

CHURCH NOTES – September 27, 2020

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES are held on Sundays, 9:20-10:20am for 8th Graders. Contact [Margo](#) for more 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 on the front lawn. This evening we will be worshipping at 7:30pm. Starting October 4 the service will shift to 5pm. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the service.

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

- Pastor's Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew, 11am on Wednesdays, starting September 30.
- Selwyn Life Class Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY will be observed October 4 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 5pm outdoor service with the elements provided.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL will be held on Sundays at 4:30pm in front of the Sanctuary starting October 4. We look forward to this time with the children prior to the 5pm Outdoor Worship Service. Additional [children's resources](#).

FOOD FIRST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 October requests are for canned meats, peanut butter, and individually wrapped snack items. No glass items please. Drop off your food donations anytime Sunday, October 4 or bring items as you come to the 5pm Outdoor Worship Service. Items can be left under the Welcome Center portico. Thank you for helping feed Montclaire Elementary School children and families in need.

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

BAPTISM CLASS We are excited Ashlee Anderson will lead our baptism classes this fall. The two week class will be offered at 7:30-8:30pm on October 6 and 20, then again on November 10 and 17. Interested parents should contact [Ashlee Anderson](#) to RSVP.

SELWYN BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7pm over Zoom. The group will be discussing the book [How to be an Antiracist](#), by Ibram X. Kendi.

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.

HABITAT HOUSE FRAMING We can help on framing a house on Saturday, November 14. A maximum of eight volunteers can work shifts split in the morning and then afternoon, for a total of 16 volunteers. Work will be outdoors, with masks and hand sanitizing. Please check your calendars and contact [Dick Metzler](#) via email or 704-488-8362 if interested.

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, 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: Last school year GEP (Greater Enrichment Program) had a successful After-School Program at Montclair. Stay tuned for ways you can offer support this school 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.

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.

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 27 9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online 3:00 BSA Troop 6:20 Youth Group (Lawn) 7:30 Outdoor Worship (Lawn)</p> <p>Monday, September 28 7:00 BSA Troop</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 29 7:00 Session Meeting (Zoom)</p> <p>Wednesday, September 30 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 3:30 Daughters of Faith Circle</p> <p>Friday, October 2 7:00 Men's Group 6:00 Youth Game Night (Zoom)</p>	<p>Sunday, October 4 9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online with Communion 4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online 4:30 Children's Chapel (Lawn) 5:00 Outdoor Worship (Lawn) 6:20 11th and 12th Grade Dinner</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, September 28, 9am</p>