



Weekly CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday, September 12th, In-Person and Online.

WORSHIP UPDATE

WORSHIP SERVICE. On Sunday, September 12th, in the Family Life Center we will return to campus at 10:00 a.m. for a hybrid service as we conclude our summer series, Story Walk, and consider the question Jesus asked, "Who do YOU say that I am?"

A PLEA FROM YOUR TRUSTEES.

As many of you are aware, during the warm days this year we have had a hard time keeping the interior of the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center cool. Within the last week it



has become apparent that the large chiller outside of the Family Life Center is

on its last leg. This unit is the primary source for air conditioning for both our Sanctuary and the Family Life Center.

Over the last two years, we have made several "band-aid fixes" to the equipment. However, during a recent breakdown, it was determined that 50% of the chiller is now inoperable, and the other 50% is only operating at around a 45% efficiency. This is due primarily to leaks and mechanical issues within the 18-year-old unit.

The Trustees and Finance Director met last week and determined that for St. Andrew's to maintain our level of community interaction within our church facility, the chiller must be replaced. This was voted on and approved. However, this comes with a cost.

There are a number of different avenues available for us to cover this cost. First, we can refinance our existing Family Life Center mortgage with the Western NC United Methodist Foundation (which holds our current note) and

include the needed monies for the chiller purchase. This will increase our monthly mortgage payment from around \$1,995 to \$2,430.

Second, we are also going to ask the larger outside groups that use our church facilities if they would consider assisting us with a one-time financial donation.

Finally, we need to ask you, the congregation, to help. The more dollars that we raise from within the congregation, the lower the amount needed to refinance. You, the congregation, have never failed to support the Trustees when there has been a financial issue with the church physical plant. We, the Trustees, have been good stewards of your donations in the past and will be once again. Any dollars you can contribute would be a help toward the replacement of this dilapidated chiller unit.

To replace the chiller we will need in the neighborhood of \$115,000 - \$120,000. It will take almost 17 weeks to obtain the new unit and we hope that the current chiller, with God's help, will hold on a little longer. **A charge conference will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19th** at 7:00 p.m. with members of the Church Council to approve next steps.

If you need more information, please call me on my cell at (704) 517-1561.

Yours in Christ's work;
Kenn Bullock – Chair of the Trustees

PLEASE HELP CELEBRATE. Edna Senger will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on September 14th, and Rosada Lackey will celebrate her 96th birthday on September 18th. Please send birthday cards to:

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| Edna Senger
139 Rosemont Ave.
Farmington, NY 11738 | Rosada Lackey
8919 Park Road, EH-03
Charlotte, NC 28210-8656 |
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FALL 2021 - WORSHIP SERVICES

Beginning September 19th through December 19th, our Sunday mornings will follow an in-person pattern of Worship through Prayer at 9:30 a.m., followed by Worship in Music and Word at 10:00 a.m. (to be livestreamed and ZOOMed weekly). Services will alternate between the Family Life Center and Sanctuary, and from time to time outside. The music and order will be a mixture of traditional and contemporary keeping with the space and occasion. At 11:00 a.m., we will engage spiritual formation (and mission) with children, youth, adult Sunday School classes and other small groups. Options are available for class or small group meetings to be hybrid (reach out to Kevin Ward for information). On the last Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m., our Cross-Cultural Ministry will gather for a celebration and bi-lingual study to which everyone is invited. Sunday afternoons will become our time for discipleship for children, youth and families from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. We are still in the discernment process of what a mid-week gathering will look like, and we hope to resume that ministry in 2022. **Questions? Need more information?** Reach out to our lay leadership, pastors, or staff.

JUST A REMINDER that even though we have returned to in-person meeting, we are still gathering for worship each Sunday via ZOOM. The ZOOM platform allows you to connect with a computer, tablet, smart phone or wall phone. If you're still unsure how to use it reach out to any of the staff and we'll walk you through it. We even do house calls! Let us know.

JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, AT 11:00 A.M. AS WE ASSEMBLE SPAM BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS.

Our goal is to make 200 or more bags! If you would like to donate items towards this project, please go to sign up genius at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SPAMBAGS>. Please drop off items at the church by Wednesday, September 15th. See item list below:

- Gallon zip lock bags, mints, wet wipes, beef jerky, Vienna sausages, crackers, plastic spoons, hard candies, water bottles, tissues, raisins, Nutrigrain bars, fruit cups, lip balm, and single serve snacks (trail mix, gold fish, nuts).**

WE NEED YOU! We are celebrating the beginning of in-person activities for children on Sunday, Sept. 19th, and we need **YOU!** Volunteers are needed in the Nursery Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m., and classroom Leaders during our spiritual formation time of 11:00 a.m. and Sundays for our discipleship time 4:30-6:00 p.m. We are exploring new curriculums and activities to help along the way. Please contact Sherry Jackson if you are interested in serving and helping in the childrens' ministry area.



- 12 Josh Patton
- 14 Tena Clanton
- 14 Edna Senger
- 14 Diane Slade
- 15 William Clanton
- 15 Kevin Gonzalez
- 16 Abbey Buzzard
- 16 Hannah Buzzard
- 17 Matthew Carte
- 17 Irma Diaz
- 17 Irene Gonzalez
- 18 Madison Francis
- 18 Mary Hutchinsion
- 18 Rosada Lackey

WORSHIP SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 10:00 a.m.
In-person and online in the Family Life Center
"A Persistent Question"
Mark 8:27-30

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

REMINDER.
ONLINE ADMIN. MEETINGS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH.
3:30 p.m. Staff Parish
Relation Committee
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee
6:00 p.m. Trustees
7:00 p.m. Church Council /
Special Charge Conf.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.
Sunday, September 26th
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Service of blessing with a photo op and treats for our furry and feathered friends and their humans.
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. will be a drive-through blessing.

