

JANUARY 2020



The CHATTER

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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Follow Jesus.
Make
Disciples.
Tranform
the World.

Highlights from our Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1st.



FROM THE PASTOR



Pastor Sherri Barnes

As we begin a new year and all of us have been granted “20/20,” let us remember these powerful words from Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, and may they guide our work along the way.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.



The poem “The Work of Christmas” is from Howard Thurman’s *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*.

Happy New Year friends!
Pastor Sherri

FAMILY MINISTRIES



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



We are delighted to announce that the meals from our Rise Against Hunger Experience on October 13, 2019 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Charlotte warehouse. The meals will be received by Rise Against Hunger's in-country partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Madagascar.

Adventist Development and Relief Agency is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Madagascar. To learn more, please visit Rise Against Hunger's partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/global-impact/>.

As the meals we packaged reach the hands of those in need, Rise Against Hunger invites us to continue our impact by donating today. Every contribution enables people in need around the globe to rise!

Thank you for generously giving your time as a volunteer with Rise Against Hunger. Rise Against Hunger is sincerely grateful for your dedication and for sharing our vision

Kevin

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)



SPAM BLESSING BAGS. Our KICK kids had a great time filling Blessing Spam Bags for those in need. We made 43 complete bags and have 22 more started! Thank you to all who donated to help the kids work on this project. We will be making more in the future and if you would like to make donations towards filling future bags, you make drop off supplies in the children's ministry office (Room #7).



K.I.C.K. EXPRESSIONS (Kid's In Christ's Kingdom) For kids in Kindergarten thru Grade 5. All kids are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. during beginning January 8th our Wednesday night meal and program. Our time together will include music, scripture, games, and activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL has gotten off to a great start! We have great and dedicated teachers who help share the message of God's love to young curious minds. If you are interested in becoming a part of our teaching team or substitute when a teacher needs to be out, please contact Sherry Jackson at childrensministry@standrewsumc.com.



CHURCH NEWS



CROSS-CULTURAL WORSHIP

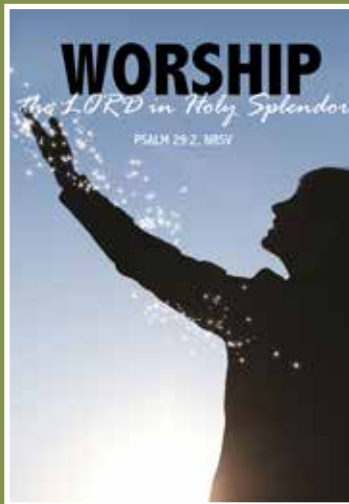
Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

This is not only for Hispanic/Latino Families! Everyone is welcome to worship here -Pastor David is multi-lingual. If you attend, you will understand and have a wonderful experience. Please join us!



JOIN US AS OUR CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY WILL BE CELEBRATING THE THREE WISE MEN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. It is a special day that honors the visit of the Kings of the East to the baby Jesus. They traveled on camels and were guided by the new star in the sky to reach Bethlehem. They brought three special gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. On this day, in the multicultural tradition, the children leave their shoes next to their beds with a letter written to the Three Wise Men. In the morning, the children wake up to see what gifts they have received. Families bake a special bread called "Rosca de Reyes." Our celebration at St. Andrew's UMC includes a message from Pastor David Ortigoza, and the long-awaited visit of the Three Wise Men who will give gifts to the children. Everyone is invited to be a part of this wonderful celebration and worship, including a dinner. All are welcome!

BULLETIN



**COME WORSHIP
WITH US!**

JANUARY 5TH
**Epiphany and King's
Day Celebration**

JANUARY 12TH
**Wesleyan Covenant
Renewal Service
with Communion**

JANUARY 19TH
**We begin our 6-week
series "The Gospel
According to Mr.
Rogers". Wear your
cardigan bring your
kids.**

SUSANNA CIRCLE MEETING Sunday, January 5th, at 12:30 p.m. in Room #18.

MARY/MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, at noon in Room #29.

RUTH CIRCLE will meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commons Room #1.

OUR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are collecting Country Time Lemonade in 5 lb. 2.5 oz. size. These are used once a month when our United Methodist Women go to Urban Ministries to share a cup of lemonade and a smile. Help support our women with this ministry area. Containers labeled for UMW/Urban Ministries, may be left on the counter in the Archdale Kitchen (Room #5).



HARVESTERS. On Thursday, January 2nd, Harvesters will meet in the Commons Room #1 at 10:30 a.m. We will be playing BINGO. Please bring a wrapped gift for a prize. Come be a part of our seniors gathering and program. Afterwards, we will enjoy a delicious meal. Invite a friend to join in the fun. Please remember to bring non-perishable food and grocery bags for Loaves and Fishes. Thank you for helping provide food for those in need.



LOAVES AND FISHES - Juice January.

Please continue to support Loaves and Fishes by providing food and hope to those in need. For January: juice, coffee, and tea are needed. Just pick up one extra items each week will make a difference. Items may be placed in the grocery cart labeled Loaves and Fishes located in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity in supplying much needed food.

