

CHURCH NOTES - August 30, 2020

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

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COMMUNION will be observed during the 10:30am online service. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home – a table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup. Communion will be observed at the 7:30pm outdoor service with the elements provided.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE BY BLESSINGS, today, 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 Montclair Food Pantry.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Join us Sunday evenings 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. Rain cancels the service. Please note we will not have evening worship on September 6 and will resume on September 13.

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.

PW CIRCLES usually meet monthly, September through May. Please contact your Circle leader for additional information.

- Our Spiritual Journey will meet Tuesday, September 1, 10:30am. Contact Bobbie Hankins.
- Evening Grace will meet Tuesday, September 1, 7pm on Zoom. Contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).
- Peace Seekers will meet Tuesday, September 8, 7:15pm on Zoom. Contact [Catherine Miller](#).
- Women of Wonder will meet Monday, September 14, 12:30pm. Contact [Ann Copeland](#).
- Daughters of Faith will meet weekly on Wednesdays, 11am. Contact [Tracie Northan](#).

SAPC BOOK CLUB will be Tuesday September 15, 7pm. Please email [Nancy Bobbitt](#) with questions or for the Zoom link.

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

- Youth Group Kick-Off, August 30, 6:20pm, front lawn. Full Youth Group will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays will be smaller specific age group gatherings. Margo is sending the schedule via email.
- Confirmation Classes will be held via Zoom on Sundays, starting September 13, 9:20-10:20am for 8th Graders. If interested, please contact [Margo](#) by September 6.

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

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

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 Montclair 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.

HOMELESSNESS MISSION INVOLVEMENT

- Due to COVID concerns, Selwyn will not have a Habitat workday this fall. In lieu of volunteering, you are invited to sign a 2x4 stud to be included in a Habitat house. If you go by the church between now and September 12, look for the 2x4 outside the Welcome Center entrance and sign your name and good wishes to homeowner, Thesh Tesfay.
- We are continue to focus 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.

HELP A CHILD FROM HOME Montclair students are in danger of falling behind, you can help as a virtual tutor with one of our tutoring partners - Augustine Literacy Project, Read Charlotte, and Heart Math Tutoring. 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](#).
- 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 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.
- You may contribute funds via our website online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclair Elementary families.

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

RETHINKING CHURCH

- Please look for updates at www.selwynpres.org and via email.
- 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](#).
- 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN

<p>Sunday, August 30 10:30 Worship Online with Communion 6:20 Youth Group Kick-off (lawn) 7:30 Outdoor Worship with Communion (lawn)</p> <p>Tuesday, September 1 10:30 Our Spiritual Journey Circle (Zoom) 7:00 Evening Grace Circle (Zoom)</p>	<p>Thursday, September 3 9:30 Virtual Children's Chapel</p> <p>Friday, September 4 7:00 Men's Group 6:00 Youth Game Night (Zoom)</p>	<p>Sunday, September 6 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online</p> <p>Monday, September 7 Church Office and Child Development Center Closed for Labor Day</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, September 28, 9am</p>
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