

# CHURCH NOTES - February 21, 2021

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**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Susan Lohr on the birth of her granddaughter, Fiona Mary Lohr. Fiona was born on February 9, 2021, to proud parents Eric Lohr and Jennifer Wentz.

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY AND COMMUNION** Youth will creatively lead our virtual worship. Communion will be observed. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place at home – a table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, and a cup.

## The Season of Lent ...

**CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION** It is incredible to see ways Selwyn is staying connected as we approach the year mark of worshiping in our homes. We continue to look for ideas to dig deeper into our relationships with one another in meaningful and authentic ways and are excited to share new ways to engage with our community.

- Join us online for worship. Share prayer concerns or celebrations with your church family in the chat feature.
- We have launched a Selwyn Spirit Facebook group to have a collective place to keep in touch and share daily life events such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and prayers. [Link here to request to join.](#)
- Each Wednesday, we will host a weekly 20-minute intercessory prayer gathering at noon to lift up our community and our larger world. [Link to participate.](#)
- On Sundays beginning today, we will host a weekly "Passing of the Peace" immediately after worship via Zoom. We will gather to share sermon reflections and offer blessings on the week ahead. [Link to participate.](#)

**LENTEN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES** During this season of Lent we offer you three opportunities to participate in loving and serving our neighbors, one in each of our primary focus areas.

- **Homelessness** - We invite you to help celebrate and equip our Charlotte neighbors transitioning from homelessness into a home. We hope to collect items and deliver Welcome Home Kits. Please select [an item from this link](#), purchase that item, and return it to the church by Palm Sunday, March 28.
- **Hunger** - We would like to deliver a week of groceries to as many Montclair Elementary School families as we can. We need your help to make this possible. We invite you to purchase one of each of the ten items listed and drop them by the church by Palm Sunday, March 28. No glass items please. We need: bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned veggies, canned fruit, soup, breakfast items, and individually wrapped snacks.
- **Children in Need** - Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) at Montclair is one way we support children in need. We partner with and support GEP at the school to provide afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents. During the pandemic, Selwyn invited GEP to provide remote learning support to Montclair students in our fellowship Hall on Mondays through Wednesdays. We invite you to make a special Lenten Offering to the Mission Fund to support hosting GEP for families at Montclair for the 2021-2022 school year. You can give by check, online, or by text to 704-734-9818. Please indicate this is the Lenten Offering for Mission.

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS** Look for updates from Margo or [contact her](#) with questions. [RSVP to Margo](#) for any summer trips below by February 28.

- 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.

**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.

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

- Pastor's Bible Study meeting 10am on Wednesdays.
- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 11am.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, Study of Mark, every Sunday through Easter, 9:15am on Zoom. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am on Zoom.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, second and fourth Sundays on Zoom. Study of Barbara Brown Taylor's book [Learning to Walk in the Dark](#). Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hormberg](#) for information.

**REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD** Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 110 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.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER VIRTUAL WALK/RUN** Get the whole family involved. Registration for an individual or to start a team is \$20 for the March 5-7 event to support the Rise Against Hunger mission. First of three events being held over March, April, and May. Learn more at this [link](#).

**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.

### 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.

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| <p><b>Sunday, February 21</b><br/>           9:15 Selwyn Life Class Online<br/>           9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)<br/>           10:30 Youth Sunday Worship Online<br/>           11:30 Passing of the Peace Gathering</p> <p><b>Monday, February 22</b><br/>           7:00 BSA Troop</p> | <p><b>Tuesday, February 23</b><br/>           7:00 Session Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 24</b><br/>           10:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)<br/>           11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom)<br/>           12:00 Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am<br/>           Spire deadline is Monday, February 22, 9am</p> | <p><b>Friday, February 26</b><br/>           7:00 Men's Group</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 28</b><br/>           9:15 Selwyn Life Class Online<br/>           9:20 Confirmation Class<br/>           9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)<br/>           9:30 Grace Class (Zoom)<br/>           10:30 Worship Online</p> |