

# CHURCH NOTES - November 1, 2020

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**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Clark and Jenifer Gobie Spencer on the birth of their daughter, Serena Laura Spencer, born on October 20, 2020. Frank and Melanie Spencer are the grandparents.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** 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 5pm outdoor service with the elements provided.

**SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?** Here are a few ways:

- Today is Food First Sunday. Help feed Montclaire Elementary children and families. Requests are for canned fruits, vegetables, and soup. No glass items please. Please return food to the Welcome Center porch bin.
- We will participate in framing a Habitat Build on Saturday, November 14. Workers must be 16 years of age or older. A maximum of eight can work shifts split in the morning and afternoon, for a total of 16 volunteers. Work will be outdoors, with masks and hand sanitizing. Contact [Dick Metzler](#) or 704-488-8362 if interested.
- Roof Above will have its annual True Blessings luncheon as a virtual fundraising event. You are invited to join Wednesday, November 18 to hear inspiring stories on working to end homelessness in Charlotte. The event is 12-12:45pm with a virtual breakout for Selwyn at 11:45am. Contact [Nan Howard](#), or 704-560-7503 to register.
- We are making 300 lunches once a month for Roof Above. Please [sign up](#) to help with the November 21 lunches. Also, please check out Roof Above's wish list on their [website](#).
- Help Montclaire students in danger of falling behind by being a virtual tutor with Augustine Literacy Project, HELPS from Read Charlotte, or Heart Math. For details, choose "Tutoring" on Selwyn's website [volunteer](#) page.
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclaire families.

**BAPTISM CLASS** Ashlee Anderson will lead the two week class on November 10 and 17 from 7:30-8:30pm. Interested parents please RSVP to [Ashlee Anderson](#).

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** Please join us on November 29 from 12-2pm on the lawn. There will be wreath making, crafts and more! Advent wreath kits are \$10; [reserve your kit now](#) for supplies to be ordered. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, you are invited to reserve a kit to pick up November 30 through December 3.

**REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD** Stewardship information packets were mailed last week. Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2021 by pledging this stewardship season. To learn more, join in a virtual Listening Session with members of the committee on [November 5, 7:30pm](#) or [November 11, 10am](#). Dedication Sunday is November 15.

**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.
- You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund.
- Key words are:  
GIVE (offering to the 2020 general fund), COVID (special offering for Montclaire Elementary and Roof Above needs)

For 2020 Selwyn member pledges total **\$690,740**. Weekly pledge receipts of **\$13,283** are needed each week to achieve our goal for 2020.

October 18: Pledge Receipts:	\$ 16,963
Actual pledge receipts as of October 18 (YTD):	487,278
Goal for pledge receipts as of October 18 (YTD):	557,886
<b>Surplus or (deficit) year-to-date:</b>	<b>\$ - 70,608</b>

**MICAH 6:8 SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE** In partnership with other Groups, the Task Force will be responsible for organizing and developing social justice education and initiatives on behalf of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, including theological education, dialogue around issues of social justice, and initiatives/activism in the local community. If you are interested in joining or in learning more, please email [Erin Mills](#).

**OUTDOOR SUNDAY EVENINGS** Join us on the front lawn for Children’s Chapel at 4:30pm and Outdoor Worship at 5pm. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the service.

**YOUTH GROUPS** Outside gatherings will be held on the front lawn with masks and social distancing required. Rain cancels the event. Online gathering links will be sent by [Margo](#).

- November 1, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Dinner, 6:20pm, front lawn
- November 6, All Youth Game Night, 6-9pm, online
- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19, total cost: \$500 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade, ten adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade, three adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte overnight Mission trip), July 25-30, total cost: \$325 (includes food, housing, transportation,) deposit: \$100, rising 6<sup>th</sup> - rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade, four adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).

**ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES** Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

- Pastor’s Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew, 11am on Wednesdays.
- Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30pm.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 3pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am on Zoom.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, the second and fourth Sundays on Zoom. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hornberg](#) for information.

**RETHINKING CHURCH**

- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook 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.
- We offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Links can be found on our website and via emails.
- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- SAPC Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [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.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, November 1</b></p> <p>9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)</p> <p>9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)</p> <p>10:30 Worship Online with Communion</p> <p>3:00 Selwyn Life Class (Zoom)</p> <p>4:30 Children's Chapel (Lawn)</p> <p>5:00 Outdoor Worship with Communion</p> <p>6:20 7th &amp; 8th Grade Girls Dinner</p> <p><b>Monday, November 2</b></p> <p>12:30 Women of Wonder Circle</p> <p>7:00 BSA Troop</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 3</b></p> <p>10:30 Our Spiritual Journey Circle</p> <p>7:00 Evening Grace Circle</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 4</b></p> <p>11:00 Pastor’s Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>3:30 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 5</b></p> <p>7:30 Stewardship Listening Session</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am</p> <p>Spire deadline is Monday, November 23, 9am</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 6</b></p> <p>7:00 Men’s Group</p> <p>6:00 Youth Game Night</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 8</b></p> <p>9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)</p> <p>9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)</p> <p>9:30 Grace Class (Zoom)</p> <p>10:30 Worship Online</p> <p>4:30 Children's Chapel (Lawn)</p> <p>5:00 Outdoor Worship</p> <p>6:20 Youth Group (Lawn)</p>