

CHURCH NOTES – April 5, 2020

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session has called a virtual congregational meeting to be held on April 5, 12pm, for the purpose of voting on the slate of Elders- Class of 2023 and to update the congregation on the planning process. Members were sent an email on April 2 with information about the virtual meeting and how to connect.

Elder nominees (to serve three year term): Chris Bahr, Shannon Brown, Bob Cole, Susan Flynn, Suzanne Newsom, Deni Pifer, Andy Sontag, Lou Waple, JD Yearwood. Maggie Thrasher is nominated as Youth Elder (one year term).

FAREWELL TO KIM LEE We are grateful for Kim's five years of commitment, care, and leadership in serving the SAPC children and families. In response to Kim's request to conclude her ministry at Selwyn, we wish her well. Join us on her final Sunday in worship, May 3, 2020, as we give thanks to God for her vibrant ministry among us.

A WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK with Lori Raible on Zoom on April 6, 11am. Join Lori for a day by day overview of the events leading to Easter morning.

PW CIRCLE 4 – EVENING GRACE will meet virtually through Zoom on April 7, 7pm. Contact Nancy Bobbitt for details.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home. A table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup. Join us on Zoom. Links can be found on www.selwynpres.org.

- Children's Worship, 11am. We will pray, sing and talk about The Last Supper and Jesus' death.
- Evening Worship, 6pm. Each household is invited to join us for worship at a table set with the elements of communion.

EASTER SUNDAY, 10:30AM A virtual Church Easter Egg Hunt, songs of praise and an Easter prayer will be shared for our youngest worshippers.

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. We are 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL is being held virtually at 11am on Thursdays. Questions, please contact [Kim Lee](#).

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.

RETHINKING CHURCH

- Please look for updates at www.selwynpres.org and via email.
- Although the church building may not be open, the staff 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.
- Worship is livestreaming 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 are offering 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 Montclair Elementary and Urban Ministry Center.

YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES are much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead.

Thank you to all who have embraced the new online Text to Give 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 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 Montclair 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 continue to respond to needs related to children in need, hunger and homelessness.

Please email [Lisa McLennan](#) for ways to assist or with any questions.

- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for the Urban Ministry Center. Their requests change daily and are updated on [their website](#). If 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 place in the plastic bin labeled UMC on the front porch of our church. Bins are checked and deliveries made weekly to UMC on Mondays and Thursdays at 3pm.
- Hunger and Children: We are focusing on the children of Montclair Elementary and their families. We hope to continue giving Aldi gift cards and food to families at Montclair. To assist, we ask you to continue to donate food items. We 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.

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](#).

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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, April 5 10:30 Worship Online 12:00 Called Congregational Meeting Online 4:00 Online Confirmation Class 5:00 Youth Group Online	Thursday, April 9 11:00 Children's Chapel Online 5:30 Youth Online Bible Study 6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Online Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire deadline is Monday, April 27, 9am.	Sunday, April 12 10:30 Easter Worship Online 4:00 Online Confirmation Class 5:00 Youth Group Online