



Weekly CHATTER



December 18, 2022

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Online.

GREETINGS CHURCH FAMILY,

As I was leaving the church on Tuesday evening, I took a breath and a moment of reflection. We had just returned from ringing bells on the front lawn of George and Jolene White to celebrate the near conclusion of her chemotherapy treatments. And I smiled at the day, for across our campus: the preschool had practiced for their end of semester Christmas program, and the preschool teachers and staff shared a time of fellowship and laughter with lunch together, Project Harmony students made a joyful noise, AA gathered for a place of sanctuary and sharing, the Mexican consulate hosted clients from across the region; and Learning Help Centers of Charlotte celebrated Christmas with their families that included the largest piñata that I have ever seen; and Park Sharon Athletics Association was right behind them as their games got underway.

Just in case you are wondering, there are many, many people who depend upon us for their ministry, outreach and good work. We are a gift to them as they are a gift to us, and to God be the glory and praise! We need your help to keep this ministry going. We want to begin 2023 in a place of financial health, and we need your help to make that happen. If you give, thank you. If you can give a little extra, thank you. If you want to give, but can't, God bless you. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference. And we will endeavor to be good stewards of them all. ~Pastor Sherri



Saturday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Free childcare provided • Free ride service available

Please contact Sara at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327, ext. 104, if you would like a ride.



Join us for the service
Las Posadas (The Inns)
Sunday, December 18th
1:00 p.m. in the
Family Life Center.

Bring family and friends.
Everyone is welcome.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR THE 4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP.

You will be discovering the colors of Christmas, singing together, playing handbells, and listening to the Christmas Story from the book of Luke. We look forward to having everyone participate in a family friendly atmosphere where wiggling and squirming are welcome! If you plan to be present and would like a speaking part, contact Sherry Jackson at

704-553-1327, ext. 103, or ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com.

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE AT 7:00 P.M. for our Traditional Communion and Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary. **We're also looking for some elves** to help with luminaries at 6:00 p.m. Please reach out to Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327, ext. 103, if you're interested in helping.

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY we will meet in-person and via ZOOM at 10:00 a.m. There will be no intercessory prayer or small group meetings either day. Our focus for Christmas will be **"What Christmas Means to Me."** Our focus for New Year's Day - **"Surely God Is in This Place."** Casual attire (pajamas even) are welcome both days. Please consider including these services in your family's holidays plans!

WEDNESDAY ADVENT MEALS. We have one final Wednesday night meal in this Advent season. Join us as the UMM prepare our meal and we gather for fellowship and reflection. Net proceeds from the ongoing love offering will support our Helping Hands Ministries. Click the link below or call the church office (704-553-1327 ext. 100) to make a reservation.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4ea5aa29abfd0-making>

CONDOLENCES. Margaretta (Maggie) Vine Patton passed from the church militant to the church triumphant on Sunday, December 11, 2022. A service is planned for Tuesday, December 20th, at 1:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. A reception in the Family Life Center will follow. Please keep her family in your prayers.



THANK YOU.

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that I received from the Susanna Circle. I placed in the window along with a Christmas cactus that I've had for many years so others can enjoy them too. Thank you so much to my church family for thinking of me. I miss you all. ~Bonnie White

What a wonderful surprise on my front porch when I returned from an appointment yesterday. The poinsettia is beautiful! Thank you for your kindness in remembering me during the Christmas season.

~Carolyn Freeman

COOKIES, COCOA, AND MORE PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.



DECEMBER Birthdays

- 18 Doris Campbell
- 19 Russ Thorne
- 20 Joan Hileman
- 21 Larry Carella
- 21 Christopher Maher
- 22 Evelyn Farrar
- 22 Suzette Grist
- 22 Si Davis III
- 23 William Little

WORSHIP SERVICE DECEMBER 18, 2022

9:15 a.m.
Community Prayer

10:00 a.m.
Worship in the Sanctuary
"Walking Each Other Home"

Luke 15:20-24

11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays.



HOLIDAY HOURS:
Office closed
December 26th-27th

The office will be open
December 28th - 29th
9:00 a.m.-Noon
daily for business and year
end financial gifts.

The office will be closed
January 2nd and resume
regular hours Tuesday,
January 3rd.

