



Weekly CHATTER

December 25, 2022**Worship Service in the
Commons Room #1 and Zoom.****GREETINGS CHURCH FAMILY,**

This week we celebrated the life of Maggie Patton, and it was truly a celebration of a life well lived. Amongst Maggie's "collections," David and Karen came across a letter dated December 1955 in which the pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Robert Crawly invited Maggie to serve as a steward of the church. The letter set forth some of the qualities needed in a "good steward:" first, to lead a life that would be a help and inspiration to others, second, to set an example in attendance and participation in the life of the church, and third, to set an example in giving to the support of the church and its ministries, specifically "in proportion to what God has given you." Friends, I trust this blast from the past will offer a gentle reminder to all of us how we might live our life of faith. And as we come to the end of the year, let us all take a moment and give thanks for what God has given to us in abundance. A special thanks to Tom, David and their families for sharing this priceless piece of Maggie's faith journey. Please continue to keep the Patton family in your prayers. And Merry Christmas friends, may God's blessings abound this season and beyond.

~Pastor Sherri

For those who were unable to attend Maggie Patton's Celebration of Life service may see the service by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/GnG9Wrl3anw>**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. in the Commons Room #1. 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!

NOTE: THE NEXT CHATTER WILL BE OUT THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1ST. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, LAS POSADAS PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS.

For Las Posadas (Seeking Shelter) this year, the Cross-Cultural Ministry celebrated the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, shepherds, wise men, and even a star! Many angels reverently surround the Pesebre (Manger). Pastor Sherri Barnes brought an encouraging word about the great gift that God gave us through Jesus. Afterwards, we had a feast for everyone in the Family Life Center. There were about 191 people in attendance. Praise the Lord.

**DECEMBER**
Birthdays

25 Danilo Cueva
25 Miguel Pivaral
26 Kim Pridgeon
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 Jones
31 Susan Maxson
31 Ann Whichard

JANUARY
Birthdays

1 Julian Clanton
5 Michael Knotts
6 Kelly Henninger
6 Randy Ridgely

**WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 25, 2022**

10:00 a.m.
Worship in the
Commons Room #1.
**"What Christmas
Means to Me"**
Casual Attire

**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.