

AUGUST 2019



# The CHATTER

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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Follow Jesus.  
Make  
Disciples.  
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the World.

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

St. Andrew's UMC Music and Drama Camp is coming!  
Sign up now!

AUGUST  
12TH-16TH

9:00 - 3:00 p.m. daily  
Performance on  
Sunday, August 18th



**Registration** is \$25.00 per child or \$60.00 max per family. Lunch and snack provided. Open to rising 2nd - 8th graders. If someone needs help paying for camp, they may contact Sara Terrell at 704-553-1327, ext.104 or Kevin Ward at ext. 105. This year's musical is called "Song of the King" and will be medieval/castle themed. **Sign up** by pointing your phone's camera at the castle door above, on the posters located around the church, going to [http://bit.ly/Camp\\_Registration\\_2019](http://bit.ly/Camp_Registration_2019), or complete sign-up forms found in the Narthex and Family Life Center. We need lots of smiling volunteers to make camp happen. Anyone who is volunteering can get in touch with Sara Terrell at [churchmusic@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchmusic@standrewsumc.com). **Donations Needed.** Please help by donating items/or money for music camp. Items list can be found on tables in the Narthex and Family Life Center. Thank you.

## CHURCH NEWS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

As many of you are aware, we are entering the summer months at St. Andrew's UMC. Historically from a financial perspective these months are a trying time for us as other priorities enter the picture during that time and attendance at church dips. This year as we enter summer, a couple of issues have arisen. Our utility costs for the year have been substantially higher than budgeted due to a thermostat issue, which has now been fixed, and that has put us in a hole financially. The finance committee would like to ask the congregation to consider "paying forward" their weekly donation as we take steps to curtail our expenses.

We also would ask the congregation to think about earmarking an additional contribution for the building fund. As you may not be aware, this fund is currently not in our budget and we pay it out of a designated fund.

At present, with the current rate of giving to the fund we have a little more than three months of payments in the account. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please designate on your check memo "Building Fund." Another way you can support St. Andrew's UMC is by shopping online at [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org). The church will receive a percentage of your purchases as a donation. Thank you for your support.

—Doug Dennison, Chair  
Finance Committee

### FROM THE PASTOR.



Pastor Sherri Barnes

As I recently shared on social media, if the definition of grace is unmerited favor, then I am filled to overflowing. It has been a wonderful start to this new chapter in ministry. I was blessed to meet a number of folks and community members during Summer Connections a/k/a Vacation Bible School last week. Over 40 volunteers served over 20 children of which over 65% were beyond our immediate family. We then welcomed faithful servants for a work day, the improvements from which will continue to brighten and welcome. My first Sunday brought an incredible reception (thanks to the many fine bakers who provided the sweets and treats). Worship brought opportunities

to gather, praise and welcome a new family to membership, Kevin and Amanda Jones along with the baptism of their little girl Brooke and the welcoming of her big brother, Chase, in the midst of a blended cross-cultural service.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to continuing to visit our members and friends, and learning more about the family that is St. Andrew's. I also look forward to getting to know St. Andrew's' incredible staff and serving with them. As was shared in Sunday's message, I am grateful that I have found able partners with which to "go fishing" seeking to proclaim the gospel, teach, and bring healing and light to people and places in need.

Thank you again for the warm welcome. It is a privilege serving with you.

Pastor Sherri  
Psalm 121:8

### WISHING CINDY GAMWELL, OUTGOING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, FAREWELL AND GODSPEED.

We wish Cindy Gamwell, our part-time Financial Secretary since 2015, Godspeed as she ends her time here at St. Andrew's UMC on July 31st. Starting in August, she will be working full-time at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church-Charlotte.

"We wanted to thank Cindy for all the work she has done for St. Andrew's UMC and wish her well in her new role," said David Patton, chair of St. Andrew's Staff Parish Relations Committee. "She will definitely be missed by our staff and church members" with whom she worked, he said.



Cindy Gamwell

### To the Sweet Family of St. Andrew's,

It has been a pleasure serving all of the members of St. Andrew's UMC as your Financial Secretary for almost 4 years now. Working with all of you has been such a blessing and the Spirit here is that of Love and acceptance. I could not have asked for a better group of people to serve. It is with a heavy heart that I leave you so I can work full-time outside of my home. I pray the Lord is bringing you guys just the right person to fill my position just as I'm praying that He has brought me just the right environment to move into. I'm sure I will see you on occasion as opportunities arise. So this is not really a goodbye, but a "I will see you less often".

