

CHURCH NOTES - September 13, 2020

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CONFIRMANDS This Morning and this evening we Celebrate the confirmation of our 2019-2020 Confirmation class.

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP resumes this evening. 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.

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

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 began 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 is today.

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

HOMELESSNESS MISSION INVOLVEMENT Due to COVID concerns, Selwyn will not have a Habitat workday this fall. 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.

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

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.

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 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.

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 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, September 13 10:30 Worship with Confirmands Joining 6:20 Youth Group (Lawn) 7:30 Outdoor Worship with Confirmands Joining</p> <p>Monday, September 14 12:30 PW Circle 1 7:00 BSA</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 15 7:00 SAPC Book Club (Zoom)</p> <p>Friday, September 18 7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>Sunday, September 20 10:30 Worship 12:00 Called Congregational Meeting (Zoom) 6:20 7th and 8th Grade Girls Dinner (Lawn)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, September 28, 9am</p>

EVENING WORSHIP - WATER FROM FIRE is a collective of worship leaders and musicians from Charlotte, NC. Their music toes the line between Christian and secular – touching on elements of faith but within the setting of today's unpredictable world.

John T. Woodall – vocals/guitar John has been performing in various mediums in the arts world since childhood. He is an award winning vocalist at the collegiate and professional levels. Woodall was invited to perform his song "Stand Tall" on the Fox and Friends morning show in New York City. He is also the executive director for Camp4Heroes – an organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and transitioning of veterans and first responders from their lives of service back into civilian lifestyles. John is currently one of the worship leaders at Matthews United Methodist Church.

Kevin Brawley – vocals/guitar Kevin is equal parts musician, teacher, worship leader, and studio rat. He has made a career for himself out of being lyrically open and honest about his flaws, mistakes, and scars. He has been writing, performing, touring, and releasing original music for more than two decades. He is a nationally awarded public school music teacher, and regularly speaks at teaching conferences about how to better approach music education for students with autism and students impacted by trauma. He has committed to sharing the good news of grace that was offered to him when he least deserved it with others who may feel the same as he once did.