



# weekly Chatter

March 2, 2025

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**WORSHIP UPDATES SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>.**  
**This Sunday, we conclude the Epiphany Season** and travel with Jesus, James, John, and Peter to the mountaintop. Pastor David Ortigoza will be sharing this week's message and Pastor Sherry Jackson will be leading Holy Communion. **Next week, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>, with a drive-through imposition of ashes from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the portico.** Later in the day, we will have our **annual Pancake Supper from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. with worship at 6:45 p.m.** Proceeds to benefit Hurricane Relief through the Leiceister charge. Throughout Lent, we'll be using a resource by **Jill J. Duffield** 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 this Sunday, youth will be traveling on Sunday morning to experience worship with our Pentecostal brothers and sisters. Watch for more information from Brad Kirksey. Small groups will also meet following worship.

**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](http://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 committment. Sponsored by the Swinging Saints Square Dance Club.



**HARVESTERS. Thursday, March 6th**  
 Looking for a chance to fellowship with friends, new and old, and have a delicious home-cooked meal? Come join our **"Harvesters"** on the **first Thursday of the month in the Commons Room #1.** The program starts at **11:00 a.m.**



**OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Charlotte).

We will discuss **"The Four Winds"** by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome. Invite a friend.



**GRUMPY GRAMPA'S.** Mark your calendars for Grumpy Grampa's return for a fellowship lunch on **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, following worship. Suggested donation is \$10.00.



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

**PICKLEBALL Wednesdays: March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CONDOLENCES** to the family of **Bob Miller** who passed away on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep his daughters Janice and Lynn and their families in your prayers. If you would like to send condolences, addresses are as follows:

**Janice Miller**, 1091 Cramerton Village Dr., Unit C, Cramerton, NC 28032

**Lynn Rhoades**, P.O. Box 1479, Carthage, NC 28327.

There will be a private family service in the church columbarium at a later date.

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

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

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



**MARCH Birthdays**

3 Joyce Odom

**89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.** Please shower **Joyce Odom** (Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>) with cards on her special day. Cards may be sent to: **Joyce Odom** 3738 Cypress Club Dr. Apt. D106 Charlotte, NC 28210

**WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 2, 2025**  
 9:15 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Service #30  
 10:00 a.m. "Wake Up and See Jesus" in the Sanctuary *Luke 9:25-35*  
 11:11 a.m. Small Group Gatherings.  
 NOON Youth away worshipping with our Pentecostal brothers and sisters.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS SUNDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
 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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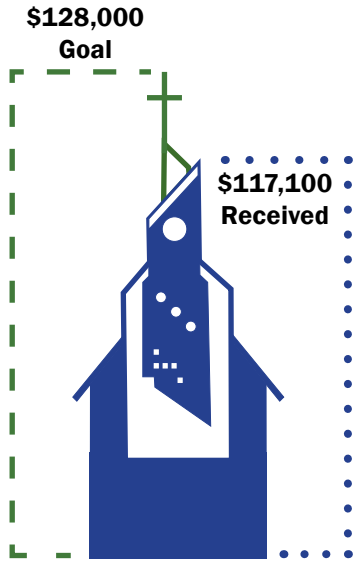
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## REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

# WOW!

All I can say is WOW! Thank you for all that have given to support the major repair appeal. We have received **\$117,100** to date, bringing us close to our goal of \$128,000. When we receive another **\$10,900**, we will not need to seek a new 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.

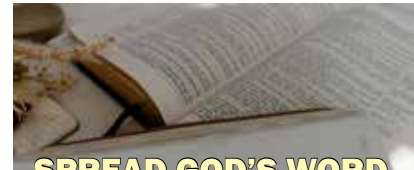
Tom Patton for the Finance Committee.



### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has brought sneakers to be recycled, the response has been heartening. Please know that we will continue to recycle sneakers.

Deborah Hemenway



### SPREAD GOD'S WORD.

Consider supporting the jail ministry by donating used Upper Rooms, other devotional books, Sunday school/Bible study books, and etc. Please drop-off reading materials in the green box located in the Narthex entry hall below the Upper Room book rack. Please continue to support this outreach and know your kindness is appreciated by the jail chaplains. Thank you.

## 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



Children's moment lead by Katie Patton (standing far right) during the worship service on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Nurture team visits Phyllis Lazenby, former aid to Pastor David Ortigoza, at her home. (L-R. Pastor Sherri Barnes, Jolene White, Ruth Mauldin, and seated Phyllis Lazenby).