In His Service, Cindy Gamwell.



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## SUMMER CONNECTION

## Highlights from VBS 2019

What an awesome week of Summer Connection (VBS)! We had 18 kids participate and 41 adults help out with this incredible program. Our voyagers have explored and discovered all kinds of possibilities as we reached for the stars and encountered the limitless power and love of God! Our assembly times opened the doors for us to journey into the stories of faith including Daniel and the Lion's Den, Queen Esther, The Good Samaritan, Jesus healing the 10 Lepers and Jesus comforting friends on the way to Emmaus. We have played games, made slime, made lanterns, made clay bots, ate lions and crispy galaxy snacks, sang songs, and much, much more! We hope you will join us next summer for another great adventure.

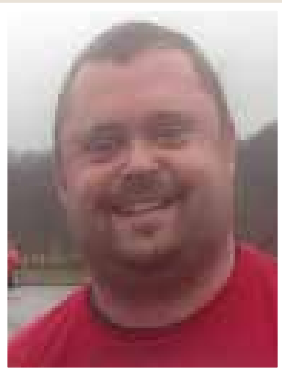


## CHILDREN'S NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the announcements for Children's Ministry, please contact Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com or 704-553-1327, Ext 103. Office: (Room #7)

## FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS



If you would like to volunteer or need more information about any of the Youth, Adult, and Mission Ministries announcements, please contact Kevin Ward, Director of Family Ministries kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-553-1327, ext. 105. Office: (Commons Room Hallway)



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.  
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH.  
MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

**KICK-OFF YOUTH PARTY  
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH, IN THE  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER ROOM #23.  
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.**



**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE  
ENTERING THE 3RD GRADE NEXT YEAR?**

Please send the child's name and address to Sherry Jackson at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com. We are preparing for our Third Grade Bible day.

**ST. ANDREW'S UMC LOVES TO GIVE THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS A WELL-DESERVED VACATION.** This summer, we would love to allow our teachers to take some time off and would love to have you come share your many gifts and talents with our young people. If you can give of your time 1-2 Sundays (or more), please contact Sherry Jackson at ChildrensMinistry@standrewsumc.com. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of our great families and share Christ with them. We have available spots on July 28th and August 18th.



**HIDING THE HONEY BEAR.** Our children's sermon a few weeks ago was about meeting Jesus face to face in Heaven being worth the yucky days we live through on earth. One of our children suggested we play 'Hide and Seek' with the Honey Bear I used as an illustration so, "Find the Honey Bear" has begun. Each Sunday, there will be two Honey Bears hidden somewhere around the church. Each child is welcome to keep the bear that they find, keep only one bear so that everyone has the opportunity to find one. Happy Honey Bear Hunting!

**COMING EVENT.**

**KICK-OFF FAMILY MEAL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH,  
IN THE COMMONS ROOM #1, AND THE FELLOWSHIP  
HALL #2. TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.**



## BULLETIN BOARD

### UMW ONGOING COLLECTION Feminine Products Needed for Women at Salvation Army and Urban Ministries.

The United Methodist Women of St. Andrew's UMC-Charlotte are collecting feminine hygiene products to be distributed to homeless shelters in our area. A designated collection box is located in the Commons Room hallway. If you would like to contribute to our cause, we are in need of: individually-wrapped tampons, sanitary pads, panty liners, and cleansing cloths. These items will be donated to the Salvation Army and Urban Ministries, with the possibility of adding an additional location. Thank you for your support!

## BIRTHDAYS



### COME AND SING ON SUNDAYS IN AUGUST.

If you've always wanted to try singing in the choir, or you are a former singer who'd like to refresh your pipes, come and sing with the chancel choir on Sunday mornings in August. All are welcome; no experience, music reading or mid-week rehearsal required - just show up on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and sing with us! Come for one Sunday or come for them all. Have questions? Contact Sara Terrell at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com.

**CHOIR LIBRARIAN NEEDED** - The music department is looking for someone to serve as choir librarian. Duties include filing music and entering new music into the database. You don't need to be a member of the choir or even carry a tune to help! The expected time commitment will be about one hour per week. If you'd like to volunteer, speak to Sara Terrell or email her at churchmusic@standrewsumc.com.



**FALL FUNDRAISER FESTIVAL.** Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th. We will have a fall fundraiser festival from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be kids' games, popcorn, food, dances, musicians, product vendors, and much more!

