

CHURCH NOTES – May 17, 2020

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Adam and Cindy Piacentino on the birth of their son, Vince Piacentino, born on April 15, 2020. His big brother is Roman. We also congratulate Steve and Patty Stevenson on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Anne Chatterton, born on May 6 to proud parents Melissa and Lindsey Chatterton.

YOUTH FAMILIES' TRIVIA NIGHT, this evening, 5-6:30pm. [Sign up](#) with your team name and bring the whole family.

COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES If you or a family member graduated from college or from graduate school this spring please contact [Lawson](#) or [Margo](#) by May 20 with your name, college, and your degree. This information will be printed in the June Spire newsletter.

AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT will host Virtual Information Sessions on May 21 and May 28. This is a great way to learn about being a literacy tutor. Training will be held in September. Learn more by contacting [Helen Hope Kimbrough](#) (hkimbrough@alpcharlotte.org or visiting alpcharlotte.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS CANCELLED If you registered and paid for your child/children to attend and would like a refund or to move the monies to your regular giving please contact accountant [Tonya Moore](#).

WORKING TO STAY CONNECTED If you are a Selwyn member and not receiving our weekly email, please email [Marsha Cooper](#). We will get your email added to our database and online member directory. With parent permission, we would like to add email addresses of Middle and High School youth. Thank you for helping our communication efforts.

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

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, May 19, from 7-9pm on Zoom. Please contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#) with any questions.

MAY 30 LUNCHESES FOR UMC The Mission Group will deliver lunches to Urban Ministry Center on Saturday, May 30. We are looking for 20 families to make 10 lunches each and drop the prepared lunches off at the church that morning by 10am. Lunches need to include: two sandwiches or a canned protein, fruit, a carb, dessert and a water. The food, any eating utensils, and a napkin should be packed in a paper or gallon sized bag. [Sign up](#) to help. Questions, contact [Christy Parbst](#). The next date for lunches will be June 13.

SALT SHAKERS will meet Sunday, June 7, from 7-8 pm on Zoom. Please contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#) with any questions.

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- Grace Class Sunday School, Sundays, 9:30am
- Selwyn Life Class Sunday School, First and third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Virtual Encounters with Jesus - The Gospel of John, Tuesdays, 11am
- Daughters of Faith, Wednesdays, 11am
- Daughters of Faith Monday Night, 7pm, monthly.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

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

- Sunday Online Youth Group, Sundays, 5-6pm to play online games.
- Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
- Sixth and Seventh Grade Girls Small Group

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE Youth, rising 9th - graduated 12th grade, will attend July 11-18. Cost: \$450 per youth. Register today with Margo, margor@selwynpres.org.

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.

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, please order directly from their Amazon list and ship it directly to Urban Ministry Center.
- Hunger and Children: We are focusing on the children of Montclair Elementary and their families. We continue to give Aldi and Food Lion gift cards, and food to families at Montclair. To assist, please continue to donate food items. Blue First Food Sunday bags are 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 cards.

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

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, May 17 9:30 Grace Class Online Sunday School 10:30 Worship Online 12:00 Mission Group Meeting Online 4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online 5:00 Youth Families' Trivia Night Online Monday, May 18 7:00 Boy Scouts Online	Tuesday, May 19 5:30 Officer Training 11:00 Virtual Encounters with Jesus 7:00 Book Club Online Wednesday, May 20 11:00 Daughters of Faith Online Thursday, May 21 11:00 Children's Chapel Online 5:30 Youth Online Bible Study	Friday, May 22 7:00 Men's Group Online Sunday, May 24 9:30 Grace Class Online Sunday School 10:30 Worship Online 5:00 Youth Group Online Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire deadline is Monday, May 25, 9am.