

THE SELWYN SPIRE

August 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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As we enter the month of August we reluctantly acknowledge the summer days are fleeting. Over the summer more families have been able to return to the pool, go on vacations, return to traveling, and gather with friends and family this year. What a blessing and a time of hope and encouragement this has been for all!

As summer days end, soon children will be back in school, and many will return to work in an office setting for the first time in about a year and a half. The season will change physically and metaphorically.

And with those changes our excitement grows for all things Selwyn and for the Selwyn Church family as we kick-off church programming! We are enthusiastic about the year ahead and the renewal of opportunities it brings. We look forward to seeing you! Please join us!

Sundays at Selwyn

August 22: 9:30am Nursery, Children, Youth Coffee Talks, Confirmation Classes, and Adult Sunday School Begins
10:30am Back to School Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks
(Children are asked to bring their backpack to worship.)
6pm Youth Group Kick-Off

August 29: 10:30am Mission Sunday

September 12: 9:30am Worship Readiness Class begins for K – 2nd grade
10:30am Jazz Sunday and Rally Day with Communion
Church-Wide Picnic on the Lawn following worship

September 19: 10:30am Dedication of Glory to God Hymnals in Worship

September 26: 10:30am Worship and Celebration with Rev. Dr. Rush Otey

October 3: 9:30am Pancake Breakfast for All
10:30am World Communion Sunday

Other Upcoming Opportunities

Chancel Choir rehearsals, Sundays, 9am

2nd Sunday Service, the second Sunday of the month Mission opportunities

Children's Choir for age 4 through 5th grade, beginning September 22, 5:30pm

Men's Group, Friday mornings, 7am



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

Mildred Smith Long

November 1, 1922– July 22, 2021



We welcome

Phillips Wells Trotter,
son of Michael and Caroline Trotter,
born on July 8, 2021



We welcome

Whitley Harris Pruitt,
daughter of Jay and Margaret Pruitt,
born on July 12, 2021



SAPC BOOK CLUB

on August 17, 7pm, to discuss
American Dirt
by Jeanine Cummins.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



SANCTUARY FLOWERS Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. We have a commitment with a florist for one standard arrangement for \$65. Additional charges may apply for specific flower varieties. Checks should be made to the church with "sanctuary flowers" in the memo line. To reserve a date contact [Marsha](#), or 704-372-6836.



We invite you to engage with our community and dig deeper into our relationships with one another in meaningful and authentic ways. [Link here](#) to request to join our Selwyn Spirit Facebook group.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler

Asbury– Mary Faye Proctor

Carmel Hills—Marie Pressley

Carriage Club - Herman Thomas

Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty

Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Olen and Nancy Smith

Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford

Merrywood- Jo Caldwell

Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard

Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley,
Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobbye Linn

Death

Anna Earnhardt, mother of Janice Finein,
on July 22, 2021

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 John McCormick
Katie Koppelman
Billy Wilson

2 Marion Buchanan

3 Anna Grace Yurkutat
Caroline Yurkutat

4 Nora Korch
Emery Korch

5 Lee Bobbitt
Polly Durham

7 John Amon
Andy Johnston
Bobbye Linn
Kim Tallent

8 Raines Craig
Mary Faye Proctor
Joseph Vickers

9 Ledare Roush

10 Adam Tan

11 Anna Ellison

13 Shelby Flowers
Brick McDermott
Brandon Tallent
Stuart Windell

14 Ann Miller

15 Dane Franklin
Channing Pfeifer

17 Jody Davison
Kim McGirt

18 Michael Bolewitz
Everett Burgin
Eleanor Finein

19 Quinn Russell-Broadie

20 Kim Darnell
Terry Glen

21 Rudy Gagnani

22 Bobby Yurkutat

23 Peyton Green

24 Aidan Cameron
Raleigh Shoemaker

25 Fay Aaron
Sophia Hatlem
Trey Jeffries
Cindi Moore



26 Rick Hahn
Amelia Sauda
Owen Sauda

27 Lisa Halstead
Mary Virginia Rockwell
Nelson Waple
Steve Ward

29 Emily Battle
Todd Burbank
Michael Warner

30 Olivia Madigan

STEWARDSHIP

GIVING STOCK When giving stock, contact church accountant Tonya Moore or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member. Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. Please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer ___ shares of _____ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40.

