



weekly

Chatter

March 16, 2025

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WORSHIP UPDATES SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH.

This Sunday, we continue our journey through Lent with the help of **Jill J. Duffield's** resource, entitled **"Lent in Plain Sight, A Devotion through Ten Objects"**. If you'd like to purchase it and follow along, it will provide daily readings for the 40 days of Lent plus Easter Sunday (and no, it's not too late to get started). This week, we will focus our attention on the cross. The cross is to serve as our North star in our faith journey. Always present, always visible, offering guidance and direction. But what does that mean exactly? How does a 21st century person of faith claim an item of 1st century torture and spectacle as a life guide? We'll explore this and more. See you on Sunday.

This Sunday, the youth head to Southpark for their meeting and lunch. Small groups will meet following worship and administrative teams meet throughout the day.



OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026 ST. ANDREW'S PRESCHOOL HAS BEGUN.

Please check with your neighbors and

friends and invite them to check out our preschool program and register for the next school year. Registration forms and pricing may be found on our website at

www.standrewsumcpreschool.com.

For more information or for a tour, please call Sherry Jackson, director, at 704-553-7896.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS OPEN HOUSE.

Western-Called Square Dance.



**Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship
Hall Rm. #2**

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:

**March 19th and 26th
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.



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST.

All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship, on **Saturday, March 15th**, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.



**Saturday, April 12th,
10:30 a.m.-Noon
in the Family Life Center
and church grounds.**

Join Learning Help Centers of Charlotte (LHCC) and St. Andrew's UMC for Easter fellowship and fun! There will be snacks, crafts, games, and an Easter message! **WANT TO HELP!** We are collecting donations of fillable eggs, candy, and prizes. We are also looking for day-of-volunteers.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
PRESCHOOLER SUMMER
CAMP.** (You do not have to be enrolled in our regular program to attend.)

Camp dates are:
June 9th-12th (Summer Fun)
July 7th-10th (Bug Camp),
August 4th-7th (Jungle Camp).

Cost is \$150 per camper per week. Contact the preschool office at 704-553-7896 for more information or find the registration form online at:
www.standrewsumcpreschool.com.

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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

**THE GREEN DROP OFF BIN
IS STILL AVAILABLE** located in the Narthex for donations of old athletic shoes in all sizes.



SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!

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



16 Christina Fitzgerald
17 Dawn Lisk
17 Don Woodruff
19 Cyndi Honaker
21 Alex Gillis
21 Barbara Kaylor
22 Christopher Brown Sr.
22 Dana Sanford

WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 16, 2025

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

10:00 a.m.
"Look to the Cross"
in the Sanctuary
Hebrews 12:1-3

11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings.

NOON
Youth at Southpark.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS
SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH**
**2:00 p.m. Trustees
in room #17 (hybrid).**

**3:00 p.m. SPRC
online only.**

**4:30 p.m. Finance
online only.**



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REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

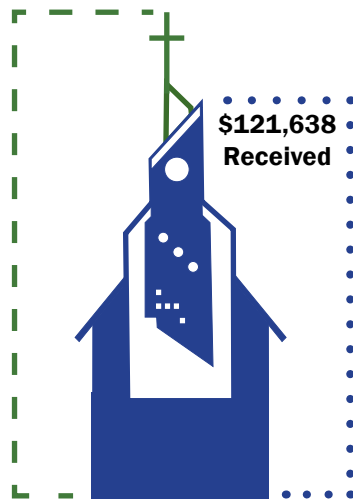
ALMOST THERE!

Thank you for all that you have given to support the major repair appeal!

We have received \$121,638 to date, almost to our goal of \$128,000. Just another \$6,362 and we will not need to seek a loan to pay for our major repairs. Mark any gifts you make as "Major Repairs". **THANK YOU!!** These gifts will allow us to have a safe and warm building for all including our ministry partners.

Tom Patton for the Finance Committee

\$128,000
Goal



MINISTRIES YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS SUPPORT – UNITED METHODIST MEN

Since restarting the men's monthly breakfast last fall, the United Methodist Men at St. Andrew's UMC have facilitated fellowship and spiritual growth for men of our community and affiliated churches—Sedgefield, Southpark, and Woodlawn. Your generous giving has provided the essential resources for our men's group to meet, as the St. Andrew's kitchen and gym becomes our kitchen and meeting place. Through the simple act of sharing a hearty monthly breakfast together, we've shared community, strengthened our relationships, recentered our lives on Christ and fostered service opportunities for our community. The consistent turnout each month seen underscores the impact of this renewed tradition. As we look ahead to the next gathering at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15th**, we encourage you to invite other men—friends, family members, or fellow church members—to join us in this enriching journey. Your continued support and participation in our ministries are vital in cultivating the strong, Christ-centered community desired at St. Andrew's UMC. Thank you for your giving.

Thomas Pool

MESSAGE FROM STAFF PARRISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:



Friends, we are in a season of change and are navigating a very new norm. With Pastor Sherri's retirement and Pastor David's transition, each of us will be asked to continue to lean into the needs of the church and community by our prayers and service. We wanted to be sure to share updates through this process.

Pastoral Appointment: We have provided our Church Profile to our District Superintendent, Dan Pezet. This is our introduction to the council and will be used similar to a "job description" to determine the needs for St. Andrew's UMC.

Music Leader: We are preparing to post for a keyboardist/vocalist and are working towards a Music Worship Leader. In the interim, we will continue to engage with congregational singing with the choir. We may also deploy small ensembles to continue worshipping through music.

Property Manager: With the continued increase in building usage, we are preparing to post for a new position of Property Manager. This will assist with day-to-day coordination of maintenance across the property, relationships with community partners, and vendor management. We will continue to work with trustees on this position and the needs of the church.

Lastly, as our staff is managing many items, members of the SPRC will be available Sunday mornings to answer general questions. This will allow our pastoral staff the opportunity to focus on sermon preparation. Please look for one of the members to address any needs. We will be posted in the Narthex ready to serve and assist.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Ash Wednesday Pancake dinner and worship service on Wednesday, March 5th.

