



# WEEKLY CHATTER

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## PASTOR NOTES SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

### Living on Mission

Living on Mission In the Gospel of **Mark 6:7-13**, Jesus sends the disciples two by two with a clear purpose.



This passage reminds us that mission is not just something the early church did, it is how we

are called to live today. As we embrace our 2026-2027 vision, we are invited not only to speak about making disciples, but to live it daily.

Recently, some of our members stepped into that calling by serving at Mount Shepherd, walking



alongside our youth and modeling faith in action. Their witness reminds us that God uses ordinary people, people like us.

Jesus did not wait for the disciples to feel ready. He sent them with His authority, teaching them to depend on God, to walk together, and to carry a message of hope and transformation. That same calling continues today in our homes, workplaces, and community.

Not every step will be easy, and not every effort will be received. Yet faithfulness matters more than outcomes. We are simply called to go.

So, where is Jesus sending you this week? How will you live as one sent in His name?

~Peace in Christ, Pastor Norma



## PICKLEBALL!

**WEDNESDAY: MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup>, & 27<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.



**HARVESTERS.** Please join the Harvesters on **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commons Room (#1).** Our program will feature a CMPD officer talking about how to avoid scams. Following the program, we will enjoy a delicious meal and time to socialize with friends. The cost of the meal is \$5 per person. If you are interested in attending, contact Pat Madar at 704-540-1772. We hope to see you there.

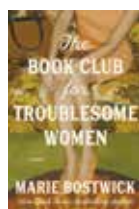
**NOTE: The Harvester cooking team** is looking for six new folks to take over the task of cooking lunch for our senior citizens group at their monthly meetings, seven times a year. If you are interested in joining this great team, please contact **Vicki Robinson** at:

**704-807-8688.** Thank you!

### MONTCLAIRE TEACHERS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON.

**Preparation: Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Emerywood kitchen. We will be providing lunch of cold cuts and cheeses with the usual chocolates, chips, and drinks for the staff of Montclair Elementary School. Volunteers are welcome to help us prepare the lunches. **Please note:** If the prep is **not completed** on Thursday evening, we will meet again the next morning **no earlier than 8:00 a.m.** If all the prep. **is finished** on Thursday, **we will meet on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Teachers Luncheon: Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at Montclair Elementary School.** We should be finished and back at the church for cleanup by 1:00 p.m. and wrapping up by 2:00 p.m.

**BOOK CLUB MEETING.** Join us on **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.** as we discuss the book "The



Book Club for Troublesome Women" by Marie Bostwick. We'll gather at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Charlotte, NC 28210). Please obtain the book on your own. All are welcome. Invite a friend.

### 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 - May 16<sup>th</sup>. Gathering at Park Place Restaurant (PPR). June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, & Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. Family Life Center Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, & Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. PPR - December 12<sup>th</sup>.**



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR GRADUATIONS!** If you have a high schooler or college graduate this year, please let the us know. We will recognize our graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please send your child's full name, school they are graduating from and what their plans are for the future to:

Pastor Norma Villagran  
pastornorma@standrewsumc.com  
or Sue Bullock  
fhhs68@hotmail.com

### KEY FOB REPROGRAMMING COMPLETED.

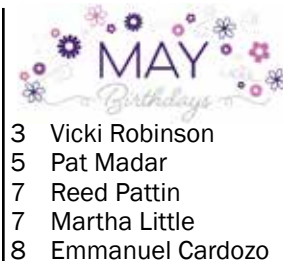
If you are unable to access the church, or remotely unlock or lock the doors please contact **George White** at: **704-533-3689.** If you need to have the doors unlocked for a recurring event and will be responsible



for notifying the trustees when that event **is not occurring**, please submit a reservation request to the church office at: churchoffice@standrewsumc.com.

### 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**



### WORSHIP SERVICE MAY 3, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.  
Worship in the Sanctuary.  
"Calling, Sending,  
and Trusting"  
Mark 6:7-13

11:11 a.m.  
Small Group Gathering.

