

CHURCH NOTES - January 17, 2021

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Kevin and Katie Cumbus, Cooper and Camille, and family in the death of Kevin's grandmother, Alice Griggs Cumbus, on January 8, 2021.

WALK WITH JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF MARK No matter where you are, Jesus will meet you there. We may be separated but together we will walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

- Worship with Selwyn every Sunday at 10:30am and tune into the Winter series.
- Listen and reflect on our weekly Faith Lab Podcast, corresponding with the text for the following Sunday worship.
- Follow the weekly text by engaging in a self guided Bible study: [Interpretation Bible Study on Mark: Diebert](#).
- Join a weekly Bible study on ZOOM for small group discussions on the Gospel of Mark.

CHURCH OFFICE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER will be closed on Monday, January 18.

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.

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

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 Montclair families.
- Our next Food First Sunday is February 7. Help feed Montclair Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry by returning items to the Welcome Center porch bin. No glass items please.

REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 108 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 2021 annual fund. Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.

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

- January 17- MS Lunch 12pm (Zoom)
- Parent Conversations - Choose one of the times via Zoom: 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 9th graders- graduated 12th grade, ten adult chaperones needed.
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th 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 6th - rising 8th grade, four adult chaperones needed.

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

- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 11am.
- Pastor's Bible Study meeting 11am on Wednesdays, resuming January 20.
- 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 Hormberg](#) 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 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, January 17 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online 12:00 Middle School Lunch (Zoom) 12:30 Youth Parent Meeting (Zoom) 3:00 Selwyn Life Class Online Monday, January 18 Church Office and Child Development Center Closed	Tuesday, January 19 6:30 Youth Parent Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 Administration Group Meeting 7:00 SAPC Book Club (Zoom) Wednesday, January 20 11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom) 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) Thursday, January 21 7:30 Visitors Orientation Class (Zoom)	Friday, January 21 7:00 Men's Group Sunday, January 24 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom) 9:30 Grace Class (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online 12:00 All Youth Lunch and Planning 12:00 3rd Graders Bible Class (Zoom) 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 to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Or you may [submit your nomination here](#). 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