



weekly CHATTER

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
in the Family Life Center,
and Online.

1901 Archdale Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210 www.standrewsumc.com 704-553-1327

WORSHIP UPDATE

One of the iconic lines in the movie "City Slickers" is delivered by Curly, played by Jack Palance, to Mitch, played by Billy Crystal. Riding together on a cattle drive, Curly asks Mitch the question, "do you know what the secret of life is?" Curly then lifts up his index figure and offers . . . one thing. What is our "one thing?" What is your "one thing?" Join us this Sunday as we explore keeping first things first.

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Help our church end the year in a healthy financial position. *The goal is to raise an additional \$50,000 in second mile giving between now and December 31, 2023.*



With 100 giving units this amounts to an **extra \$125 per month or \$30 per week.** We know that some will match this goal, some will exceed it, but we trust everyone will offer what they are able.

Between May and July, we saw the summer slump in giving. At the same time, there were increased facility expenses, such as the relocation of SAUMC's preschool to the Emerywood Hall (we'll be hosting an open house soon), maintenance, insurance, roof, HVAC and custodial services. While our building is aging, we celebrate that its use and ministry potential continues to grow. We will soon welcome Alliance Center for Education, LHCC, Project Harmony, and Learning Together who are resuming their school year ministries. That

means over 250 children (and their families) will be present in our church 5 days a week. You are always welcome to stop by for a visit during the week to see and know that the Lord is good!

Your Finance Committee is striving to be good stewards with all we have been blessed. We have received some unexpected gifts that have helped this year, and we continue to explore ways to best utilize our assets to further our community ministry and raise income to offset costs.

Thank you for doing your part so that St. Andrew's may continue to be a Lighthouse to the community as we Follow Jesus and Make Disciples for the Vital Transformation of Life (ours and the world).

~Tom Patton, Finance Chair



YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH
This Sunday, September 17th, Brad Kirksey, our new cooperative youth director will be present with us during worship. **Our youth ministry program will launch with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by programming from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Youth is open to those in grades 6 through 12. Friends are welcome and encouraged.

HELP IS NEEDED to prepare meals once a month and to offer a weekly gym welcome from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Need more info? Reach out to Pastor Sherri, Pastor Sherry, or Pastor David.



On Sunday, Sept. 24th, our morning worship will include a prayer walk of our campus. Join us as we pray for our community, within and beyond our walls.

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP. Please be in prayer for the Nominations committee as they undertake matching, people, gifts and ministry for 2024 and beyond. If you are interested in serving an existing ministry such as Trustees, Finance, or Staff-Parish, or engaging a new opportunity such as Communications, Technology, or Discipleship, please reach out to Pastor Sherri or a member of the committee, Karen Gibson, Gail Lewyn, Courtney Picha, Davy Lisk, Cheryl Broerman, or lay leader Maria Alvarado.

PLAYDATES
Look for monthly play dates to resume in the new year. They are currently on hold to make room for the youth ministry launch. Stay tuned.

MONTCLAIRE OUTREACH
Last year, a small group of volunteers made a monthly visit to Montclair Elementary School to deliver snacks to teachers as a way of appreciation and encouragement. This year, the Snack Cart Outreach continues. We rounding up some new volunteers. Time Commitment is one Friday a month for two hours. Activity – pushing a cart, sharing snacks, and making teachers smile! Interested? Reach out to Sara Terrell at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 17 Irma Diaz
- 17 Irene Gonzalez
- 18 Mary Hutchinson
- 18 Rosada Lackey
- 19 Abby McLaurin-Noell
- 19 Courtney Picha
- 23 Frank Clontz
- 23 Mary New

89+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.
Please shower **Rosada Lackey** (Tuesday, **Sept. 18th**), with cards on her special day.
Cards may be sent to:
Rosada Lackey
Southminster
8919 Park Road
EH-03
Charlotte, NC
28210-8656



WORSHIP SERVICE
September 17, 2023
9:15 a.m. Worship Thru Prayer Service #29
10:00 a.m.
Worship in the Family Life Center
"Who's Driving the Bus?"
Matthew 6:31-33
11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings
Youth Ministry
12:30 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS.
No SPRC
Finance - 4:30 p.m.
Hybrid and in the Commons Room #1
Trustees - 6:30 p.m.
online only



UPDATE

Our next town hall meeting will be this Sunday, September 17th @ 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Room 2). This week's presentation will mirror the first one and will provide information about the MAP (Ministry Action Plan) for St. Andrew's received from the TJ Discovery Team. The video of last week's session is available at:

<https://youtu.be/ca9qKnAH40Q>

The Ministry Action Plan report is available on the website. As with the first meeting, there will be a time for Q&A. If you cannot attend in person and would like to submit a question, please call or email the church office at 704-553-1327 or

churchoffice@standrewsumc.com

On **Sunday, September 24th**, we will welcome our District Superintendent Dan Pezet. Dan will lead us in worship and there will be a called **Charge Conference at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary** to consider the plan's recommendations. Following the Charge Conference there will be a covered-dish luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share.



SWINGING SAINTS

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE!!!

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. every Monday
in Fellowship Hall (#2).

\$5.00 weekly.

Instructor/Caller: Randy Page
Questions? Please contact Glenda Patton: 704-650-3138.



IF YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT

that is now back at school, we would love to have their mailing address. Please send the address to

childrensministry@standrewsumc.com.

We would like to be able to communicate with them throughout the school year.

CARD MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Join us every Wednesday now through October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. to make cards in the Commons Room #1. It's a lot of fun and fellowship. Classes are in English and Spanish and will run for 10

weeks. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the sign-up list outside Pastor David's office, Room #16, so enough materials will be on hand. The cost for this series of card-making is \$25.00 per person to cover the cost of materials. Children who attend will make different cards than the adults and must be 10 years or older. Cost per child is \$10.00 for this series.



BOOK CLUB

Friday, October 13th 6:30 p.m.

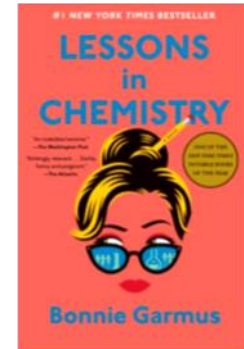
Gail Lewyn's home.

3117 Deep Meadow Ln.

Charlotte, NC 28210

"Lessons in Chemistry"

by Bonnie Garmus.



All are welcome and invite a friend.

CONDOLENCES TO the families of Penny Bryant on the death of her brother-in-law Eddie Murray on September 3rd; Phyllis Lazenby on the passing of her uncle Larry Mills on September 7th; and the family of Ruber Párraga-Vera who passed on September 8th.

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$262.00 toward our scholarship fund. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity. We hope you enjoyed your retreat and we are looking forward to having you back next year.

In Christ,
Melisa Coates