## CHURCH NOTES - May 24, 2020

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

(Tel) 704-372-6836 (Website) <u>www.selwynpres.org</u>

**AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT** will host a Virtual Information Session on May 28. This is a great way to learn about being a literacy tutor. Training will be held in September. Contact <u>Helen Hope Kimbrough</u> or visiting <u>alpcharlotte.org</u>.

MISSION INVOLVEMENT We continue to respond to needs related to children in need, hunger and homelessness.

- May 30 Lunches for UMC: We are delivering 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.
- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for the Urban Ministry Center. Their requests change daily
  and are updated on <u>their website</u>. 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 Montclaire Elementary and their families. We continue to give Aldi and Food Lion gift cards, and food to families at Montclaire. 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.
- Please email Lisa McLennan for ways to assist or with any questions.

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

Thank you to all who have embraced the 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 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.

## **RETHINKING CHURCH**

- Please look for updates at <u>www.selwynpres.org</u> 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

- Children's Chapel is held virtually at 11am on Thursdays. Questions, please contact Lori Raible.
- Vacation Bible School is cancelled. If you paid for your child/children to attend and would like a refund or to move the monies to your regular giving please contact accountant <u>Tonya Moore</u>.

YOUTH GROUPS Margo will send Zoom links via email and post to Instagram. Questions, contact Margo.

- No Sunday Online Youth Group on May 24
- Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
- Sixth and Seventh Grade Girls Small Group
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-18 for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost: \$450 per youth. Register today with Margo, <u>margor@selwynpres.org</u>.

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

**SAPC TRIVIA NIGHT** Everyone is invited to join the Zoom all-church trivia night on Sunday, June 7 at 5pm. It takes a little over an hour to play. Sign-up to play. Questions contact Margo.

**SALT SHAKERS** will meet Sunday, June 7, from 7-8 pm on Zoom. Please contact Nancy Bobbitt with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, May 24	Tuesday, May 26	Friday, May 29
9:30 Grace Class Online Sunday School 10:30 Worship Online	11:00 Virtual Encounters with Jesus 5:30 Officer Training	7:00 Men's Group Online
		Saturday, May 30
Monday, May 25	Wednesday, May 27	10:00 UMC Lunches
Church Office is closed for Memorial Day	11:00 Daughters of Faith Online	
7:00 Boy Scouts Online	_	Sunday, May 31
	Thursday, May 28	9:30 Grace Class Online Sunday School
	11:00 Children's Chapel Online	10:30 Worship with Communion Online
Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am.	5:30 Youth Online Bible Study	11:30 Session Meeting Online
Spire deadline is Monday, May 25, 9am.	,	5:00 Youth Group Online