NOTES.** Wednesday Night Music Notes has returned! On August 26th, join Jimmy New for a fun sing-along with guitar! You can join us directly on the St. Andrew's UMC Facebook page. Tune in and sing along! And stay tuned for new Music Notes programs in September!



**THIRD GRADE BIBLES.** Do you have a child entering into the Third Grade this year? We are presently collecting names for our Third Grade Bible presentation. Please email Sherry Jackson with the name of your child at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com so they may be included.



- 23 Libbie Johnson
- 25 Vicki Grooms
- 26 Charlene Simpson
- 27 Jason Buzzard
- 29 Henry Bryant
- 30 Mark Francis
- 30 Bobby Sherrill
- 31 Ruth Adams
- 31 Brenda LaBorde

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

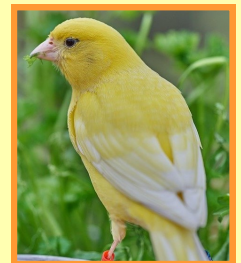
**August 30th**  
In-person Outdoor (weather permitting) and Online.

**September 6th**  
**Tekoa Weekend**  
Online for those not at Tekoa.

**September 13th**  
In-person Outdoor  
Tailgate worship and Online.

**September 20th**  
Online Only.

**September 27th**  
In-person Indoor (In Phase 3) and Online.



**Matthew 10:29-31**  
"What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head!"



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**Thursday, August 27th**  
**CITY BARBEQUE MATTHEWS**  
**1514 Galleria Blvd.**

**For more information about this event go to <http://www.standrewsumc.com/dahlia-grove.html>**