



Weekly CHATTER

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

THIS SUNDAY WORSHIP
IN PERSON/ONLINE.

CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP PLANNING UPDATE. This Sunday, November 1st we will celebrate All Saints' Day with a service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. that will include the naming and celebration of our church family who have joined the church triumphant since last year. The service will be online. Limited seating is available due to COVID-19 compliance. Call the church office to make a reservation before Thursday, October 29th, at 3:00 p.m. or go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaca62da5f9c52-all saints>

FINANCIAL UPDATE. Now that we have left summer behind, I wanted to give you an update on the financial picture of the church. I am happy to say we are holding our own especially considering the additional burden caused by the pandemic. However, a portion of our financial success is attributable to the PPP grant we received from the federal government earlier in the year. Taking that into consideration, the year to date giving is down 6.2% which translates to about \$600 less a week as compared to the previous year. Given this reality, the staff has made adjustments to spending and has made sacrifices to help us close the gap. As we start the transition to hybrid/ in-person services, we expect expenses will increase as we open the building up and in fact, we have already experienced a rise in our utility expense. Therefore, I would respectfully ask if you are able to assist St. Andrew's financially, please do so, we can continue God's calling. As God has first priority in our hearts, so shall he receive first priority with our good fortune. I will continue to monitor the financial situation of the church and will provide you with frequent updates. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions and/or concerns.

In Christ, Doug Dennison Finance Chair
ddennison1217@gmail.com

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 1ST. SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR.

2020 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES DUE AT THE CHURCH ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH.



Please consider participating this year in our annual Operation Christmas Child. **Pick up/drop off at the main entrance during office hours. Thank You!**

SENIORS OF ST. ANDREW'S UMC – We would love to celebrate you in the coming months. Please take a moment to confirm your birthdate (including your birth year) with Vicki Lawson at churchoffice@standrewsumc.com. We count our lives by our blessings not the years. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

WHAT'S COMING UP? WINTER VBS!

Please join us in January as we host a Winter Vacation Bible School entitled "Knights of North Castle". We are planning to meet in person as well as online. Donations are needed as we begin preparing for this event. You may help us by donating from the list below:

Brown craft paper rolls, clear zip ties, white tulle, polyester fiberfill, aluminum foil, rectangle plastic tablecloths (purple, light blue or lime green).

Thank you in advance for your help.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL. Believe it or not, we are already thinking about Advent and Christmas! In past years, we have had a church-wide study. This year, we are going to have a daily Advent devotional available for you, written by...YOU! The prompt is simple, "Where do you find yourself in the Nativity" or "Where do you find meaning in the Nativity?" Contact Kevin Ward at kjw2517@gmail.com for more information and instructions! The deadline for getting devotionals is November 8th!

Learning Help Centers of Charlotte Needs Your Help! LHCC is on campus at St. Andrew's UMC 3 days a week helping students navigate through these tough times. And they could use some volunteers to help with their programs (Monday and Thursday during the day or Tuesday evening). **What is required to volunteer?** Here is how LHCC phrases it, "No prior experience needed, just a smile and enthusiasm to work with ELL (English as a Learning Language) students in a patient constructive manner." If you are interested in helping, please email Kevin Ward at kjw2517@gmail.com or David Ortigoza at dortigoza@wnccumc.net for more information.

VIRTUAL CROP WALK UPDATE. Matthew Hemenway raised \$1,335 for this great cause. His father Geoffrey Hemenway raised \$2,085, and brother Mark raised \$855. Congratulations Hemenway men.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH,



Welcome New Members:
(L) Chris and Courtney Picha



FALL FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.



- 1 Andrew Cook
- 2 JD Hileman
- 2 Shawn Penny
- 2 Lisa Pool
- 2 Thomas Pool
- 2 Gilvan Primo
- 2 Mirtes Rocha
- 3 Robbie Council
- 3 Crystal Gibson
- 4 John Patrick
- 5 Casey Adams
- 5 Patricia Burd
- 5 Catherine Kendall
- 7 Dennis Saunders

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1 - Habakkuk All Saint's Day

10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Streaming - All Saints Requiem.

NOVEMBER 8 - Zechariah

10:00 a.m. Online Only.

NOVEMBER 15 - Malachi

10:00 a.m. In-Person in the Family Life Center

NOVEMBER 22 - Joel

10:00 a.m. Online Only.

NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Online Only.



CHURCH HOURS:

**MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

SCRIPTURE LESSON HABAKKUK 2:2

² Then the Lord said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others."