

**WORSHIP UPDATES  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Arise and Shine for Your Light has Come! We look forward to welcoming** a special visitor from the East as we celebrate Epiphany!

- Youth will resume their meetings at St. Andrew's at noon.
- Small groups will meet as well.
- The Covenant class will enjoy a belated 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday gathering, location TBD.
- **And volunteers are needed** to pack away the Christmas decorations until next time!
- Also, Grumpy Grampa will once again be providing a lunch option, authentic Mexican pozole, with special help from his mom. Suggested donation of \$10.00.



**BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE....**over the last several weeks, we have been experiencing some challenges with the HVAC system. The trustees are working with **Team Mechanical** to address the problems and get them fixed. We recognize that there will be some expenses incurred, and encourage you to consider making an above and beyond gift that can be **matched via the Southerland fund**. We also thank you for your patience (and dressing in layers) as we address the issues. Hopefully soon, we'll be singing, **HEAT WAVE!**



**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

On Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, we began a new Christian year centered in the life of Jesus as told through the **Gospel of Luke**. The books of **Luke** and **Acts** provide the lens for about 1/3 of Jesus' story. There are also 52 chapters between the two books. **Bishop Carter** and other leaders throughout the conference are putting together a 52-week study to explore Luke's accounts. There is an online Facebook group that will provide weekly devotions. There is also a CEB version of Luke and Acts that has been created for this study. This study would work for an individual, existing small group or a newly forming small group. Reach out to Pastor Sherri, if you'd like more information or to participate.

**UMM BREAKFAST. Hey guys!**

Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with us on **Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. We'll meet in the Commons Room #1 at 8:00 a.m. See you there.

**BOOK CLUB.** Join us on **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Char., NC). We will be discussing the book **"The Personal Librarian"** by **Marie Benedict**. All are welcome.



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**AN UPDATE FROM GAYLE SMITH.**

**"We are growing so fast that I cannot keep up!!! THAT** is a good thing but does cause some growing pains. So volunteers are needed.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER: M/T/W 9:00 a.m. - NOON.**

Volunteer will help with anything and everything. Donor database, driving to appointments, running errands, writing thank you notes.

**VAN DRIVER:** We now have 7 residents and they don't fit in one car. We do have a 15-passenger van that is really easy to drive. We would add that person to our insurance. We specifically need volunteers to drive from home to St. Stephen's UMC during the week, and take them to AA/NA meetings in the evening.

**There are also paid staff positions open as well. Interested?** Reach out to Gayle through this sign-up genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4448AB2B8BFD016-53526452-dahlia>

or through email [info@dahliagroves.org](mailto:info@dahliagroves.org) or call 704-420-0515.



**JANUARY Birthdays**  
NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.



**WORSHIP SERVICE  
JANUARY 5, 2025**

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

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

**"A Visitor from the East"**  
*Isaiah 60:1-6*

11:11 a.m.  
Small Group Gatherings.

**NOON**  
Youth Lunch and program  
at St. Andrew's.

**REGULAR CHURCH  
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed on Friday.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
FOR NEW YEARS**

TUESDAY, DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> 2024 -  
FRIDAY, JAN. 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025

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**Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Preschool Christmas.**



**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service.**



**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service.**



**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Worship.**

