



weekly

# Chatter

June 30, 2024

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### WORSHIP UPDATE

**There is an old chicken soup story about the reason one always keeps their forks at the end of a fellowship meal, the best is yet to come. This Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>,** we will study the story of Jesus at a wedding and the sign of turning the water into wine, a reminder of God's providence and gifts to us! It will be a day of celebration as we consider the ministry of the first half of the year, celebrate the ministry of our building, celebrate the sacrament of baptism, and following worship enjoy an ice cream social (you're welcome to bring savory or sweet to add to the table). A full day and evidence of God's fullness. **As always, we'll begin the day with small groups at 9:15 a.m. See you here!**

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**WRAP-UP:** This past weekend, the Western North Carolina Conference UMC (of which we are a part) met for annual conferencing at Lake Junaluska. **A special thanks to Geoffrey and Deborah Hemenway** as they led worship here and shared from John's 1st letter. Pastors Sherry, David, and Sherri were in attendance along with your representatives, Anne Lisk, and Gail Lewyn. The theme for this year was taken from John 15, Life, with Christ, each other and the World. You can access recordings of the worship and business sessions at the conference website <https://www.wnccumc.org/annual-conference-2024>. **I would highly recommend Magrey DeVega's bible study on John 15 from Thursday afternoon.** It was outstanding. DeVega is pastor at Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, Florida. We've

engaged several of his studies during my season here and he's even better in person. His study, and all of the worship services are well worth your time.



### PASTOR SHERRI ON SABBATICAL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

Pastor Sherri will be enjoying a well-deserved sabbatical leave for the month of July. During her time away, she will spend some time in spiritual renewal, enjoying family and friends, and she will also be travelling to the United Kingdom for a **"Wesley Tour,"** following in the footsteps of **John Wesley.** We are excited for Pastor Sherri to have this time for rest and refreshment and ask God's blessings on her time away. Important points of contact for congregational **needs** and building **care** while Pastor Sherri is away will be available in the church office beginning next week.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Katie Patton and Chis Manzo on their upcoming marriage this Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.



### 5th SUNDAY Celebration

### JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Life is short! Eat dessert first! Join us as we celebrate ministry and enjoy fellowship! Ice cream and all the fixings! See you here!

### INTERSECTIONS BEGINS

**SUNDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>!** Theologian Frederick Buechner wrote, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Where do you see this intersection happening in your own life? In the garden or the kitchen? On the golf course or in the garage? How have you seen God at work there? On Sundays in July, we'll hear from St. Andrew's members and friends how our extraordinary God works in our ordinary circumstances to meet the needs of the world. We want to hear your story, and we will be asking for your participation throughout the series! Tune into worship this Sunday for information on ways to share, and make plans to worship with us in July.



### LOOKING TO JULY.

There will be **no Weekly Chatter for Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>,** (the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>) and **Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>,** (the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>).



Please bring your worn out, outgrown sneakers and give them a new life and help the church at the same time.

**GOT SNEAKERS** is an organization that collects used sneakers, recycles them, and keeps them out of the landfill. They collect gently used and totally decrepit shoes. **PLEASE note this is athletic shoes only, primarily sneakers, but they will take worn hiking shoes as**

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### JUNE Birthdays

- 30 Cassady Broerman
- 30 Karen Patton
- 30 Jackie Sherrill

### JULY Birthdays

- 1 Bruce Bailey
- 3 Kenn Bullock
- 7 Laura Arndt
- 8 Regina Albin
- 8 Chris Tita

### WORSHIP SERVICE JUNE 30, 2024

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

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary "Wonder Working Power" *John 2:1-12*

11:11 a.m.

Small Group Gathering

### ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

Finance - Tentative Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:30 p.m.

SPRC and Trustees Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.

Church Council Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m.



