

FINANCIAL TIMES



1901 Archdale Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210 www.standrewsumc.com 704-553-1327

THE DOOR

My glass is clear. Hinges are working.

Handle is steady.

This door is ready for a busy week!

On Sunday, I open for people coming to worship. I see people with smiles and people looking downcast – all coming here to meet Jesus. Later in the day, I open for people coming to meetings, making decisions on how to meet the needs of the community.

Monday through Friday, I get lots of little fingerprints on me – preschoolers, daycare students, school age kids are all running through. How I love to hear their excitement as they see their friends and teachers! What will they learn today? A Bible story? How to play a musical instrument? How to choose a healthy snack?

It's getting later and now I'm opening for people coming to play Pickleball and do Zumba. Here's someone needing some help. Wait – there's a few nose prints on me too! Must be some dog park visitors. I see some people gathering to talk outside. Soon they'll head in together to share their stories of recovery.

What will Saturday bring? Basketball players? A wedding? A funeral? More people coming together in this place to see Jesus and be Jesus.

Uh-oh. My hinge is jammed. I know more people will be coming, but they won't be able to get in if I can't be repaired. How can people experience the life-giving love of Jesus that happens here if I can't open? Whew – here comes a Trustee with a new hinge. I know they'll get me working again. The janitor has cleaned off the fingerprints and has me sparkling again. I'm ready for a new week!



A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We started the year with a challenging outlook -- a deficit of \$93,000 from 2023, a proposed budget deficit, and major building repairs. Good News!! We ended the first half in a better position thanks to the extra giving for major repairs of \$13,000. This \$13,000 was matched with \$13,000 from the Southerland Legacy Gift.

PLEASE, CONTINUE READING.

Total Money Received for the first half of the year is up \$37,000 from the budget with \$13,000 in extra giving for major repairs, \$13,000 match from Southerland Legacy Gift and \$10,000 in unexpected receipts. Total Money Spent for the first half of the year is up \$47,000 primarily due to the major repair spending of \$36,000, higher Utilities of \$7,000 and higher regular building maintenance of \$6,000. With your help, we will end the year in a positive financial position.

As we continue through 2024, we believe there are three main areas for us to regain and maintain our financial well-being: Continue to find ways to grow our facility use fees. Continue to manage our facility and program expenses. Continue to encourage participation by members and friends (that's you) in the giving of tithes and offerings.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To meet our needs for the year, congregational giving needs to average \$7,900 per week. We are off to a good start; congregational giving for the first half of the year averaged \$7,019. Thank you to those who have given generously to the church to make this happen. No gift is too small. We all can make a difference together.

If you can give over and above your regular giving to help offset the unexpected major repairs, thank you. Please mark your gift for "Major Repairs" so we can correctly "match" the funds.

Consider making your gift through electronic fund transfer at www.standrewsumc.com (under "How to give to St. Andrew's") or visit (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YPJ6/home>). Gifts also may be made through cash, check, or text (833-718-0142). We can also accept stock and other asset transfers.

Again, we thank all of you who have given generously and consistently, and for you a giving statement is enclosed. If you have not had an opportunity to give, we encourage you to take the next step and partner with us in mission and ministry.

Your Finance Committee is committed to being good stewards of the gifts given by you to support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's UMC. No gift is too small. If you have questions or comments, please send a note to tjpatton@earthlink.net or contact Tom Patton, Finance Chair, or to any member of the Finance Committee (Baudilio Luengas, Priscilla Mills, Thomas Pool, Yamilet Villatoro, Barb Woodruff) or church leaders (Noah Hernandez, Gail Lewyn, Anne Lisk, David Lisk, Courtney Picha, Lisa Pool). Call the church office at 704-553-1327 (x100) for their contact information.



GIVE ONLINE/OFRENDAR EN LÍNEA.

**Our QR code will take you to
SECURE GIVING**

**Nuestro código QR lo llevará a
DONACIONES SEGURAS.**

FINANCIAL TIMES

VOICE

We each have a voice and can express ourselves as we spend our time and money at St. Andrew's. There are other places to explore on a Sunday morning, but exploring our faith at St Andrew's leads us on a positive path the rest of the week. Yes - our showing up & giving supports the building costs and salaries, but they also reveal how God wants us to spend our time and money. So, we have a voice each time we come and give to church.

CHOICE

Our Church needs consistent attendance and giving to be a welcoming and functional space for community activities, worship, and fellowship. Giving to St Andrew's Church enables us to successfully carry out its missions and outreach. Teachers? Yes! Children? Yes! Dahlia Grove? Yes! Our attendance helps us chose which missions we decide to focus on.

REJOICE

Giving helps our congregation develop a culture of stewardship and generosity as well as unity and fellowship with each other. Are the Squarrels full? Are cake kits distributed? Is the lawn cut? As we faithfully contribute to St Andrew's financially, we also can recognize our responsibility - no, our privilege and blessing, to be stewards of God's gifts and support the Church's ministries. Giving back to God with thankfulness strengthens our faith and develops a closer relationship with God and each other.

As we show our dedication to the Church's visions and selflessly donate our time and resources, we knit close bonds with each other where everyone feels included. Just look at the pictures in the *Weekly Chatter* and church bulletin boards. Rejoice!!

LET'S COUNT THE FRUIT WE'VE SEEN IN THIS 2ND QUARTER!



Sunday, April 28th, Worship Service.
Guest Worship Leader,
Bishop Minerva Carcano.

Attendees from the General Conference.



Sunday, April 28th
baptism of Royal
Rose Brown.



Charlotte Mecklenburg School
Town Hall on Monday, May 6th.

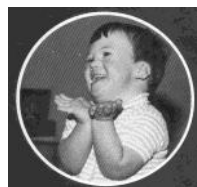


CMS Superintendent
Dr. Crystal L. Hill,
spoke at the town
hall meeting.

Montclaire Elementary School Teacher
and Staff Appreciation Day
luncheon on Wednesday, May 8th.



Sunday, May 12th, Hispanic
Mother's Day celebration.



Sunday, May 12th
Clancy Dowless
Fund Drive.



Monday, May 13th,
Project Harmony end
of year concert.



Sunday, May 26th, Learning and Help
Center of Charlotte honoring Mother's.



Swinging Saints Square
Dance graduates.



Nourish Up (Formerly
Loaves & Fishes)
Birthday Kits collection.



Sunday, June 2nd,
PUEBLOS bilingual
story time.



Sunday, June 2nd, Conference for Hispanic
Families with Different Abilities event.



Sunday, June 30th
baptism of Amelia
and Olivia Smith.

Our list continues to grow. It is your stewardship that helps these things happen - your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. There's always a way that YOU can be involved.