



Weekly CHATTER



December 4, 2022

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Online.



GREETINGS CHURCH FAMILY,

The past couple of years have been a challenge for the church financially due to Covid and some major maintenance items to the church facility. Thank you for your contributions which helped us make it through these tough times.



As we approach the end of the year, the church is \$30,000 short of being able to meet our commitments to end the year in a good financial position. We are asking each of you to give over your normal contributions whatever you are able to help us meet this goal. If each



giving unit gives an additional \$75 per week for the next 4 weeks, we will meet this goal. Some may be able to give more and some less.

For additional information, please go to the St. Andrew's website, and select the Giving tab. There you will find a recorded presentation of the Financial Town Hall meeting on November 20, 2022. This presentation is about 30 minutes long; the short clip shows the presentation made and the questions raised. If you want just a brief overview, the slides from the meeting are included on the Giving tab also.

I have been a member of St. Andrew's UMC for a long time. I have also been Chair of Finance during some challenging times. During those challenging times, I have seen God at work in our church. We made it through each of those challenging times. I know we can do it again. Please prayerfully consider how God wants you to respond.

Tom Patton, Finance Chair 2023

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers after my recent hospitalization. I am home and getting stronger each day. And thanks for all of the birthday cards for my 89th birthday. I appreciate the love and support from my church family.

~Joyce Rea

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2022 LIGHTING OF THE TREE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, FROM 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Join us for a fun-filled event for all ages. We will have Santa, Frosty, piñatas, petting zoo, games, food, and fellowship. Come see the lighting of the Christmas tree. All are welcome, bring your family and friends. More details on Advent and Christmas go to:



<http://www.standrewsumc.com/christmas-2022.html>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER COOKIES, COCOA AND MORE. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share, we will have a time of fellowship, cookies, and merry-making.

68TH ANNUAL MESSIAH, Sunday, December 11th, at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202. FREE ADMISSION. Come hear this classic music



of Christmas and join in the Hallelujah Chorus! Conducted by our very own Ginger Wyrick and including the participation of singers from

St. Andrew's UMC, entry to this concert is free. **Free parking is also available in the garage beneath the church (entrance at 163 W. 9th Street).**

For more information go to: <https://CharlotteMusicClubNC.com>

IT'S TIME TO APPRECIATE OUR MONTCLAIRE TEACHERS AND STAFF!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch is **Friday, December 16th.** Your help is needed. Donate towards Chick-Fil-A, make pasta salad, or help prep lunch on December 16th. Sign up to help at:



www.tinyurl.com/montclairlunch or talk to Sara at 704-553-1327, ext. 104. Donations to the Patsy Davis Fund or Chick-Fil-A gift cards are welcome.



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

Free childcare provided • Free ride service available

Want to come but don't want to drive after dark?

It will be our pleasure to pick you up and bring you home. Please contact the church office by Thursday, December 14th at (704-553-1327, ext. 100) if you would like a ride.

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Glenda Lawson-Treadway
- 3 Allen Jackson
- 3 Robin Rea
- 4 Corey Joines
- 4 Gilly Shepherd
- 4 Yamilet Villatoro
- 5 Pedro Jesus Ingles
- 5 David Patton
- 5 James Pendleton
- 6 Jim Harris
- 6 Glenda Patton
- 6 Dianne Kindlick
- 7 Jonathan Marshall
- 7 Tammy Tokarz
- 9 Nicole Campbell
- 9 Jacob Davis

WORSHIP SERVICE DECEMBER 4, 2022

9:15 a.m. Community Prayer

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. "Welcome Strangers" Matthew 2:13-15

11:11 a.m. Small Group Gatherings.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Sunday, December 11th Cookies, Cocoa, and More at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

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

Sunday, December 18th Service of Las Posadas 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th Fireside Christmas Service in the Commons Room #1 **In-person only 10:00 a.m. No livestreaming.**