



Weekly CHATTER

MAY 30, 2021

**Sunday, May 30th,
Online Worship Only.**

WORSHIP UPDATE - This Sunday, May 30th, will be **online only**. June 6th Graduate Sunday will be in-person and online.



Bishop Paul L. Leeland

BISHOP PAUL LEELAND will retire as of September 1st, 2021, and our conference will then welcome the Rev. Dr. Ken Carter. Many of you may remember Ken serving as pastor at Providence UMC here in Charlotte before he became a district superintendent and was elected to the episcopacy. Due to the postponement of General Conference and Jurisdictional conference until late 2022, Ken will serve both Florida and Western North Carolina. A thank you gift honoring Bishop Leeland and his wife, Janet may be made through contributions that will benefit the Northern Haiti Mission Connection and UMAR. You may be familiar with UMAR's work through St. Andrew's connection to Clancy Dowless. Donations may be made by a check to St. Andrew's (note Bishop Leeland) or directly to the WNCCUMC treasurer through this link: <https://www.wnccumc.org/ac-2021-offering>. Thanks for your support.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION UPDATE. Recently, the CDC issued new guidelines for ongoing care of self and community. After consultation with the conference and SAUMC's leadership, we have become **mask optional**. Those who have not yet been vaccinated are asked to continue to wear a mask when at a church event. Those who have been vaccinated have an option. The key in this is trust and Wesley's admonition to first, "Do No Harm", and second, "Do Good". For the time being we, will continue to set up meeting spaces following social distancing guidelines. We will also not yet have congregational singing. We will also continue to have a mix of hybrid and online services between now and September. And we will be working with Sunday School classes to bring them back online as well. Classes have the options of meeting in-person, hybrid, or remain online. More info to follow. **Questions, concerns, comments? Please reach out to Pastor Sherri or your leadership team.**

ONLINE ZOOM HOST NEEDED. We are looking for folks who are willing to help host our online Zoom worship! The main host needs to have proficient computer skills. Co-host roles do not need to be as skilled on a computer! Interested? Contact Kevin Ward (kvw2517@gmail.com or 704-553-1327 ext. 105) .

CHURCH NEWS



Mary Stone

HELP CELEBRATE Mary Stone's 100th birthday on Tuesday, June 8th. Join us at the church at 10:30 a.m. Car parade will leave at 10:45 a.m. and arriving at her home at 11:00 a.m. A large birthday card will be available at the church to sign or bring your own cards. Remember to social distance and/or mask up.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD, AT 7:30 P.M. Those interested in training how to use an automatic external defibrillator, please join us Thursday, June 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Room (#1). This device automatically measures a person's heart rate and determines whether a discharge is required. For more information Email David Ortigoza at dortigoza@wnccumc.net or call 704-553-1327 ext 107.

CHILDREN'S FUN DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, FROM 2:00P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. Join us for fun outdoor games. Warning: You may get wet so bring a towel! You may also want to bring a change of clothes. We will meet on the basketball court.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. JULY 11TH - 14TH. Discovery on Adventure Island. Join us on our quest for God's great Light based on Isaiah 60:1 "Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you." For children Kindergarten through grade 5 (and adult volunteers). July 11-14 Registration is available.

YOU ARE NEEDED! Are you ready to volunteer? We would love to have you help with VBS this summer. We have several spots available to help teach our children about God's light! Contact Sherry Jackson for more information at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327 ext 103 .

LABOR DAY TEKOA FAMILY RETREAT. It is time to register for the September 3rd-6th, 2021 Tekoa Family Retreat! Please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/TekoaFamily2021> to fill out a registration form! Questions? Please email Kevin Ward at kwj2517@gmail.com or call 704-553-1327 ext 105 .

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 30 Russell Dowless
- 30 Ulrich Gloege
- 30 Carrie Beth Sanford
- 30 Tom Shepherd
- 31 Jonathan Poteat



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Anthony Dowless
- 1 Peter Gamwell
- 1 Jacob Hege
- 1 Vicki Ivey
- 1 Dean Unumb
- 3 Samuel Hecksher
- 3 Julie Wynne
- 4 Sherry Council
- 4 Rufus Hutchinson
- 5 Erin Melton



WORSHIP SERVICES MAY 30TH, 10:00 a.m. Online Only.

JUNE 6TH, 10:00 a.m. GRADUATE SUNDAY, In-Person and Online.

REGULAR CHURCH HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Church Office Closed May 31st For Memorial Day.

ROOM CHANGE. Bonnie White
The Laurels
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Room A 103
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MAY 22ND CHURCH-WIDE WORKDAY PHOTO HIGH LIGHTS.



THANK YOU.

A special thanks to the Trustees and the 20+ people who participated in Saturday's Work Day at the church. Work included creating a second oasis in the parking lot, restoring luster to the Sanctuary, pews and chancel area, deep cleaning the Emerywood and Archdale kitchens, adding a second coat of paint to the church sign on Emerywood, moving mulch, adding fill around the foundation, some pressure washing and renewing the columbarium fountain! When one of the members offered thanks to one of the children serving, the response (from Ayla) was "well, it's my church, so of course I will help." Our building provides ministry to and for so many in our community. Thanks again for doing your part in its care.