

# CHURCH NOTES - September 20, 2020

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**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** The Session has called a virtual congregational meeting to be held today at 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 can connect to the meeting using the link sent in Tuesday's weekly news.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be held via [Zoom](#) on Sundays, 9:20-10:20am for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Please contact [Margo](#) for additional access information.

**YOUTH GROUPS** Outside gatherings will be held on the front lawn. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the event. Links will be sent by Margo and posted to Instagram for online gatherings. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

**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. In October the service time will shift to 5pm.

**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
- Pastor's Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew, 11am on Wednesdays, starting September 23.

**PW CIRCLES** meet September through May. Please contact a Circle leader, PW Moderator Peggy Hornberg, or the Church Office if you would like to join a Circle or for additional information. Daughters of Faith will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30pm.

**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.

**HELP A CHILD FROM HOME** Montclaire 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, 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: Last school year GEP (Greater Enrichment Program) had a successful After-School Program at Montclaire. Stay tuned for plans about this year.
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclaire families.
- Re-link your Harris-Teeter VIC card to Selwyn's Child Development Center (#3074) and Montclaire Elementary (#1729). Your support is appreciated.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** will shift to a new day and time in October. Stay tuned for details. Additional [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](mailto: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 20</b>            9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)            10:30 Worship Online            12:00 Called Congregational Meeting (Zoom)            4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online            6:20 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Dinner (Lawn)            7:30 Outdoor Worship (Lawn)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, September 28, 9am</p>	<p><b>Monday, September 21</b>            7:30 BSA Troop</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 22</b>            6:30 GSA Troop (Lawn)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 23</b>            11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 24</b>            6:30 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner (Lawn)</p>	<p><b>Friday, September 25</b>            7:00 Men's Group</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 27</b>            9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)            10:30 Worship Online            6:20 Youth Group (Lawn)            7:30 Outdoor Worship (Lawn)</p>