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

### REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

### GIVE ONLINE/OFRENDAR EN LINE.



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



# weekly Chatter ...continued

"Got Sneakers" article continued from front page.

well. This is for sneakers for all ages, children, youth, and adults. This is a win for the environment and helps us to be better stewards of what God has given us. Please bring your donations to the green bins in the Narthex across from the Sanctuary. I would like to send our first bag by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

~Deborah Hemenway



Make plans to recharge and renew with your church family. It's a weekend for all ages where we gather, serve, reflect, worship, play, and connect with each other and with God. Whether you're zipping across the lake, rocking on the porch, hiking the meditation trail, singing around a campfire, working on a service project, playing games, relaxing during

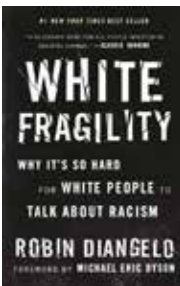
quiet time, getting to know your church family, or talking with God, there's always a place for you! St. Andrew's UMC and Cokesbury UMC have been going together to Camp Tekoa for many years. We would love to expand our church camp family by having you join us for Labor Day weekend! Click on link below to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL5tMa4h4DR2hoducDs3Rov4y7d-ht-ucpBjQNhED932z-fhhg/viewform>

**THANK YOU!**

Dear St. Andrew's family, I am so thankful to everyone for all the cards, visits, and phone calls during my hospital stay.

~Sincerely, Ginny Grisdale



**BOOK CLUB.**

Join us on **Friday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Charlotte, NC). We will be discussing "**White Fragility**" by **Robin Diangelo**, a book from the United Women of Faith's reading program. All are invited. See you there.



**MISSION DRIVE FOR DAHLIA GROVE.**

Please consider donating products to help "**Dahlia Grove**" with their operating budget. **Now through July.**

**List of items needed:**

- toilet paper
- paper towels
- laundry detergent
- dish washing liquid
- dish washer detergent
- coffee
- bathroom cleaner
- toilet bowl cleaner
- Windex
- all purpose cleaner
- furniture polish
- trash bags
- feminine products

Financial donations can be made to Dahlia Grove through the church (please note that the gift is for Dahlia Grove) or directly through [dahliagroove.org](http://dahliagroove.org). Thank you for your continued support of Dahlia Grove.

**REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Major Repairs, Summer Giving and Snapshots...**

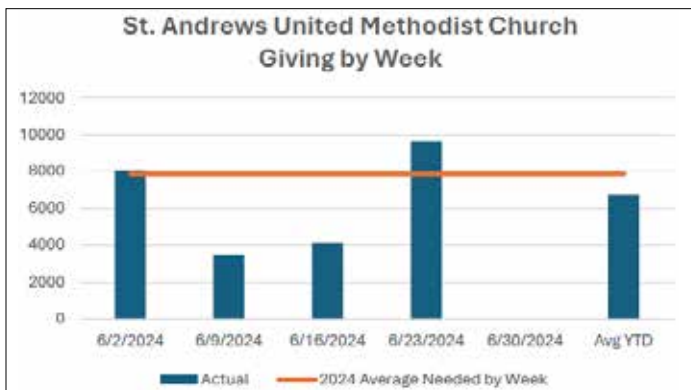
We are entering the season when the beach, mountains, lake, river and open road beckon. Please remember that the church continues in ministry even while you are traveling. Setting up an EFT is a great way to keep your giving consistent, and it's easy to do through the church's website.

Also, we have had several major repairs (not major awards) this year. To date, repairs to the boiler and sewer line have exceeded \$26,000. The AC unit for the

Fellowship Hall is currently out of service, and the Trustees have determined that the 30+ year old unit needs to be replaced for an estimated cost of \$27,000.

If you can, please consider making a donation above your regular giving (mark the gift for major repairs). These gifts will be matched from the Southerland Legacy gift. Any and all gifts will help.

Last, but not least, your Finance committee is endeavoring to keep you informed. There is now an updated Finance board near the Sanctuary (thanks Barb and Don Woodruff), and the Chatter will be updated regularly. To meet our obligations, expected congregational giving is \$7,900 per week and as the chart shows we are currently running behind for the year to date. We trust that we can make up the shortfall with your help. Question? More information needed? Reach out to church leadership and members of the Finance Committee.



Financial Bulletin Board located in office hallway and Family Life Center.