



weekly

Chatter

January 26, 2025

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WORSHIP UPDATES SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH..

This Sunday, we will return to the gospel of Luke as Jesus begins his ministry. Luke 4:1-11 returns Jesus to the temple in Nazareth, this time as a rabbi (teacher) and through the reading of the scroll, offers the outline directives for his work, solidarity with those in need. **Youth will meet at Sedgefield UMC this Sunday, at noon, and small groups will return at 11:11 a.m.**

Also mark your calendars for **Grumpy Grampa's return for lunch on Sunday, February 2nd. Suggested donation is \$10. Food is amazing. Fellowship priceless.**



WOMEN'S RETREAT MEETING. We're having an online interest meeting on **Thursday, January 30th, at 6:30 p.m.** about a Women's Retreat. We're looking at the weekend of **March 28th-30th** at Oak Island/Ocean Isle. Attending this meeting doesn't commit you to going, but allows us to gauge interest and helps with logistics. We hope you'll join us! We'll meet via **ZOOM**, but if technology is not your friend, please reach out to Lisa Pool or Pastor Sherri and let them know you'd like more information. Here's the link. <https://tinyurl.com/mu7fnr5v>



Equip & Connect Winter 2025 Leadership Training. Offered via Zoom and available for all laity. You can check out this year's offering at: <https://www.wnccumc.org/equip-connect-2025>. Topics for conversation include Finance, SPRC, Trustees and Nominations as well as Creation Care, Hospitality, Mission and the future of Hurricane Helene Recovery. Questions? Want to sign up, see Pastor Sherri or Pastor David.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Dialogue with authorities, journalists, officials, and immigration lawyers. **Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center.** Come learn what your rights are and how you should deal with your immigration status. Spread the word and don't miss it!

CONOCE TUS DERECHOS
Diálogo con las autoridades, periodistas, oficiales y abogados de migración
Miércoles, 29th, de Enero a las 7:00 p.m. en el Gimnasio. Ven conocer cuales son tus derechos y cómo usted debe lidiar con su estatus migratorio. Pase la voz y no se lo pierda!



On Sunday, February 2nd, following worship, St. Andrew's UMC is having a Town Hall meeting at 11:00 a.m. to discuss opportunities and challenges ahead for our St. Andrew's community in 2025. 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. Would you sign up to spend time in reflection and prayer for 30 minutes on **Saturday, February 1st?** A guide will be provided for you. You'll be able to sign up and access the prayer guide online or you can sign up and pick up a copy on **Sunday, January 26th.** 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>

CHURCH COUNCIL WITH CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE
Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Room #1.

The purpose of the Charge Conference will be the approval of Pastor Sherri's salary for 2025 and to approve funding measure for capital expenditures (to include the boiler).

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS OPEN HOUSE.



Monday, Feb. 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in The Family Life Center.

Western Called Square Dance.

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

PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 29th, 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 7th, 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 15th, 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 16th, 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!

Day of Love continued on the back page.

JANUARY Birthdays

- 26 Sue Bullock
- 27 Bob Miller
- 27 Meredith Pool
- 28 Abby Poteat

89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. Please shower **Bob Miller** (Monday, January 27th) with cards on his special day. Cards may be sent to:

Bob Miller
Brighton Gardens
6000 Park South Dr.
Apt. 235
Charlotte, NC 28210



WORSHIP SERVICE
JANUARY 26, 2025

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

10:00 a.m.
"So That"
Luke 4:14-21

11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings.

NOON
Youth Lunch and program
at Sedgefield 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. 2nd, 12:30 p.m. in the Commons Rm. #1.

**GIVE ONLINE/
OFRENDAR EN LINE.**



Our QR code will take you to SECURE GIVING/ Nuestro código QR lo llevará a DONACIONES SEGURAS.



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REPORT FROM THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE



TO BORROW FROM AN OLD SONG: BABY, IT IS COLD INSIDE!

That is how we ended 2024, cold inside the building! Our boiler was on its last legs and finally died in January. For our ministers, office staff, Pre-School and ministry partners, it was time to bundle up in church. The boiler has been replaced and heat returned on Saturday, January 18th.

Our building has been showing its age. During 2023 and 2024 we spent over \$100,000 in major repairs to various systems. Our boiler died, and now the fire monitoring system is failing and will need to be replaced. We also have roof issues that will need to be repaired sooner than later. There will be a town hall meeting on **Sunday, February 2nd**, immediately following the service to share information on these repairs and options on how to pay for them.

For 2024, we did not end the year as well as we had hoped, but given all of the major repairs during the year, our deficit for the year was only \$4,000 above what we budgeted. On a positive note, our building use income grew from \$44,000 in 2023 to \$168,000 in 2024, contributing 27% of the total money received for our operating budget. Our ministry partner, Alliance Center for Education, is the largest contributor to the building use income.

Tom Patton, for the Finance Committee

Day of Love continued from the front page.

¡DÍA DEL AMOR Y LA AMISTAD! JESÚS, ¡NUESTRO MEJOR AMIGO!

Únete a la gran celebración el Domingo 16 de Febrero a las 12:00 p.m. en el FLC (después del servicio y las clases de Escuela Dominical).



Por favor traer:

- 1 amigo(a).
- 1 plato de comida para compartir.

¡Ven alegremente vestido de rojo, rosado, morado o blanco!



WANT TO SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS?

Send a picture and information to Patti Huss at: **churchchatter@standrewsumc.com** and we'll celebrate with you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Our next Book Club meeting is Friday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Charlotte, N.C.). We will discuss **"The Four Winds"** by **Kristin Hannah**. All are welcome. Invite a friend.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Andrew's UMC,
Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$150.00 on December 23, 2024 to Dahlia Grove, Inc. With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help many of these women rescued from human trafficking not only to meet essential daily needs, but to work toward a brighter future with programs in job training, education, counseling, financial counseling assistance, and housing. For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our **Dahlia Grove facebook page** or our **website www.dahliagroove.org**. You can also find information there on our upcoming events for this year and volunteer opportunities. Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,
Gayle Smith, Executive Director
Dahlia Grove, Inc

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 FOR MORE INFO

www.lhcclt.org