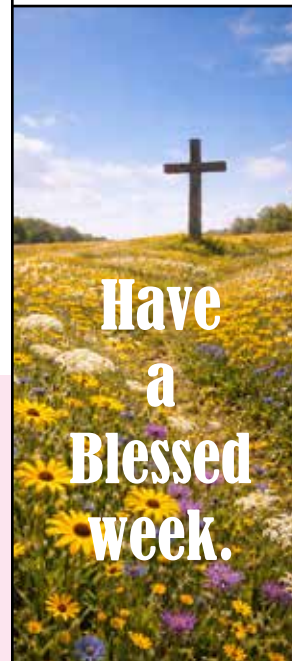


**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed on Friday.

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# WEEKLY CHATTER

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What a faithful and generous community of believers we have at St. Andrew's UMC! If you have not noticed all the activities and people worshipping, learning, and fellowshiping, we invite you to stop by soon. St. Andrew's continues to serve our community as a gathering space for a range of partners, missions, and outreach initiatives.

We finished the first quarter in good shape. We started the year with a deficit of \$61,900 and we have reduced it by \$14,400 to \$47,500. Our Receipts were on budget with additional donations to our major repair fund. With a 60+ year old facility, something always needs attention. Thanks to those that continue to support our major repairs as well as to our Trustees that help manage these repairs and upgrades.

Money Spent is up \$1,500 from budget with higher utilities of \$6,700 from the extended cold snap and higher custodial costs of \$1,500 offset by lower lay salary spending of \$3000 and lower spending in all other areas, \$3,700.

The Finance Committee continues to monitor our spending and watch for opportunities to increase our money raised.

Quarterly giving statements will not be sent for the first quarter but a six-month giving statement will be sent in July. If you need an interim statement sooner, please reach out to Alice Glefke, Financial Secretary.

Thank you for your continued support to the ministry at St. Andrew's and we look forward to seeing you there soon!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMP TEKOA!

Did you know that St. Andrew's UMC was the first church to host a family weekend at Camp Tekoa? I didn't! I just knew that my family ALWAYS went to Camp Tekoa on Labor Day weekend. We would like to make this year a reunion and a time to share memories from our past years at Camp Tekoa. We hope you will be able to join us the Labor Day weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>! The cost for the weekend is \$150 per person. If you join us just for the day it is \$20 per person, plus the cost of any meals. Click THIS LINK: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdV6HNK8rSbfQWk\\_B\\_N\\_ZPMjnKObN96APMk6waK7mNU95KA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdV6HNK8rSbfQWk_B_N_ZPMjnKObN96APMk6waK7mNU95KA/viewform)

to access the registration form and for more information.

If you have any questions, reach out to Brian Dowless: [dowlessbrian@aol.com](mailto:dowlessbrian@aol.com) or Katie Patton: [marypattin822@gmail.com](mailto:marypattin822@gmail.com)



### RING THEM BELLS... and did we ever!

What a fantastic evening at our Outdoor Handbell Rehearsal! Great music, a great crowd; and even some guest ringers from the audience joining in on chimes! This is what community sounds like! The Handbell Choir is hoping to make this an every-few-months tradition... so stay tuned (and keep those hands ready to ring!)

The Tech Team is always working to strengthen and enhance our livestream for our online worship community. If you watch online, please take a brief survey. Your feedback truly helps us improve! The survey can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/nK7U2KVJioRgPM1c6> or by scanning the QR Code above.

### Our Director of Music and Worship Arts, Tom Lyons, a/k/a Music Tom,

has a weekly blog related to worship! Check out his musings by scanning here or the following church's website: [www.standrewsumc.com](http://www.standrewsumc.com).



## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
An Inclusive Gathering "Wondrously Made" for Kids with Special Needs.



Dear Pastor Norma and Noah,

Today, we don't just give thanks... we also recognize an act of true love. Thank you to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church for opening your doors to our families with children with autism, and for giving us a space where there is no judgment—only understanding, respect, and empathy. Thank you, Pastor Norma Villagrana and Mr. Noah Hernández, for planting seeds of inclusion and making a difference in our lives.

Because for us, these moments are never forgotten... they remain in our hearts forever.

From all the Autism Warrior Moms, and Mary Chuy Cruz

