

CHURCH NOTES - April 18, 2021

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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION AND SPRING EVENT We invite you to engage with our community and dig deeper into our relationships with one another in meaningful and authentic ways.

- Join us after morning worship for our Spring Event. Please bring your own lunch to eat on the lawn from 11:30-12. Service projects will be from 12-2pm. We will be spring cleaning down at Little Sugar Creek Greenway and walk down as a group from the church. If you have young children or prefer to partake in another way we will have an activity at the church.
- You can share prayer concerns or celebrations with your church family in the chat feature during online worship.
- [Link here](#) to request to join our Selwyn Spirit Facebook group, a collective place to share daily life events.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Join us this evening at 5pm on the front lawn. The bluegrass band The River Ratz are our musical guests. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the service.

SUNDAY MORNING SANCTUARY WORSHIP With joy, we will welcome up to 75 worshippers in the sanctuary each week. Attendees are to be seated by 10:20am as the service will be livestreamed. Vaccines are recommended. Masks and social distancing required. All are welcome. Register through the link for a specific Sunday: [April 25](#), [May 2](#), [May 9](#).

PARTICIPATE IN LOVING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS Please bring items to the church.

- **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.
- **Hunger** - We invite you to purchase one of each of the ten items listed to help provide groceries for Montclair Elementary families. (bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned veggies, canned fruit, soup, breakfast items, and individually wrapped snacks). Please bring items to the church. No glass items please.
- **Children in Need** - We continue our partnership with Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) at Montclair Elementary to provide afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents. You are invited to make a Special Offering to support hosting GEP at Montclair for the 2021-2022 school year. You can give by check, text to 704-734-9818, or online. Please indicate this is a Special Offering for Mission.

SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ONSITE AT SELWYN Registration information available soon.

- Preschool ages 3-4 years, June 21 - 24, from 9am-12pm at Selwyn, cost is \$75 per child.
- Elementary aged children, June 28 - July 2, 9am - 3pm at Selwyn, cost is \$175 per child.

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.

- We will participate in the Congregational Life Little Sugar Creek cleanup from 12-2pm today.
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys, 4pm on the front lawn.
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- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19 trip, total cost: \$500 (transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade.
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17 trip, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade, one male adult chaperone still needed.
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte), July 25-30, rising 6th - 8th grade, two more adult chaperones needed.

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

- Pastor's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10am.
- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 11am.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, 9:15am. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, second and fourth Sundays. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hornberg](#) for information.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND DATABASE We are updating our database to successfully maintain our virtual connections. Our hope is everyone appreciates and embraces this effort to communicate effectively. If you have a question or your contact information changes (including your preferred email, phone, or address), please contact [Marsha Cooper](#).

***Important Note-** Unsubscribing in the database **or** from any congregational email unsubscribes you from receiving all SAPC emails. Please contact the Church Office before taking this step.

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by the Presbyterian Women to the Glory of God and in honor of today's new Honorary Life Member recipient and all the other Honorary Life Members.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, April 18 9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Class 10:30 Virtual Worship 11:30 Congregational Life Spring Event 4:00 7th & 8th Grade Boys (Lawn) 5:00 Outdoor Worship</p> <p>Monday, April 19 7:00 BSA Troop</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, April 26, 9am</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 20 7:00 Administration Group Meeting 7:00 SAPC Book Club (Zoom)</p> <p>Wednesday, April 21 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle 7:00 Incoming Elder Training</p> <p>Thursday, April 22 6:15 Handbell Ensemble</p>	<p>Friday, April 23 7:00 Men's Group</p> <p>Sunday, April 25 9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Class 9:30 Grace Class 10:30 Virtual Worship 4:00 7th & 8th Grade Girls (Lawn) 5:00 Outdoor Worship</p>