



MARCH 29, 2026

WEEKLY CHATTER

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PASTOR NOTES SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026



Upper Room Conversations John 16:29-17: 26

We are almost at the end of our 2026 Lenten season. During this time, we have been listening to some of the conversations that took place in the Upper Room. These conversations have been an invitation to witness one of the most intimate moments in the Scriptures that we have been studying together. Now we come to John 17, where Jesus is praying. On the night before the cross, He lifts His eyes to the Father and reveals His heart. He first prays for Himself, surrendering fully to the Father's will and reminding us that eternal life is not merely a future promise but a present reality, knowing God through Jesus Christ. He then prays for His disciples, asking the Father to protect them, sanctify them in the truth, and fill them with a deep, abiding joy that is not dependent on circumstances. In this prayer, we see a Savior who is not focused on His own suffering, but on the spiritual well-being of those He loves.

Even more beautifully, Jesus prays for us. Across the centuries, His words reach into our lives today, that we would be one, grounded in the truth of God's Word, and united in Him. In a world marked by division and uncertainty, this

prayer calls us back to what truly binds us together: the truth of the gospel and the love of Christ. We are reminded that we are a people set apart, sanctified by His Word, and sent into the world with purpose. As we continue this journey toward the cross and the resurrection, may we hear the heart of Jesus in His prayer, and may we live as those who are deeply known, faithfully kept, and lovingly sent.

With Love,
Pastor Norma



Palm Sunday Blessed and Brunched: Sunday, March 29th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (#2). Please bring your favorite brunch food item to share and enjoy fellowship with everyone. Then following, at **10:00 a.m.**, we will gather in the Sanctuary to celebrate Palm Sunday.

Holy Thursday Service: April 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Good Friday Service: April 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the church grounds and in the Family Life Center.

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS.

Easter Sunday Services April 5th: Sunrise Service in the Columbarium at 7:00 a.m.

Traditional Easter Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Covenant Sunday School at 11:00 in Room (#17) / Hybrid.

Small Group Gatherings at 11:11 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Servicio de Adoracion en el Santuario.

**See you there!
All are welcome!**

The Church Office Will Be Closed On Easter Monday, April 6th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Andrew's Easter Egg Hunt is almost here. Help make this a fun day for the children. A sign up sheet will be passed around this Sunday during worship for ways to volunteer. Want to help decorate? Join us on **Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Want to help on the hunt day with crafts, coloring, and more? Join us **Saturday, April 4th, from 10:00 a.m. - noon.** Donations of individual wrapped candy, cup cakes, punch, and fruit are needed. Please drop off candy in the green bin located in the Narthex. Food may be left in the Emerywood kitchen refrigerator. Please mark food items for Easter Egg Hunt use. Thank you.

PICKLEBALL!

**WEDNESDAYS:
APRIL 1ST, 8TH, 15TH,
22ND, 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.



30 Christopher Manzo
30 Angelica Mendez-Ramirez



3 Lori Hennecey
4 Steve Honaker



WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 29, 2026

9:15 a.m.
Intercessory
Prayer Service #18.

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

Lent Sermon Series
Upper Room Conversations
"Jesus is Praying"
John 16:29-17:26

11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gathering.

Noon
Youth Group meeting at
Sedgefield UMC.

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

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HARVESTERS.

Come join a time of fun and games with our Harvester group, on **Thursday, April 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commons Room (#1).** Afterwards, we will have a delicious hot meal and time to socialize with friends. The cost of the meal is \$5 per person. If you are interested in attending, contact Sue Bullock at: 704-661-6531. We hope to see you there.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST.

All men are invited to breakfast and a time of fellowship here at St. Andrew's UMC. Feel free to bring a friend. Please see the following schedule for the breakfast dates for this year.



8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
One Saturday each month.
Family Life Center
April 18th, & May 16th.
Gathering at Park Place Restaurant (PPR).

June 20th, July 18th, & Aug. 15th.
Family Life Center
Sept. 12th, Oct. 17th, & Nov. 14th.
PPR - December 12th.



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE?

Share your happy news with us. Please send any pictures and information that we may post in the Chatter. Email Patti Huss at: churchchatter@standrewsumc.com



FROM THE DESK OF MUSIC TOM:



MARCH MUSIC MADNESS!

The congregation has been voting with fervor! On Easter Sunday, we will crown our winner, and what better way to crown that winner than singing during the Easter Prelude. What hymn will be crowned victorious? What hymn will limp back to the Choir Loft? Find out on Easter!

Our Director of Music and Worship Arts, Tom Lyons, a/k/a Music Tom, now has a weekly blog related to worship!

Check out his musings by scanning here or the following church's website: www.standrewsumc.com.



FUNDRAISER!
UMM Fish Fry and Holy "CRAP"
(Church Rummage and Purpose Sale)
FISH FRY!
Holy CRAP SALE!
YARD SALE
April 18th 7:00am - 2:00pm
Reserve a Parking Spot to Sell Your Items!
Only \$10 per Parking Spot!
You can reserve as many spots as you would like.
For More Info or to Reserve a Spot:
Contact Chris Picha @
704-340-3706
or
Sweetss1@comporium.net

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS!



Sunday, March 22, 2026
Baptism of Miguel Angel Salas,
son of Angelica and Gilberto Salas.



Sunday, March 22, 2026
Kenn Bullock leads the Children's moment.



Sunday, March 22, 2026
Director of Music and Worship and our great St. Andrew's Chior.

