

CHURCH NOTES - March 29, 2020

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RETHINKING CHURCH With great concern over the ever-changing health crisis, our Session and staff are adjusting and making plans on how we continue to be church together. SAPC is poised to claim courage, community, and abundance as we re-orient ourselves. For now our plans extend through April 5, and each week we will assess the days ahead.

- In keeping with recommended health guidelines, the staff will be adopting new ways of working. Although the church building may not be open, we are available. The best way to contact staff is via email. If you need to reach out by phone, you may call the church, 704-372-6836. Please listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a voice message on the extension of the appropriate staff person.
- For pastoral care emergencies please leave a message on Reverend Raible's extension.
- All in-person gatherings will cease until further notice, including Sunday School, studies, choirs, and socials.
- Worship will livestream on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining will be sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.
- We will offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Zoom is an easily accessible online platform and app. A schedule of links to online gatherings will be available on our website and via emails.
- We are diligently seeking tangible ways to sustain connectivity, including care, support, assistance for those in our community and for our mission partners at Montclaire Elementary and Urban Ministry Center.
- Please look for updates at www.selwynpres.org and via email.
- Community resources:
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[Mecklenburg County Government](#)
[COVID 19 Contact Sheet](#)

YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES are much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead. We invite you to use our new text to give platform. Instructions for using for your giving purposes:

- Text 704-734-9818.
- Enter an amount.
- The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number with or without a key word.
- Key words are:
GIVE (an offering to SAPC's general fund)
COVID (a special offering in response to the needs of Montclaire Elementary and Urban Ministry Center)
75 (a gift to the Roots and Wings fund)
- You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund.

MISSION INVOLVEMENT We are especially mindful of how we might respond to ever evolving needs in areas related to children in need, hunger and homelessness. Please email [Lisa McLennan](#) for ways to assist.

- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for the Urban Ministry Center. Their requests change daily and are updated on [their website](#). For those interested in assisting, you can order directly from the Amazon list and ship it directly to UMC, or you can purchase wish list items and drop them in the plastic bin labeled UMC on the front porch of our church. Bins will be checked and deliveries made to the UMC weekly on Mondays and on Thursdays at 3pm.
- Hunger and Children: Our initial focus will be on the children of Montclaire Elementary and their families. The Daughters of Faith quickly raised \$1000, purchased and delivered 100-\$10 Aldi gift cards for Montclaire families. We hope to give additional gift cards and food to families when students come to the school to get a chrome book for online learning. The school will be a lunch/breakfast pick up site for CMS students. This will provide additional opportunities for Aldi gift card and food distribution. To assist, we ask you to continue to donate food items. We will put blue First Food Sunday bags on the front porch as well as a bin to return your items. Items left in the bins will be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays at 3pm. You may donate \$10 gift cards or contribute additional funds via our website online giving portals to buy additional cards.

LENTEN GIVING A traditional Lenten discipline is to fast from something and to give the money we would have spent to the care of our neighbors as a way of reflecting God's mercy. Selwyn is designating this year's Lenten offering to go to our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip's building supplies this summer and for enrichment experiences at Montclair Elementary School's new afterschool and summer Greater Enrichment Program (GEP). Collect coins or send a check to the Church designating Lenten Special Offering. You may also give to the Presbyterian Church USA "One Great Hour of Sharing" with designation on the memo line of your check.

MONTREAT CHURCH RETREAT UPDATE Unfortunately we have to postpone our church-wide getaway until fall 2020, or early 2021. If you have already paid for your registration and would like a refund or to move the monies to your regular giving please contact accountant [Tonya Moore](#).

AA MEETING The weekly Wednesday, 8pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting has moved to an online meeting.

YOUTH GROUPS Margo will send Zoom links via email and post to Instagram. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

- Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
- Confirmation Class Online, Sundays, 4-4:45pm to discuss faith statements and the big questions.
- Sunday Online Youth Group, Sundays, 5-6pm to play online games.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE Youth, rising 9th - graduated 12th grade, will attend July 11-18. Cost: \$450 per youth (Payment plans and scholarships are available). Register with Margo, margor@selwynpres.org by March 31.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT The week is June 14-20. Rising 9th - graduated 12th grade are welcome. Trip cost is \$500 (Payment Plans and scholarships are available). Register with Margo, margor@selwynpres.org by March 31.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. 9am – 12noon for Three-Year Olds through rising Kindergarteners at Selwyn; 9am – 3:30pm for rising First through Fifth grades at the Quarry at Carrigan Farms. Registration forms can be found on the website at www.selwynpres.org. Please register by April 19.

BSA TROOP FUNDRAISER Autobell gift cards are being sold for \$20 through April 20. Ten dollars stays in the Troop to offset the cost of trips and equipment. If interested contact Joe Bentley or a Scout, as they will not be selling at church.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, March 29 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Online Confirmation Class 5:00 Youth Group Online	Thursday, April 2 5:30 Youth Online Bible Study Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire deadline is Monday, April 27, 9am.	Sunday, April 5 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Online Confirmation Class 5:00 Youth Group Online

Lent 2020

This Lenten season you are invited to make a contribution to the Agnes and Matt Lyle Flower Memorial Fund in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.

Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. **The deadline is Sunday, March 29.**

Your phone # _____ and email address _____

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