

# CHURCH NOTES - January 10, 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

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**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.

**COVID UPDATE** We continue to lead virtual worship in the sanctuary each week. Our SAPC COVID-19 Task Force has recommended postponing all small group gatherings until further notice due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, and recent news some of our members have been diagnosed. We are saddened, but believe it is the right decision in keeping all safe. Please refer to the weekly email and website for updates.

**SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?** Due to the pandemic, Room in the Inn will not be held this year.

- You can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months through the following opportunities - Winter Shelter Bag Lunches: [Sign up to help](#), Winter Shelter Cookies: [Sign up to help](#), donate items from their Amazon wish list on their [website](#).
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclaire families.
- Our next Food First Sunday is February 7. Help feed Montclaire Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry by returning items to the Welcome Center porch bin. No glass items please.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLES** The next Parent meeting will take place on January 12 at 7:30pm on Zoom. The next Children's class will be January 17 at noon on Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact [Nancy Nutter](#).

**VISITOR ORIENTATION CLASSES** Please plan to attend the virtual classes on January 21 and 28, and February 4, from 7:30-8:30pm if you are interested in learning more about Selwyn's congregation and ministries and desire to unite with this congregation. Contact the Church Office to RSVP. The link will be sent via email prior to the first meeting.

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will be Tuesday January 19, 7pm via Zoom. This month's book is [An Elephant in the Room](#) by Tommy Tomlinson. Please email [Nancy Bobbitt](#) with questions.

**REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD** Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 104 households have pledged. Our goal is 130. Thank you for your participation. It is vitally important. Pledges can be submitted through the [website](#), emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church.

**TEXT TO GIVE** Thank you to all who have embraced the online giving 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, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund. Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclaire Elementary and Roof Above needs.

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS** Look for updates from Margo.

- January 10- HS Lunch 12-1 pm (Event has been moved to Zoom)
- January 17- MS Lunch 12-1 pm (Zoom)
- Parent Conversations - Choose one of the following times to connect via Zoom: January 13, 9-10am; January 17, 12:30-1:30pm; January 19, 6:30-7:30pm.

[RSVP to Margo](#) for any summer trips below by February 12. Deposits due February 25.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings will resume on Wednesdays at 11am, starting January 13.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 3pm. Contact [John Lemmon](mailto:John.Lemmon@selwynpres.org) 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](mailto:Erin.Mills@selwynpres.org).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hormberg](mailto:Peggy.Hormberg@selwynpres.org) 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.
- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dottie Metzler.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 10</b> 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom) 9:30 Grace Class (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online with Communion 12:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Bible Class (Zoom) 12:00 HS Lunch 12-1 pm (Zoom)  <b>Monday, January 11</b> 7:00 BSA Troop	<b>Tuesday, January 12</b> 7:30 Parents of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Class (Zoom)  <b>Wednesday, January 13</b> 11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom)  <b>Friday, January 8</b> 7:00 Men's Group	<b>Sunday, January 17</b> 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online 12:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders Bible Class (Zoom) 12:00 Middle School Lunch (Zoom) 3:00 Selwyn Life Class Online  Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, January 25, 9am

**NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:**

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 6, 2021. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.) You may submit your suggestions by returning the form to the church office or email your nomination to [marshac@selwynpres.org](mailto:marshac@selwynpres.org) where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by January 17, 2021.

**Nominations for Elder** (9 will be elected - 3 year term)

**Nominations for Youth Elder** (1 will be elected - 1 year term)

**LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:**

**Class of 2021:** Emily Battle, Lee Bobbitt, Kim Claxton, DiAnne Cordell, Andy Johnston, Hunter Miller, Erin Mills, Daniel Smith, Heather Smith

**Class of 2022:** Emily Cox, Janice Finein, Kipp Kiger, Emily Kincade, Bailey King, Tom Moore, Alyssa Sharpe, Allison Tibe, Clark Walton

**Class of 2023:** Chris Bahr, Shannon Brown, Bob Cole, Susan Flynn, Suzanne Newsom, Deni Pifer, Andy Sontag, Lou Waple, JD Yearwood

**Youth:** Maggie Thrasher