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# Chatter

February 2, 2025

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## WORSHIP UPDATES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>..

As Paul Harvey once shared, **“and now for the rest of the story”**. This Sunday, we return to the synagogue in Nazareth and consider how folks responded to Jesus. What do we do when we feel that we’ve been rejected? How do setbacks and challenges shape our resolve and our future? **This and more this Sunday. Youth return to St. Andrew’s at noon as they begin a confirmation conversation on living our faith in the United Methodist way of being.**

**There will be a town hall at 11:00 a.m. See more information below.** (This week in lieu of small groups) and Grumpy Grampa will be preparing lunch (suggested donation is \$10). There also will be a **church council meeting and called charge conference at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1** to address finances related to the new boiler repair as well as to confirm pastoral salaries for 2025. See you here.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD.

**On Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Scouting America Meck. Co. Council is once again Scouting for Food.** Scouts will go door

throughout Mecklenburg Co. collecting non-perishable food items for **Nourish Up**, formerly Loaves and Fishes/Friendship Trays. **If you received a door hanger**, simply fill a bag or box with non-perishable food items and leave it outside your home by 9:00 a.m. for pick-up by the Scouts on **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**Priority needs include:**  
**Canned fruit** - no sugar added or in juice.  
**Canned meat** - tuna, chicken, salmon.  
**Canned vegetables** - no salt added or low sodium.  
**Pasta** - canned or dry boxed.

**NO GLASS OR EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE.**

**Didn’t receive a door hanger?**

Please go to: <https://nourishup.org/> and scroll down to **“Scouting for Food 2025”** for ways to still give, and drop-off locations.



**On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>,** we would love to enter this time covered in prayer. As United Methodists, we understand prayer vigils to be grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to change people’s hearts and minds and to strengthen us in our work and witness. **IT’S NOT TOO LATE.** Please sign up to spend time in reflection and prayer for 30 minutes on **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Prayers can be offered from the comfort of your home. Questions? Need help? Reach out to Lisa Pool or Susan Johnson. Thanks for your support. <https://tinyurl.com/563vzzys>

## SQUARE DANCE LESSONS OPEN HOUSE.

**Western-Called Square Dance. Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**



If you can walk you can square dance. Great exercise - low impact. \$5.00 per week - approximately 16-week committment. Sponsored by the Swinging Saints Square Dance Club.

## PICKLEBALL

**Wednesdays: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

Join us for loads of fun. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a friend. Please use the Emerywood Dr. entrance.



**Dahlia Grove** enjoys using music to support our cause and our favorite concert happens in the month of February. The **“It’s All About Love Concert”** is **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at South Park Church Music Venue.**

I hope that you will be able to join us and to help spread the word. These concerts go to support our ongoing operating budget so that we can continue to serve the women in our care!! Thank you for sharing in your circles and for coming to share a Valentine’s night of love and dancing.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN.

Men, please join our UMM for breakfast on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Family Life Center. See you there.

## DAY OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP! JESUS, OUR BEST FRIEND!

Join the great celebration on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Family Life Center** (following the service and Sunday School classes). **Please bring:**

- Some friends.
- 1 dish of food to share.

Come cheerfully dressed in red, pink, purple, or white!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next Book Club meeting

is **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Char., N.C.). We will discuss **“The Four Winds”** by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome. Invite a friend.

## THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Tekoa and the Board of Trustees, I would like to take a moment to say thank you for your generous donation of \$15,268.00 (Clancy Dowless Fund). Your contribution to this ministry will ensure that we continue to fulfill our mission of “Touching Hearts. Changing Lives. Sharing the Light of Christ.” As we move into 2025, we continue to thirst for the living God. We are trusting that God will meet our every need. We are offering 20 full scholarships to children impacted by Helene, growing our family group leaders and staff, hiring a Program Director and Retreats and Hospitality Director and beginning the replacement of our lake’s dam. Thank you for your love of camp and helping us move forward together!

Thank You,  
Rev. John Isley  
Executive Director  
Camp Tekoa

## FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 5 Karen Patrick
- 6 Shanieka Brown
- 8 Martha Murray
- 12 Pam Barnes



**WORSHIP SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 2, 2025**  
9:15 a.m.  
Intercessory  
Prayer Service #30

10:00 a.m.  
“Rejected”  
in the Sanctuary  
*Luke 4:22-30*  
11:11 a.m.  
Small Group Gatherings.

**NOON**  
Youth Lunch and program  
at St. Andrew’s UMC.



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

**CHURCH STATISTICAL  
REPORTS** are due by the end of January. Alice, Vicki and Pastor Sherri will be working with various leadership areas in the church to provide the needed information. Please watch your email for requests.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS  
FOR FEBRUARY**  
Church Council  
Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30 p.m.  
in the Commons Rm. #1.

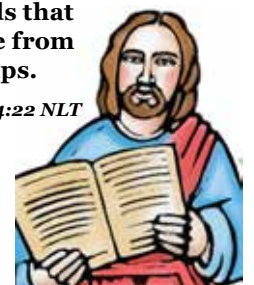
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Everyone spoke well of him and was amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips.

Luke 4:22 NLT







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## REPORT FROM THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE



**GREETINGS TO ALL!!** I am glad that the severe cold has left and that the heat is back on in the church. Thanks to all that continue to support the church and our ministry.

St. Andrew's UMC has always had a focus on music, children, and youth. Your children or grandchildren may have participated in these programs. St. Andrew's is still focused on music, children, and youth. The difference now is that this focus is through our ministry partners, **Project Harmony** for music and **Learning Help Centers of Charlotte** for children and youth. Your giving to the church allows this new generation of children and youth to have the opportunities to learn about musical instruments, learn to read, do service projects, and get help with homework.



Learning Help Centers of Charlotte (LHCC) has programs running on Tuesday and Thursday evenings plus summer camps. They support children and youth with programs supporting literacy, homework, and reading. LHCC's mission is to provide scholastic, spiritual, and social support to equip and empower underserved neighbors. While the children and youth are busy with their activities, parents have the opportunity to receive support with education, exercise classes, technology classes and health and mental health services. Watch the Chatter for opportunities to volunteer.

**Reminder:** There will be a town hall meeting on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following the service, to share information on the boiler replacement and other major repair needs and options on how to pay for them. The Town Hall will be livestreamed.

Tom Patton, the Finance Committee



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Learning Help Centers of Charlotte** is looking for dedicated individuals to join us on **Tuesdays from 6-7PM** as a tutor/mentor to the amazing children we serve.

Contact us today to learn more about this volunteer opportunity.

EMAIL [MEGHAN@LHCCLT.ORG](mailto:MEGHAN@LHCCLT.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFO

[www.lhcclt.org](http://www.lhcclt.org)

