



# weekly Chatter

May 19, 2024

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### WORSHIP UPDATE

**This Sunday, May 19th** we hear Jesus' question, **"Whom Will You Love? Jesus said, (John 13:35) "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."** But we also know that loving folks is not for the faint of the heart. So join us this Sunday as we explore whom and how we are to love one another. We'll even take a look at the Platinum Rule and along the way celebrate **PENTECOST! Wear your red, yellow and orange to celebrate the day.**

**Don't forget intercessory prayer time at 9:15 a.m., small groups at 11:11 a.m. Youth will resume at 12:30 p.m. with a digital scavenger hunt at Freedom Park this Sunday, May 19th.** Meet at the locomotive near the East Boulevard side of the park. See you here.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

**WRAP-UP.** On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 2024 edition of the 2020 General Conference wrapped up its work, worship, and fellowship. Now comes the part of living into the decisions made. Over the course of two weeks, the delegates undertook much. There were, as I trust you have heard, **changes made to The Book of Discipline and revisions to The Social Principles.** A budget (much smaller) was approved for the work of the connectional church for the next quadrennium, bishop's retirements, and allotments were approved. **Ordained deacons were given sacramental authority** in their ministry context. A **plan to regionalize** and make our global church less U.S. centric was approved. **Historic moments** included Bishop Tracy S. Malone, resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference, becoming the **first Black female president of the Council of Bishops** on April 30, 2024. And Bishop David Wilson, resident bishop of the Great Plains Conference, becoming the **first Native American bishop to preside over the General Conference** on April 25, 2024. I am grateful that I got to attend and volunteer as did Pastor

David and Sara. The event was an international gathering with elements of family reunion and camp meeting thrown in. I also recognize, that the most pressing question will be **so how does this affect me and mine?** *"I am confident that this conference did nothing but provide St. Andrew's sure and sound footing to continue its ministry well into the future."* **The United Methodist Church continues** to share common mission and values. The United Methodist Church remains anchored in scripture and committed to discipleship. We celebrate that our church transcends geography, borders, barriers and differences. And that The United Methodist Church is **diverse and capable of serving ALL people.** I encourage you to continue to pray for the delegates as they make their way home, and for the work that was either furthered or started. *Nourish-Up* (formally Loaves and Fishes) and the families it serves continues to need our response to the district food drive. Our church leadership (lay and clergy) need our prayers and support. **Please be aware that there will be much misinformation and disinformation available.** I trust you already know that my door is always open (as is Pastor David's) and we agree to listen and grow together. We'll also post summaries (trust me you'll need them) as they become available. Thanks for your continued care and discernment.

~Pastor Sherri



**Invites you to an "Art in the Garden Party" Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Jane and Chip Stout 238 Wonderwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28211**

We are excited about our first art and garden party to benefit Dahlia Grove. Come enjoy appetizers, wine, and beer as you view and purchase fabulous art. There will be music and live artists as

well. Dahlia Grove is a justice enterprise seeking to empower and employ survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and addictions. We do this by providing a two-year rent free restorative care home where they are given the time and resources to heal. We believe that LOVE is the most powerful force for change in the world. Come be a part of the transformative power of love.

www.DahliaGrove.org

### TALLER DE EXPRESIÓN ARTICA PARA NIÑOS

## PUEBLOS

**BILINGUAL STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN. ST. ANDREW'S UMC**

25 de Mayo

11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

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**Pueblos is sponsored by Culture Blocks, a community partnership funded by Mecklenburg County.**



### JULIE THOMAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

is awarded each spring to a graduating high school senior who is either a

St. Andrew's church member or a participating member of the senior high youth program. Requirements include plans to enter a college this fall and a 3.5 weighted GPA. Applications can be found online at: [https://www.standrewsumc.com/uploads/1/2/3/2/12323833/2023\\_julie\\_thomas\\_scholarship\\_app\\_pkt.pdf](https://www.standrewsumc.com/uploads/1/2/3/2/12323833/2023_julie_thomas_scholarship_app_pkt.pdf) or in the church office. See Dave Johnson if you have any questions. **Application deadline is Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**



### GRADUATION SUNDAY ON JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> DURING WORSHIP.

**Have a graduate? Please reach out to Sara Terrell at: churchmusic@standrewsumc.com**

### MAY Birthdays

- 20 Gene Hennecy
- 20 Lisa Pool
- 22 Linda Thompson
- 23 Miguel Gonzalez
- 23 Marjorie Sharp

### WORSHIP SERVICE MAY 19, 2024

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

10:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary "Whom Will You Love?" Luke 6:27-36

11:11 a.m.

Small Group Gathering

12:00 p.m.

Youth Group lunch/meeting. Followed with a digital scavenger hunt at 12:30 p.m. at Freedom Park gathering at the locomation near the East Blvd. side of the park.

### REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS MAY 19, 2024

Room #17 and Hybrid

Trustee Meeting 12:30p.m.

SPRC 3:00 p.m.

Finance Committee 4:30pm



### HAVE A GOOD NEWS SHOUT OUT?

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

### GIVE ONLINE/OFRENDAR EN LINE.



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



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### PROCTORS NEEDED

Montclair Elementary School is in need of volunteer proctors for end-of-grade testing on the mornings of **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Proctors help teachers monitor students during testing. Volunteering is easy and requires no prior experience. Visit <https://qrco.de/MESEOG2024> to find out more and sign up for a slot. Thanks for supporting Montclair!

### CLANCY DOWLESS MEMORIAL FUND

St. Andrew's UMC invites you to participate in supporting the **Clancy Dowless Memorial Fund**. Clancy's parents, Norma and Jimmy, as well as brothers, Brian and Anthony, are longtime members of this community. Gifts to the fund support the Barnabas ministry of Camp Tekoa, an annual week-long camp designed for adults with developmental disabilities. In scripture, Barnabas is known



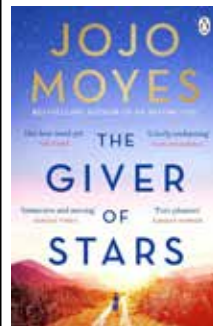
for showing great kindness to the apostle Paul and his Hebrew name translates to "son of encouragement." Your support will provide camper scholarships and camp upgrades for this important and special ministry. So, be a Barnabas! Through your financial support, you can extend encouragement and kindness to Tekoa's exceptional campers and continue Clancy's witness of the same.



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 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



**BOOK CLUB.** All are invited to join us on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** as we discuss the book **"The Giver of Stars"** written by **Jojo Moyes**. Nicole Campbell will host us at her home at 1617 Lyndale Place, Charlotte, NC 28210. See you there.

## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

**Charlotte Mecklenburg School  
Town Hall Community Event  
Monday, May 6, 2024**



**CMS Superintendent  
Dr. Crystal L. Hill**



**Montclair Elementary  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024**



**Mother's Day Celebration  
Sunday, May 12, 2024**



**Project Harmony Year End Concert  
Monday, May 13, 2024  
at Christ Lutheran Church.**

