

STEWARTCENTER

Mission Ministry Spotlight - Andrew P. Stewart Center

By: Kathy Harris

Over 100 years ago, a handful of Baptist women started the Andrew P. Stewart Center as a "day nursery" for mill-town children in the old Bellwood neighborhood of Atlanta. While we've not been involved for quite that long, NDBC has provided hands-on help, as well as important ongoing financial support for many, many years.

Over the years, the Stewart Center has changed its locations & programs, and expanded its mission. Today the Stewart Center is serving children & families in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of SE Atlanta with a mission "to promote strong communities through educational initiatives, wellness resources, and housing solutions."

The educational component includes after-school programs, reading initiatives, a STEM program, and educational Summer Camp programs including "Studios" taught by professionals in the fields of Computer Science, Theater, and Journalism.

The wellness component is a neighborhood food co-op sponsored by the Center in partnership with Atlanta Community Food Bank. Additionally, the Stewart Center provides access to counseling to provide mental health services to children, teens and families in partnership with the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia.

In an effort to combat urban blight by making strategic investments in the community, the Stewart Center is working to bring about community transformation in the Pittsburgh neighborhood by acquiring and rehabbing a number of vacant and deteriorating single-family properties to provide sustainable housing solutions for families connected with the Stewart Center.

As you can see, the Stewart Center is continuing its century long tradition of giving children, families and an entire community hope for a brighter future by engaging fully with "the least of these, my brethren" here in our backyard, SE Atlanta.

You can be a part of the work the Center is doing in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Atlanta! If you want to get involved, donate here: https://stewartcenter.org/donors/ or let Kathy Harris of our Missions Ministry know of your interest at (kharrisefx@yahoo.com).



NDBC BOOK CLUB

will meet on April , 2018. in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM.

Author:Pamela D. TaylorFacilitators:Robbye Taylor &
Nancy F. DavisHostess:Nancy Hall Shelton
Everyone is welcome to join us!



The Art & Soul Class

Come to the Waters

April 1—Jordan Clark presents "Flood Stories" April 8-Cathy Wooten-Lesson 5-Stormy Waters

April 15-Hartwell Dew-Lesson 6-

Waters of Justice and Righteousness April 22-Hartwell Dew-Lesson 7-

Streams of Mercy

April 29-Syd Janney-Lesson 8-

The Hospitality of Living Water May 6-Ruth Kramedijan-

Water, Music, and the Word

May 13-Liz Harris-Lamkin-Lesson Nine-River of Life

May 20-Daniel Headrick-

A Surprise Presentation

Triple **E**

will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be *"Prohibition in Atlanta"* with Ron Smith & Mary Doyle. On February 4, 2018, Ava Grace Cook was our worship leader and gave this prayer. I was moved by her sensitive and prayerful attention to bullying. The text of her prayer appears below. -Daniel Headrick Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for being a loving and gracious God. We thank you for forgiving us for our sins and loving us no matter what. We love you and thank you for this every day.

We ask you to be present in the lives of the family of Mrs. Louise Davis. We thank you for her contribution to the church and pray to have more strong and inspiring women like her. We realize that there is violence in our world and even in our communities. Bullying is occurring even at my school. We ask you to help the people who insert violence realize that violence is not the answer and be with the victims of bullying.

Help us to stand up to bullies and stand up for those who are bullied. Lord, we ask you to help us do what is right in our community and inspire others to do so as well.

Ava Grace Cook, Northside Baptist Church

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TOUCHING TALIAFERRO WITH LOVE

Mark your calendars---June 18-21. For the 12th year, NDBC'ers will be heading 100 miles east to lead a week of camp/Vacation Bible School with the delightful youth in Taliaferro County. If you can tell a Bible story, teach a craft, provide a recreational activity, or guide a group of lively children from one activity room to another, then there is a place for you to share your talents and love with the children in Taliaferro County. Contact Virginia Gilbert, Susan Harlan or Barbara Atchley if you have questions or to volunteer.





Greg Colson's 90th Birthday

On April 6, Greg Colson, Director Emeritus of Music Ministries, will celebrate the 90th anniversary of his earthly debut. A Celebration is planned on Saturday, April 7, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Delmar Gardens of Smyrna, 404 King Springs

Village Parkway, Smyrna, GA 30082. The celebration is a drop-in format. Food and beverages will be provided. Please come by to wish Greg a Happy Birthday. (There may even be a little singing.)

If you need additional information, please email Keith Walker at keith@northsidedrive.org



32nd Annual Women's Retreat April 26-29, 2018 Blue Boar Retreat Robbinsville, North Carolina

SPACE & TIME ARE LIMITED

Reservation deadline is Sunday, April 1, 2018. Make your reservation with a \$100.00 deposit (made out to Joyce Wilson). Give your deposit to Joyce Wilson or Virginia Gilbert. For more information: Joyce Wilson (770)773-3333 or joyceowilson@wildblue.net Virginia Gilbert (770) 617-1809 or gilbertva3@gmail.com