



# Weekly CHATTER

## CHRISTMAS EVE EDITION

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY.

### CHURCH NEWS

**CHRISTMAS EVE** we will be in our Sanctuary for two in-person services at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. as well as online at 7:00 p.m. via Facebook Live or ZOOM. Reservations are required for the in-person services. **Save your place by RSVP at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090948abab2ca02-standrews>

**Sign-ups are limited to 60 congregants and 15 worship leaders for each service.**

**WORSHIP UPDATE. We will be online this Sunday, December 27th, as well as Epiphany Sunday, January 3rd.** As you gather with family and friends over the holidays, include us in those gatherings and worship together. You can join via ZOOM or Facebook Live @ 10:00 a.m. on Sunday or worship on YouTube when it's convenient for you!

**December 27th** - The 1st Sunday of Christmas - Worship online at 10:00 a.m. via our Facebook page and Zoom connections. It will be a special worship service from the Western NC Conference UMC and you will also get to enjoy our pre-school Christmas program.



### JOIN JIMMY NEW FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:

Wednesday, December 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Singing, devotion, and prayer on our Facebook Live! page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsUMC.Charlotte>

**A Prayer Vigil will follow Music Notes on December 30th.** Please be a part of St. Andrew's UMC 24-hour prayer vigil (December 30th-31st) as we collectively pray in the new year! Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SAUMCprayer> for a 30-minute slot (or two) and help us pray in 2021! Questions? Please email Kevin Ward at [kjw2517@gmail.com](mailto:kjw2517@gmail.com) or Pam Bame at [pambame@gmail.com](mailto:pambame@gmail.com).

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

How has God sustained you this year? How has he blessed you this year?

We've asked members how they'd describe St. Andrew's in one word, and we've heard responses like supportive, caring, connected, family. What would you say? 2020 has certainly shown us that our church is not a building!

God has helped our staff and members find creative ways to serve our community through online worship services, drive-by birthday celebrations, take home worship & VBS kits, online Bible studies, virtual learning kits, sharing our building for afterschool care, providing safe outdoor gatherings to meet the community while supporting small businesses and partner ministries, and many other opportunities for us to be the church. In all these activities, it is God's faithfulness that has shone through. It is through His strength that we are able to serve others.

As we approach the end of the year, we hope that you have been able to see a blessing through God's sustaining faithfulness. We invite you to consider giving a year-end financial gift in response to this blessing so that St. Andrew's may continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Gifts, which can be given online at [www.standrewsumc.com](http://www.standrewsumc.com) or mailed to the church office, are needed by **December 30th** to complete processing by year-end. Thank you for helping us see the Word come alive at St. Andrew's.

In Christ, Lisa & Thomas Pool  
Stewardship Committee

### REMINDER:

**For persons coming off St. Andrew's committees and boards positions on December 30th, please turn in your assigned fobs and keys to the Church Office (Room #15) by January 4th.**

Thank you -- Vicki Lawson

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**WHAT'S COMING UP? WINTER VBS!** Please join us on January 10th as we host a Winter Vacation Bible School entitled "Knights of North Castle". We are planning to meet in person as well as online. **Donations are needed as we begin preparing for this event. We need:** Brown craft paper rolls, clear zip ties, white tulle, polyester fiberfill, aluminum foil, rectangle plastic tablecloths (purple, light blue or lime green). And if you are getting rid of your old artificial tree, we can use that too. Email Sherry Jackson at [childrensministry@standrewsumc.com](mailto:childrensministry@standrewsumc.com) for more information. You may drop your tree off at the church or make arrangements to have it picked it up. Thank you.



### YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WINTER LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES - JANUARY 10TH-14TH.

Designed for Church Leaders and is open to everyone. This year's training will be a week-long series of webinars. Jason Moore of Midnight Oil Productions will lead the keynote webinar on



Sunday, January 10th, at 2:00 p.m. to launch the series on "Telling the Old Story in a New Time." Webinars will then be offered nightly at 6:30 p.m. Other topics will include: Financial Faithfulness in Uncertain Times, The Ministry of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Evangelism During A Pandemic, Leadership During a Pandemic for Church Councils, Racial Equity and Justice, Courageous Conversations, and much more. For more information and to register go to:

<https://www.wncumc.org/newsdetail/winter-leadership-training-webinar-series-14811696>



27 Chris Brown, Jr.  
27 Michael Doriani  
27 Christine Jelley  
27 Jacob Plaisted  
28 Jane Battin  
28 Carol Kingsmore  
29 Alex Kendall, Jr.  
29 Teresa Taber  
30 Cember Carella  
30 Herb Johnson  
31 Susan Maxson  
31 Ann Whichard

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE**  
First Service - 5:30 p.m.  
In-Person, Sanctuary.  
Online - 7:00 p.m.  
Second Service 8:00 p.m.  
In-Person, Sanctuary.

**DECEMBER 27**  
Western North Carolina  
Conference United  
Methodist Church Service  
Online.

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

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHURCH HOURS:

The church office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th, and Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
Isaiah 9 (Selected verses)  
The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice.