



THE SELWYN SPIRE

April 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

2929 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte, NC 28209, Tel: 704-372-6836, www.selwynpres.org

Palm Sunday, March 28

Virtual Worship with Communion, 10:30am

Outdoor Worship, 5pm

Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing required for all outdoor worship. Rain cancels.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Virtual Worship with Communion, 5:30pm

Outdoor Tenebrae Service, Communion, 6:30pm

Saturday, April 3

You are invited to share flowers and foliage from your yard to fill the empty cross in the church yard as a sign of The Resurrection.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Outdoor Worship, 8:30am

Virtual Worship, 10:30am

With joy, we will welcome up to 60 worshippers in the sanctuary and 20 in the chapel, to be seated by 10:20am.

Priority will be given to those physically unable to attend 8:30am outdoor worship and without access to technology.

Vaccines are strongly recommended, and masks required.

[Access and complete a registration form here.](#)



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

Merle Gooden Miller

November 3, 1930 – March 1, 2021



We welcome

Elizabeth 'Elle' Anne Hassey,
daughter of Laura Hassey,
born on February 25, 2021



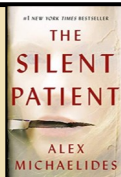
We welcome

Campbell Theodore Milewski,
son of T.J. and Brandi Milewski,
born on January 26, 2021

SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet April 20,
7pm, via Zoom
to discuss

The Silent Patient
by Alex Michaelides.



Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Carriage Club - Mildred Long, Herman Thomas
Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty
Merrywood- Jo Caldwell
Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard

Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley, Kay Hastings,
Art Jones, Bobbye Linn
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Olen and Nancy Smith

Death

Romana 'Mona' O'Neill, mother of Jackie Salinas,
on March 1, 2021
Katherine Hamburger Smith, sister of Don Hamburger,
on March 7, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SPRING EVENT Join us Sunday, April 18 on the lawn. Please bring your own lunch to eat from 11:30-12. Service projects will be from 12-2pm. We will be spring cleaning down at Little Sugar Creek Greenway. We will walk down as a group from the church. If you have young children or prefer to partake in another way we will have a project at the church as well. [Click here to sign up.](#)



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended the virtual meeting on March 14.

- *A recap of 2020 was shared.
- *The slate of Elders, Class of 2024 was presented and approved.
- *An Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Youth and Families was approved.

You can find the Annual Report on the
[website church news page.](#)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 Jack McCormick | 7 John Lemmon
John Sutton | 14 Renita Boykin
Sam Howard
Brandi Milewski
Roger Mills
Curtis Scott | 19 Jane Elrod
Alex Flowers
Daniel Smith | 24 Sutton Stark
Elizabeth Stearns
Helen Whitesides | 29 Graham Cooper
Charles Harris |
| 2 Marsha Cooper
Welch Liles
Henry Widmer | 8 Carly Arrington
Sally Moore
Ford Smith | 15 Dean Byers
Meredith McCormick
Vince Piacentino
Monroe Tan | 21 Allison Black
Leah Lowe
Jay Masanotti
Amelia Masanotti
Ray Tom | 26 Bill Davison
Clark Spencer | 30 Will Hoskins
Ben Phillips |
| 3 Joe Bentley
Tom Moore
Meg Peebles | 9 Joe Darsey | 16 Caroline Bourg
Will Harris
Sarah Skibinski | 22 Jon Byers
Watson Phifer | 27 Norah Bolewitz
Vivian Randall | |
| 4 John Barkley
Faith Gibson
Loren Korch
Adam Lindsey
Rachel Walker | 11 Alex Dewey
Josh Ollek
Evie Tom | 17 Jo Caldwell
Travis Parsons | 23 George Dewey
Ashley Ellis
Joyce Greene
Jen Johnson
Will Peebles | 28 Jill Cann
Julie Harris
Chuck Martin
Charlie Pfeifer
Traver Stuart | |
| 6 Jonathan Haruta | 13 Stephen Zande | | | | |



- ❖ The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a message on the appropriate staff person's extension.
- ❖ For pastoral care emergencies, please leave a message on Reverend Raible's extension.

SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Margo Richardson, *Director for Youth/Young Adults*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Ashlee Anderson, *Seminary Intern/CEF*
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Lawson Caldwell, *Administrative Assistant*
Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*
Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Dixon, *Communications*
Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*
Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Lou Waple
Child Development Center - Clark Walton
Christian Education & Formation- Erin Mills/Allison Tibe
Congregational Life - Emily Battle/Deni Pifer
Mission - Susan Flynn
Worship - Suzanne Newsom

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for pledging in 2021!

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 116 households have pledged. Our goal is 130. Thank you for your participation. It is vitally important. Pledges can be submitted through the [website](#), emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church.

TEXT TO GIVE Thank you to all who have embraced the online giving platform.

Instructions for using:

- Text 704-734-9818. Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2021 annual fund.
- Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.



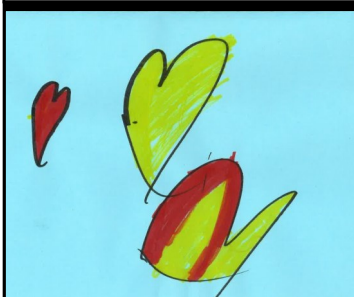
MISSION

We offer you ways to participate in loving and serving our neighbors.

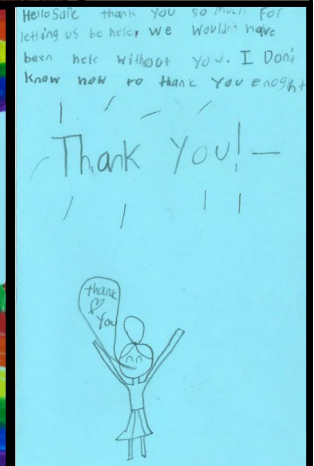
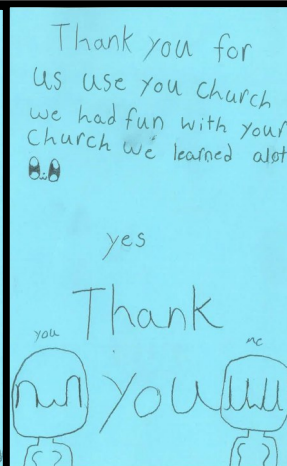
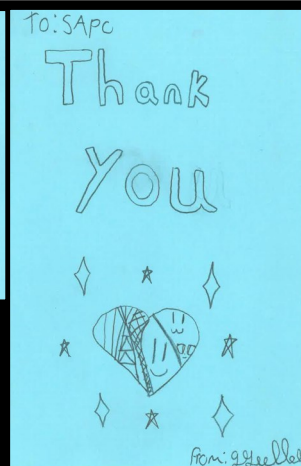
- Homelessness - Help celebrate and equip our Charlotte neighbors transitioning from homelessness into a home. Please select and [purchase an item from this link](#) for the Welcome Home Kits. Bring to the church by March 28.
- Hunger – We invite you to purchase one of each of the ten items listed and drop them to the church to help feed Montclair Elementary School families. (bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned veggies, canned fruit, soup, breakfast items, and individually wrapped snacks). No glass items please.
- Children in Need - We invite you to make a special offering to support hosting the Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) at Montclair for the 2021-2022 school year. You can give by check, online, or by text to 704-734-9818. Please indicate this is the Lenten Offering for Mission. We continue to partner with and support GEP at Montclair to provide afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents. During the pandemic, Selwyn and GEP provided remote learning support to Montclair students in our Fellowship Hall, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.



Youth and the Mission Group made food bags for Montclair families on March 14.



Thank You
notes from the
GEP students.



WORSHIP



COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED on Palm Sunday during the 10:30am Virtual Worship. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home — a table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, and a cup. It will also be observed on April 1 during the Maundy Thursday Services.

- ❖ We continue to lead virtual worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website. Please refer to the weekly email and [website](#) for updates.
- ❖ Sunday Outdoor Worship, 5pm. Masks and social distancing required. Please bring a chair or blanket. Rain cancels.
- ❖ Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [on Apple Podcast](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

All classes are virtual through Zoom. Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- * Pastor's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 14, 10am.
- * Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11am.
- * Selwyn Life Sunday School, Sunday, 9:15am. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- * Covenant Sunday School, Sunday, 9:30am.
- * Grace Class, second and fourth Sundays, 9:30am. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- * Men's Group, Fridays, 7am
- * Presbyterian Women Circles, September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hormberg](#).



YOUTH NEWS



Look for updates from Margo or [contact her](#) with questions. Masks and social distancing required for all outside events. Rain cancels.

- April 2, First Friday Game Night, 6-8 pm (Zoom)
- April 11, 2nd Sunday Service (Time TBD)
- April 18, Congregational Life Service Project and Lunch, 12-2 pm (Lawn)
- 7th and 8th Grade Boys Small Group, 4-5 pm (Lawn)
- April 25, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Small Group, 4-5 pm (Lawn)

[RSVP to Margo](#) for any summer trips below.

- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19, total cost: \$500 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9th graders-graduated 12th grade, ten adult chaperones needed.
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9th graders-graduated 12th grade, three adult chaperones needed.
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte overnight Mission trip), July 25-30, total cost: \$325 (includes food, housing, transportation), deposit: \$100, rising 6th - rising 8th grade, four adult chaperones needed.