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.
- Pledges can be submitted through the website, emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church. Thank you for your participation, it is very important.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



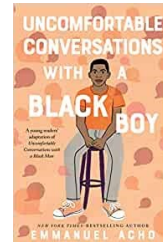
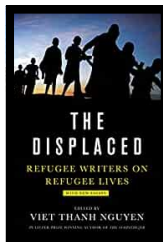
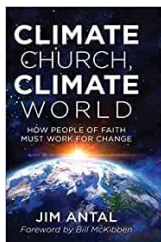
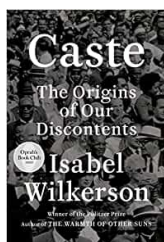
Summer preaching series, Proverbs and Parables.
Adult Summer Sunday School, 9:30am in the Parlor and on Zoom.
Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
Look for updates through our weekly email, at www.selwynpres.org, and through our social media.



SELWYN SUMMER READ

This summer you are invited to choose from a list of social justice books. Read one or more at your own pace in July and August, and attend a discussion in late August (place and time determined by individual groups). Sign up via the specific link provided for each book group by clicking on the book title. Please note we included one children's selection as well! Thank you to Ellen Harris, Andrew and Courtney McLellan, Erin Mills, and Nancy Nutter for leading the discussions.

- [Caste: The Origins of our Discontents](#) by Isabel Wilkerson (facilitated by Courtney McLellan)
- [Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change](#) by Jim Antal (facilitated by Ellen Harris)
- [The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives](#) by Viet Thanh Nguyen (facilitated by Erin Mills)
- [The Hundred Story Home: A Memoir of Finding Faith in Ourselves and Something Bigger](#) by Kathy Izaard (facilitated by Andrew McLellan)
- [Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy](#) by Emanuel Acho (for ages 9-12 and facilitated by Nancy Nutter)



WORSHIP

All are invited to join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:30am. While social distancing will be in effect, masks will not be required for those who have been fully vaccinated. Worship space for those who prefer a space where all are masked is provided in the Chapel where worship will be live-streamed. The Chapel also provides room to move around and activities for children. Parents must be with their nursery and preschool aged children in either the Chapel or Sanctuary. Due to continued precaution for children under 12, nursery care cannot be provided. Selwyn hopes to resume all nursery care this fall. We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!



WORSHIP AUGUST 15 - REVEREND FRANK SPENCER GUEST PREACHER

THE REV. FRANK SPENCER has been the President of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church since July 2014. Selwyn is his home church, where he served as elder and teacher and seminary intern, and where he was ordained by the Presbytery of Charlotte on February 7, 2015. He earned his Master of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte. He holds a B.A. with honors in German from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is a Baker Scholar graduate of Harvard Business School. Prior to joining the Board of Pensions, he served as President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte and 15 years in healthcare real estate with Cogdell Spencer Inc. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Montreat Conference Center and as a member of the NEXT Church National Strategy Team. Frank is married to Dr. Melanie Davis Spencer, and their adult children are Aly and Brian Zakutansky (sons Samuel and Emmett) of New York City and Clark and Jenifer Gobie Spencer (daughter Serena) of Charlotte.

MISSION



You are invited to make a Special Offering to support hosting Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) for Montclair Elementary children, providing afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents.

Give by check or online, or text to 704-734-9818, indicating Special Offering for Mission.



GEP at SAPC this summer.

YOUTH NEWS



- August 12 – All Youth Movie Night on the Lawn, 8:30pm
 - August 22 – Kick Off Sunday - Coffee Talks and Confirmation Classes, 9:30am; Youth Group, 6pm
 - August 29 – Coffee Talks and Confirmation Classes, 9:30am; Youth Group, 6pm
 - September 5 – Coffee Talks, 9:30am
- Look for updates from Margo or [contact her](#) with questions.



Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17

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, *Congregational Life Coordinator*

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 - Allison Tibe

Congregational Life - Deni Pifer/ Ginny Burgin

Mission - Susan Flynn/Chris Bahr

Worship - Suzanne Newsom



The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836 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 or contact the Church Office.