

**WORSHIP UPDATE**

**This Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>,** we continue our Epiphany series based upon a work by **Magrey deVega** entitled **“One Faithful Promise, The Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal”**. A lasting gift from Christmas is the promise that God is with us. We have received Emmanuel through the birth of Jesus. This Sunday, we will consider what steps are needed to claim that gift, and first up is confession. James writes, draw near to God and God will draw near to you. Confession is the ability to claim who we are, our strengths and our shortcomings and know that God’s love for us will not waiver. See you here at 10:00 a.m. And don’t forget intercessory prayer time at 9:15 a.m., spiritual formation classes at 11:11 a.m. and youth ministry at 12:30 p.m.

**LOAVES AND FISHES UPDATE.**

Two squarrels remain! Let’s beat the goal this week! Thanks for your support. Here’s a checklist of their greatest needs. Monetary gifts can also be made directly to *Loaves and Fishes* or to SAUMC (**designate Loaves and Fishes**).



**Priority Needs**

- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken, etc...
- Canned Fruit: low sugar or in juice
- Pasta - Canned or Dry Boxed
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Diapers - especially larger sizes

**THE UPPER ROOM** magazine for January-February 2024 will be available soon and placed in the Narthex for purchase. Please check with the Church Office for updates. To view The Upper Room online, please visit: <https://store.upperroom.org/product/daily-devotional-digital>.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** has resumed for the new year. Meeting online only every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., the study continues the conversation from Sunday morning. Everyone is invited. Interested? Reach out to Dave or Susan Johnson or Barb Woodruff.

**DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PHOTO?**

It’s our very own Ruth and Hurst Mauldin preparing for a Swingin’ Saints dance about 40 years ago!! Were you there that night, dancing the night away? If you were, we are looking for you! The Swingin’ Saints will be celebrating our 55th anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. We would love for as many former members to join us as possible, for a night of fun, fellowship, food, and maybe even a dance or two! Mark your calendars. Come see how many dance steps you remember!



**The Western North Carolina Conference Equip & Connect Conference (January 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024)** is designed for and open to all local church leaders including lay leaders, council members, volunteers, and all who lead (or are considering future leadership!). This is an opportunity to connect with other leaders across the conference and learn about roles, best practices, and new ideas for ministry. Click the link for more information and/or to register. <https://www.wnccumc.org/equip-connect-2024>

**END OF YEAR STATEMENTS**

will be available for pick up by Sunday, January 21st. If your statement is needed before then, please reach out to Alice Glefke, our financial secretary at: [financialsecretary@standrewsumc.com](mailto:financialsecretary@standrewsumc.com)

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMING OFF OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

by January 21st, please turn into the church office the church’s fobs and keys that you were assigned at the beginning of your leadership term. Please place them in an envelope with your name on it as the returnee and place in the office manager’s in-box. Thank you. Vicki Lawson, Office Manager



During worship we will say thank you to those who have served, welcome those who are beginning their service, and celebrate all that God is making possible in and through our church. A gathering will be held for all leadership teams from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Watch your email for more information.

**CONDOLENCES** to Nell Smith and family on the death of her husband **Jim Smith** who passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew’s UMC on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. with reception and visitation to follow.

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE.**



Presented By:



**John Dillard Band**  
**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
**South Park Church**  
**Event Space**

General Admission: \$50  
VIP Reserved Seating: \$75  
Reserved Seating Table of 8: \$600.

Two time Grammy Award winner John Dillard leads this group of star studded artist and musicians. Come dance the night away while raising funds for the mission of Dahlia Grove.

**GALENTINE’S POTLUCK LUNCH**



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, AT 12:15 P.M.**  
(After small group gatherings) in the Fellowship Hall #2.  
**Please bring a dish to share.**  
Hosted by “Susanna” women’s group.

**JANUARY Birthdays**

- 14 Shirley Tripp
- 16 Faith Jelley
- 16 Victoria Lawson
- 16 Dennis Slade
- 17 Madison Collard
- 18 Mark Hemenway
- 19 Freddy Holtkamp
- 20 Myra Huntley

**89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.** Please shower **Shirley Tripp** (Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>) and **Freddy Holtkamp** (Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>) with cards on their special days.

**Cards may be sent to:**

**Shirley Tripp**  
616 Birch View Drive  
Apartment 35  
Matthews, NC 28105

**Freddy Holtkamp**  
8626 Windsor Ridge Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28277

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**January 14, 2024**

**9:15 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Service #30**

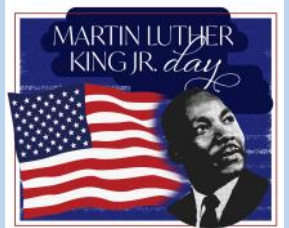
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship in the Sanctuary.**

**“Draw Near”**  
**James 4:5-10**

**11:11 a.m.**  
**Small Group Gathering**

**12:30 p.m.**  
**Youth Ministry**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH**  
**IN OBSERVANCE OF**



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

**GIVE ONLINE/ OFRENDAR EN LINEA.**



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