THANK YOU for your donation to the St. Giles Loaves and Fishes food pantry. Because of community support, our emergency food pantries have never had to turn away a client. We received 186 pounds of groceries from St. Andrew's UMC and a monetary donation from the Ruth Circle. Thank you for your continued contributions to the St. Giles Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

Jennifer Basquin,
Loaves and Fishes
St. Giles Presbyterian Church

GET INVOLVED



NOW THROUGH MARCH 2020: OUR 16TH SEASON OF ROOM IN THE INN (MINISTRY FOR THE HOMELESS) HAS BEGUN.

The sign-up board is available in the FLC and in the Narthex. We have been very blessed that the Lord has brought this ministry to St. Andrew's for all of these years. There are many ways you can volunteer; and will find yourself blessed to have done so. Please review the sign-up board for details as to the different areas where help is needed. We assemble toiletry bags to leave on each Neighbor's cot with donations of the following items currently needed: Small (travel size) deodorants, tooth paste, tooth brushes, and socks. Contacts are John Patrick and Larry Morris.

Hebrews 13:2 says: "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Your prayerful consideration to serve in this ministry is greatly appreciated.



PRESCHOOL SOUP SUNDAY Please stop by on Sunday, January 12th, and purchase a container of soup in the Narthex. Containers are \$8.00 each. Proceeds will go towards our Preschool. Mark your calendar for these additional sale dates: February 9th and March 15th.

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM.



On Wednesdays starting January 8th from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the Family Life Center, and in rooms #23, #28, and #29. We welcome children from ages 18 months to 4 years old. Special parenting classes are included. For more information, call Pastor David Ortigoza or Phyllis at 704-553-1327, ext. 107.



JOIN PROJECT HARMONY, a FREE after-school orchestra program sponsored by Charlotte Symphony and Arts +, for 2nd to 5th grade students. This year, we will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Volunteers are needed from 2:30-3:45 p.m.** Please consider being a substitute or regular volunteer on either of these days. Contact Phyllis Lazenby at 704-756-3139 or at ccmsaumc@gmail.com.



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Have a Blessed New Year
from the staff at
St. Andrew's United Methodist.

STAYING IN TOUCH

ST. ANDREW'S UMC IS A PRAYING CHURCH.

Our prayer concerns will reset monthly. Prayer request can be made by completing a blue prayer card located in the pews in the Sanctuary, or by emailing the church office at churchoffice@standrewsumc.com or Sherry Council at Sherrybc@carolina.rr.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

For our family and friends. Shirley Clontz's sister, June Cochran, and friend Silvia Burke; Pat Wolfe's step-dad, Carl Helms; Kevin Ward's mother, Janet Ward, and his neighbor, Megan Barbour; Shanna Morales's mom, Barbara Webster; Nancy Dawson, Rosemary Gloege's nephew's mother-in-law; Phyllis Lazenby's niece, Sarah Cope; Jim Smith; Bill Greene; Milly Ash; Nicole Campbell's friend, Doreen Norris; France Nettles' brother, Bud Stewart; Tammy Thompson's father, Tom Thompson, and kindergartner Clay Jensen; Chris Picha's father, Buddy; and Sallie Eskew.

Pray for our homebound members and members who are able to attend occasionally: Anne Friese; Dot Kille; Carolina Crabtree; Joyce Middleton; and Bonnie White.

Condolences to Griselda Aguirre and family on the death of her husband, Fernando Aguirre, on December 8th; Jack Muntz and family on the death of his wife, Pauline Muntz, on December 10th; and to the family of Kim Pridgeon on the passing of her uncle, Richard Gardner on December 17th.

Change of address.

Jackie Auville, 100 Hickory Street, Apt. 400
East, Greenville, NC 27858



1 Anthony Dowless	17 Madison Collard	23 Carole Greene
1 Peyton Roach	17 Tate Brinkley	23 Amy Penny
5 Michael Knotts	18 Mark Hemenway	24 Ann Evans
6 Kelly Henninger	19 Freddy Holtkamp	25 Edwin Morales
8 Brittany Kingry	19 Karin Gillespie	25 Larry Thompson
11 Charles Medlin	20 Myra Huntley	26 Sue Bullock
11 Kevin Ward	20 Landon Sherrill	27 Bob Miller
12 Rebecca Gibson	21 Karen Harris	27 Greg Boone
12 Allison Pridgeon	21 Scott Shepherd	27 Meredith Pool
14 Shirley Tripp	21 Kevin Simpson	28 Nell Slade
16 Faith Jelley	22 Kim Bradley	28 Abby Poteat
16 Vicki Lawson	22 Karla Knotts	29 Justin McMurray
16 Dennis Slade	22 Linda Aucoin	
17 Bobby Hennecy	22 Colton Grist	

2020 Schedule

Family Life Center Service Coffee

January 5	Penny Bryant
January 12	Penny Bryant
January 19	Penny Bryant
January 26	Penny Bryant

Recycle Pickup

January To be announced.

Trustee Church Sunday Lock-up

January To be announced.

Usher Schedule

January Team Leader To be announced.



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SUNDAY BULLETIN AND THURSDAY EMAIL DEADLINE EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON

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