

# CHURCH NOTES - August 23, 2020

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**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** Join us this evening for our Outdoor Worship Service at 7:30pm on the front lawn. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required. We will offer this service weekly on Sundays. Rain cancels the services.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** We continue to livestream on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.

**SAPC PODCAST** Listen to past sermons, children's chapels, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).

**COMMUNION** will be observed August 30 during the 10:30am morning online service and the 7:30pm outdoor service. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home. A table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE BY BLESSINGS**, August 30, 12-1pm. Cars should enter the large parking lot and loop around. Bring your backpack, chrome book, or other school item to be blessed. Please bring bags of rice and beans to help stock the Montclaire Food Pantry.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be held via Zoom on Sundays, starting September 13, 9:20-10:20am for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. If interested, please contact [Margo](#) by September 6.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** is hosted live on Thursdays, 9:30am via the SAPC Facebook page and the [website](#). Join us for songs, prayer, crafts, and creative Bible stories. Check out our [children's resources](#).

**YOUTH GROUPS** Margo will send Zoom links via email and post to Instagram. All outside gatherings will be held on the front lawn. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the event. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

- Youth Group Kick-Off, August 30, 6:20pm, front lawn. Full Youth Group will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays will be smaller specific age group gatherings. Margo is sending the schedule via email.
- Welcome Back Information Session, August 27, 6pm. Parents are invited to join Margo on Zoom to learn more about this year's plans.

**ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES** Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

- Selwyn Life Class Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

**IT'S TIME TO RE-LINK** your Harris-Teeter VIC card to Selwyn's Child Development Center (#3074) and Montclaire Elementary (#1729). Your support is appreciated.

**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 Roof Above)
  - 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](mailto:Lisa McLennan) with any questions.

- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for Roof Above. Their requests change daily and are updated on [their website](#). If interested, please order from their Amazon list and ship directly to them.
- Hunger and Children: You may contribute funds via our website online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclair Elementary families.

**HELP A CHILD FROM HOME** Montclair students are in danger of falling behind, you can help as a virtual tutor. Our tutoring partners - Augustine Literacy Project, Read Charlotte, and Heart Math Tutoring are seeking virtual tutors. For details, please choose "Tutoring" on our [volunteer](#) page of Selwyn's website.

- Augustine Literacy Project - Tutors work one-to-one to help low income children who are struggling to read. Participate in a Virtual Information Session. Talk with a Selwyn member who has served: Nancy Bobbitt, Beth Carter, Eleanor Hahn, Eleanor Moore, Malyn Pratt, and Allison Tibe. Or contact [Helen Hope Kimbrough](#) to learn more.
- HELPS from Read Charlotte will offer virtual tutoring aimed at improving reading fluency and comprehension. Virtual training sessions will be offered. Talk with a SAPC member who has served: Ellen Harris, Karey Tom, Rebecca Cooper, Katie Cumbus, Betsy Hamburger, or Courtney McLellan.
- Heart Math is piloting a virtual tutoring program. Visit [www.hearttutoring.org/become-a-volunteer](http://www.hearttutoring.org/become-a-volunteer) for updates. Learn more by talking with Heart tutors: Robert Vise, Lisa Halstead, or Olen Smith or contact [Sarah Cover](#).
- GEP: During the last school year GEP (Greater Enrichment Program) had a successful, though shortened, After-School Program at Montclair. Stay tuned for plans about this year.

**RETHINKING CHURCH**

- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully 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.
- 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.
- We continue to offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Zoom is an easily accessible online platform and app. A schedule of links to online gatherings can be found on our website and via emails.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, August 23</b>            10:30 Worship Online with Communion            7:30 Outdoor Worship (lawn)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 25</b>            7:00 Virtual Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, August 27</b>            9:30 Virtual Children's Chapel            6:00 Youth Parents Info Session (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Friday, August 28</b>            7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 30</b>            10:30 Worship Online with Communion            6:20 Youth Group Kick-off (lawn)            7:30 Outdoor Worship                  with Communion (lawn)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, August 24, 9am</p>