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| Dear St. Andrew Church Family, What a start to 2017! We are experiencing over 8% year over year growth in church-wide weekly average worship attendance as compared to 2016, and our giving during the 1st quarter was higher than it has ever been. Thank you for your generous prayers, financial support, and involvement in what God is doing through this church. At the bottom of this email, you will find a link that will allow you to view and print your first quarter giving statement. |

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| **Finance Update** As you can see from the graph below, through the end of March we are $109,051 ahead of where we were in 2016. Hank Neely, Finance Committee Chair, says, "Our growth in attendance is translating into growth in giving and financial support. This, in turn, allows us to continue to expand the ministry to address the needs of our St. Andrew family and the surrounding community. This is an exciting time to be a part of the St. Andrew family."**INSERT GRAPH** |

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| **Ministry Area Highlight: Children's**  Along with the strong growth we are seeing church-wide, our Children's ministry has seen its highest attendance ever during the first quarter of 2017.  We are averaging almost 15% increase each week over the numbers we saw last year. Kim Meyers, our Associate Pastor to Children and Families, says "The energy and excitement in the hallways and in our small groups is an example of how the church is thriving and growing."  We have recently added two new staff in this growing ministry. Susan Shipley has joined us as our Nursery Coordinator. Susan is a loved teacher at St. Andrew Preschool (and will continue with this role) and has great experience with Early Childhood. Also, Emily Butler is our new Large Group and 4th and 5th Grade Coordinator. |

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| **Endowment Committee Update**As many of you know, the St. Andrew Permanent Endowment was established in 2011 as a way to provide members and friends of St. Andrew the opportunity to make significant forever gifts to the church, either as direct gifts or through estate planning and bequests. The earnings from these funds will be used to establish new ministries, scholarships for the development of the future pastors, and to support our church property including responses to emergencies and major upgrades.  Just after the Endowment was established, over 80 families took part in giving directly to the initial Cornerstone Campaign, and those families have been recently honored with a plaque outside of the church Business Office.  The current effort that you will learn more about his Fall is focused on connecting with families who feel called to include St. Andrew in their estate planning. To learn more about the St. Andrew Permanent Endowment please [click here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001UOLZfW0fVRchkL5z_i0nQjwt3cRvhn7vR_yn7h2DQ9D1G3t6b9iwQ3EK2AXRLdGCDk8XCKGdea3lA7drzkvFnOG04KNkAQsG-8Q1Dz4GU_fZWJpMIiB9xy7E6L3Esb6zdWWSSZkyp-0F5yF3aQY6SgKllGb1L0T--8CarFEjXNKe8E-MMLSTQdBrkuoVkmHK&c=158DIPjbXE4wtiWKGSBMgPWim2cM2LUZmFzLFoQXBRBSn377s9hwcw==&ch=fTyRLO1K4vGQ778umBcHhUc9QzDerdQmvQqZBpYGIwWw7efukRZLGQ==)or reach out to me at fpool@standrewumc.org. |

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| **Your Giving Statement**  To view your quarterly statement of gifts to the ministry of St. Andrew in 2017, please [click here](https://acsurl.com/cb/). **For security purposes, this link will remain active for three days**. If you have any questions regarding your giving statement, please contact our Business Officeat 214.291.8012.  To update your email address, please take a moment to visit our website to check your contact information. If you would prefer to continue receiving paper statements, please notify the Business Officeor call 214.291.8015.  Thank you again for all that you are doing to help our church reach people for Jesus Christ.  Regards, |

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