

# CHURCH NOTES - September 6, 2020

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**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Drew and Fran Pfrimmer Sutton on the birth of their son, Theodore "Teddy" Phillip Sutton, born on September 1, 2020. His big brother is John.

**PW CIRCLES** meet September through May. Please contact your Circle leader for additional information.

- Daughters of Fairh will meet weekly on Wednesdays, 11am. Contact [Tracie Northan](#).
- Our Spiritual Journey will meet the first Tuesday of the month, 10:30am. Contact Bobbie Hankins.
- 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](#).
- Evening Grace will meet the first Tuesday of the month, 7pm on Zoom. Contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

**PW MECKLENBURG FALL GATHERING** will be September 12, 9:45am via Zoom. Contact your Circle leader information.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** Please note we will not have evening worship this evening and will resume on September 13. 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.

**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](#) today.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** The Session has called a virtual congregational meeting to be held on September 20, 12pm. The purpose of the meeting will be two fold – (1) to share an overview of planning and programming for the coming year (2) to vote on a change in terms of call for Lori Raible. Members will be sent an email with information about how to connect to the meeting.

**NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES** We are pleased to welcome Nancy Nutter, an experienced certified Christian Educator, committed to the nurture and Christian formation of children. After months of conducting a competitive search, the committee were unanimous in their selection. Nancy is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned her Master's in Christian Education from Pfeiffer University Charlotte. Her passion and joy for the nurturing and creative teaching of children is balanced with hands on experience and commitment. Nancy begins on September 8. She is a PCUSA elder. She is married to Tony, and has two grown children and a grandson.

**INTERN AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPECIALIST** We welcome our seminary intern, Ashlee Anderson. She is pursuing a dual degree of Divinity and Arts in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte. Ashlee also joins us as a part-time specialist for Christian Education and Formation in addition to her internship, working about 20 hours a week total. She will participate in the leadership of worship and Christian Education and Formation. Ashlee and her husband, Michael have two children, Wesley (3) and Hayes (15 months). She is an ordained elder of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Her first Sunday in worship will be September 13.

**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

**YOUTH GROUPS** Outside gatherings will be held on the front lawn. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the event. Youth Group Kickoff will be September 13, 6:20pm. Any online gathering link will be sent by Margo and posted to Instagram where applicable. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

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

**HOMELESSNESS MISSION INVOLVEMENT** We 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.

- 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.

**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 aims to improve reading fluency and comprehension. Virtual training is offered. Those who have served: Ellen Harris, Karey Tom, Rebecca Cooper, Katie Cumbus, Betsy Hamburger, 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.
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclair families.
- Re-link your Harris-Teeter VIC card to Selwyn's Child Development Center (#3074) and Montclair 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 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** Thank you to everyone who tuned into our summer series. Stay tuned for plans as we welcome Nancy and her creative ideas. Check out our [children's resources](#).

### RETHINKING CHURCH

- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship 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.
- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://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](#) to be added to our database and online member directory. With parent permission, we would like to add emails 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, September 6</b> 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online</p> <p><b>Monday, September 7</b> Church Office and Child Development Center Closed for Labor Day</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 8</b> 6:30 GSA Troop (Front Lawn) 7:15 Peace Seekers Circle (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Friday, September 11</b> 7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 13</b> 10:30 Worship with Confirmands Joining 6:20 Youth Group (Lawn) 7:30 Outdoor Worship with Confirmands Joining</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, September 28, 9am</p>