

CHURCH NOTES - March 7, 2021

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Jackie and Joe Salinas in the death of her mother, Romana 'Mona' O'Neill, on March 1, 2021. Prayers and sympathy are also extended for family and friends of Merle Gooden Miller in her death on March 1, 2021.

BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Reid Wilson McCorduck, son of Jason and Britta McCorduck. Attending are uncle Kyle McCorduck, Lindsey Cohan, and the Simmons family.

NEW BABIES Congratulations to TJ and Brandi Milewski on the birth of their son, Campbell Theodore Milewski, on January 26, 2021 and to Laura Hassey on the birth of her daughter, Elizabeth 'Elle' Anne Hassey, on February 25, 2021.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on March 14, 12pm, via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a recap of 2020 and personnel updates, and to elect Elders. The following persons are being nominated (to serve a three year term- Class of 2024): Ginny Burgin, Brittany Guffey, Charlie Harris, Morgan Liles, Dick Metzler, Kurt Parbst, Heather Risko, Ed Thomas, and Andy Wertz. Andy Bentley is nominated for Youth Elder (one year term). Additional nominations can be made at the meeting, providing consent from the nominee has been obtained in advance. Please make plans to attend virtually. The link will be available soon.

This Season of Lent ...

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION 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 a new Selwyn Spirit Facebook group for 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, 12pm, we host a 20-minute intercessory prayer gathering to lift up our community and world. [Link to participate.](#)
- Each Sunday we host a "Passing of the Peace" immediately after worship via Zoom. We gather to share sermon reflections and offer blessings on the week ahead. [Link to participate.](#)

WORSHIP Join us Sundays at 10:30am for Worship on Facebook Live. Other livestreamed services are listed below.

- March 21 - Weekly Outdoor Worship Services Begin, 5pm. Masks and social distancing required. Please bring a chair or blanket. Rain cancels outdoor worship.
- March 28 - Palm Sunday Worship with Communion, 10:30am. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place at home for communion – a table, candle, a Bible, a loaf, and a cup. Outdoor Palm Sunday Worship, 5pm.
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday Worship Livestreamed, 5:30pm. Outdoor Tenebrae Service with Communion, 6:30pm.
- April 4 - Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship, 8:30am. Easter Sunday Worship Livestreamed, 10:30am

LENTEN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES We offer three ways to participate in loving and serving our neighbors.

- **Homelessness** - Help celebrate and equip our Charlotte neighbors transitioning from homelessness into a home. Please select and purchase [an item from this link](#) for the Welcome Home Kits. Bring to the church by March 28.
- **Hunger** – With your help, we plan to deliver a week of groceries to as many Montclaire Elementary School families as we can. We invite you to purchase one of each of the ten items listed and drop them to 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 Montclaire 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 Montclaire students in our Fellowship Hall, Mondays through Wednesdays. We invite you to make a special Lenten Offering to support hosting GEP at Montclaire 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 [Contact Margo](#) with questions. Masks and social distancing required for all outside events. Rain cancels. Please [RSVP to Margo](#) for any summer trips as soon as possible.

- March 14 - Second Sunday Service, 3-5pm, lawn.
- March 21 – 9th-12th Grade Boys and Girls Small Group, 4-5pm, lawn.
- March 28 – 6th Grade Boys and Girls Small Group, 4-5pm, lawn.
- 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.

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.

- 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.

- 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. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, second and fourth Sundays. Book study of [Learning to Walk in the Dark](#). Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hornberg](#) for information.

REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 116 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.

RETHINKING CHURCH AND COVID UPDATE

- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am. 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. 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		
<p>Sunday, March 7</p> <p>9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Baptism Online Passing of the Peace (Zoom) 12:00 Children's Worship Readiness Class</p> <p>Monday, March 8</p> <p>7:00 BSA Troop</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 9</p> <p>7:00 Mission Group Meeting 7:00 CDC Group Meeting 7:30 Peace Circle</p> <p>Wednesday, March 10</p> <p>10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle 12:00 Intercessory Prayer</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, March 22, 9am</p>	<p>Friday, March 12</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p> <p>Sunday, March 14</p> <p>9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant and Grace Classes 9:30 Children's Worship Readiness Class 10:30 Worship Online Passing of the Peace (Zoom) 12:00 Annual Congregational Meeting</p>