

WORSHIP UPDATE

This week our Lenten journey continues. As was shared last week, we will be spending an extended time in the passion narratives found in the Gospels, and you are encouraged, as a Lenten discipline, to read through one gospel account each week. The stories are found as follows: **Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23 and John 18-19.** On Sundays, we will also be using a resource from **Amy Jill-Levine**, a Jewish scholar and theologian, entitled **"Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday"**. And a question to ponder as you read them is "what would you have thought, or done, had you been there?" As Levine offers in summary, "nobody said this was going to be easy. As always, getting to Easter means time at the cross and time at the tomb." You also have an option, individually and/or collectively, with Bishop Carter this season too. Click following link:



<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/5-spiritual-practices-for-the-2024-lenten-season-18253191>
So, we'll see you this Sunday. We begin with intercessory prayer at 9:15 a.m., followed by worship and small groups. Youth will meet this Sunday at Southpark @ 12:30 p.m. See you here.

~Pastor Sherri

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As was shared in worship that was the number from our statistical reports for the number of people we encountered in ministries of outreach, justice and mercy. How grateful I am that St. Andrew's UMC continues to be a lighthouse in and to the community. I hope that you find encouragement in that number, and that you will pray for those that Christ brings our way. May we offer welcome, encouragement and invitation so that our work might not just be "to" others, but with them.

~Thanks! Pastor Sherri

**CARD-MAKING CLASSES
HAVE BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**United Methodist
Church General
Conference**
**KNOW and
GOD CONFERENCE**

This year, we welcome our denomination's General Conference to Charlotte, and your help is needed. Volunteers will be needed to extend hospitality to our brothers and sisters from across the globe. And here's where you start. Go to: <https://welcometogc.org/> and create an account. From there, you can sign up to volunteer as you're able. Help is needed starting Thursday, April 18th. More information to come.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
HARVESTERS MEETING
Thursday, March 7th
Gathering Time: 11:00 a.m.
Program and menu
information to come.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
THE BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Friday, March 8th, at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss the book



"The Bondwoman's Narrative" by Hannah Crafts. Nicole Campbell will be hosting this event at her home at 1617

Lyndale Place, Charlotte, NC. Everyone's welcome. See you there.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW
OPEN for the 2024 Metro
District Lay Servant
Ministry training!**

We are offering basic and advanced classes at Central UMC, Charlotte April 13th-14th as well as an advanced course via Zoom. Class size is limited so register early. **Deadline to register is March 31st.** The Basic Lay Servant class will be offered. Advanced classes include. **"The Method of Our Mission"** by **Lacey C. Warner**; **"The Caring Congregation Ministry"** by **Karen Lampe and Melissa Gepford**; and **"Sharing the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession"** by **Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher.** The ministry of the laity is vital to our churches, district, communities, conference and the world! Lay Servant Ministry

is a way persons, can grow spiritually, become equipped to serve, discover their spiritual gifts and ways to use them, and experience connection and fellowship with other Lay Servants. The training is open to all. Interested? Reach out to Pastor David Ortigoza or Pastor Sherri Barnes for the needed recommendation. **Registration fee for in person courses is \$15 and the fee for the Zoom course is \$10, plus the cost of books.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

INSIDE LOOK. In our recent sermon series on **"Wesleyan covenant renewal"**, we sang a hymn each week written by **Charles Wesley** and selected by **Magrey deVega**, author of **"One Simple Promise"**, our guide on the covenant journey. All of these hymns are rich with theological language and depth, and are found in our United Methodist Hymnal, yet with time have passed from common use. Where many of the great hymns of the faith have been translated into Spanish, most of these had not. **Pastor David Ortigoza** not only translated the original Wesley texts, but adapted them to be sung to the meter and tune of the corresponding English hymn so that all would be able to sing together in one voice. This work highlights Pastor David's creative gifts, but it has also added several new texts to the growing body of Spanish-language hymns. A hearty **"¡gracias para la música!"** goes out to Pastor for his work.



Our covenant renewal service on Sunday, February 11th, was gifted with another behind-the-scenes offering by our guest organist for the day, **Neal Hayes**, who thoughtfully chose all of his solo music from composers who were contemporaries of John and Charles Wesley. It's exciting to imagine that John Wesley might have preached a service at which some of the same music that we heard was played!

~From Sara Terrell, Director of Worship and Arts

FEBRUARY Birthdays

26 Geoffrey Hemenway

MARCH Birthdays

1 Juli Treadway-Lawson
1 Jennifer Moore

89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. Please shower **David Thornton** (Saturday, February 24th) with cards on his special day. **Cards may be sent to: David Thornton**
2126 Wensley Drive
Charlotte, NC 28210



**WORSHIP SERVICE
FEBRUARY 25, 2024
9:15 a.m. Intercessory
Prayer Service #30
10:00 a.m.
Worship in the Sanctuary
"Bystanders and
Scoffers"
Mark 15:25-32.
11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gathering
12:30 p.m.
Youth Ministry
at South Park Church**

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

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Mark your calendars Sunday, March 10th, to set your clocks ahead one hour.