**Volunteers and Venders needed!** Contact Phyllis Lazenby at 704-756-3139 or umcccphyllis@gmail.com if you would like to help.

2 Kevin Alvarez	14 Amanda Davis	22 William Ferrell
2 Shelby Amon	14 Christy Hughes	22 Lorraine Haithcock
3 Dot Kille	14 Nell Smith	22 Myrtle Lawson
3 Rebekah Lisk	15 Mary Medlin	22 Katie Patton
4 Linda Preston	16 Martha Anne Reynolds	22 Patricia Peres
5 Richard Zeller	17 Beverly Brown	23 Libbie Johnson
6 Pam Warren	17 Joe Hecksher	24 Charles Cassady
7 Katie Stokes	17 Thomas Hoover	25 Vicki Grooms
9 A. D. Adcock	18 Keith Brown	26 Charlene Simpson
9 Blane Barnes	18 Tom Kindlick	27 Jason Buzzard
9 Chipper New	18 Lynda Kizer	29 Henry Bryant
11 Jack Grooms	19 Laura Dagenhart	30 Mark Francis
11 Garry Wallace	19 Emily Dellinger	30 Bobby Sherrill
12 Michael Pridgeon	19 Drew Haynes	31 Ruth Adams
12 Tom Yokeley	19 Lynn Starnes	31 Brenda LaBorde
13 Russell Ott	20 Nancy Holtkamp	
13 Jenna Plaisted	21 Joyce Henneycy	



## STAYING IN TOUCH

### PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

**For our members:** Bill Niven, Ruth Mauldin, John Patrick, Joslyn and Jimmy McLaurin, Thomas White, Phyllis Lazenby, Herbert Thomas, Bee Jones, A. D. Adcock, Bonnie White, Abbey Buzzard, Garret Webster and family; Charlene Simpson; Shanika Brown; Kevin Ward, Traveonia James, Phyllis Cole, Pat Smathers, Del Smith, Peter Gamwell, Tom Aucoin, Carol Hudgins, Jonathan Bickett, Jay Kizer, and Caroline Crabtree.

**Condolences** to Jolene White and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Linwood Thacker, of Virginia who passed away on Thursday, July 18th. Please keep Jolene's sister Della Thacker in your prayers.

**Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally:** Bernice Ledford, Anne Friese, Frank and Shirley Clontz, and Nell Slade.

### Cards and calls are welcome to our long-time attendee:

Bernice Ledford  
5400 Baker Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
704-523-2260

**Pray for our friends and relatives:** Glenda Patton's friend, Elseye Phillips; David Lisk's father; Shirley Clontz's sister, June S. Cochran, and Rob Shay, son-in-law; Leslie Southerland; Bobby Henneycy's mother-in-law, Shirley Spencer; Pat Davis' nephew, David Giles; Stephanie Wells, friend of Karen and David Patton; Barbara Webster, mother of Shanna Morales; Ryan Costin, friend/co-worker of Cheryl Broerman and Karen Gibson; Faith Shaw, friend of Jenna Plaisted; Rosemary Young; Chris Picha; Lynda Adair, daughter of Janey Disher; Sarah Cope, niece of Phyllis Lazenby; Tamiah Exum, Melissa Ortigoza, and Antonio Gibson, friends of Traveonia James; John and Karen Patrick's brother-in-law, Larry Wood; Dot Kille's great-grandson, Christopher Lindler; Matt Hardy; Rev. Lee Williams; Betty Gambell's daughter, Cheryl Gambell; Rob Molazo; Patrick Smith, brother of Rosemary Gloege; Milly Ash's sister-in-law, Shirley Ash; and Betty Reynolds' son-in-law Babak Emadi.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Liz and Van Snyder  
508 West Owens St.  
Southport, NC 28461

Bee Jones  
Brighton Gardens  
Apt. 364  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
704-408-7343

### 2019 Schedule

#### Family Life Center Service Coffee

**August 4** Penny Bryant  
**August 11** Penny Bryant  
**August 18** Penny Bryant  
**August 25** Penny Bryant

#### Recycle Pickup

**August** David and Gail Lewyn

#### Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

**August** Rebecca Gibson

#### Usher Schedule

**August Team Leader** Bill Robinson  
Mark Hemenway  
Davy Lisk  
Bob Miller



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**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE - AUGUST 15TH AT NOON**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON**

Please send your Chatter/Bulletin information, inserts, etc. to: [churchchatter@standrewsumc.com](mailto:churchchatter@standrewsumc.com)