

CHURCH NOTES - May 9, 2021

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BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Eva Murphy Tom, daughter of Ray and Karey Tom. Attending is grandmother Eva Tom. Other family members are joining remotely.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION will be during our worship services today.

OUTDOOR EVENING WORSHIP Join us this evening at 5pm on the front lawn. This Sunday, May 9 our musical guest will be Jim Garrett and friends. Social distancing required. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY MORNING SANCTUARY WORSHIP With joy, we will welcome up to 100 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 specific Sundays: [May 16](#), [May 23](#), [May 30](#).

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

- Visitor Orientation Classes will be held on May 13 and 20, from 7:30-8:30pm, for those interested in learning more about Selwyn's congregation and ministries and desire to unite with this congregation. Contact the office to RSVP for the virtual classes, office@selwynpres.org or 704-372-6836. The link will be sent via email prior to the first class.
- 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 16 WE WILL WELCOME LIZ CLASEN-KELLY The Roof Above CEO will share with us during both worship services and during a deeper discussion after our 5pm Outdoor Worship. Non-profit Roof Above, formerly Urban Ministry Center and the Men's Shelter of Charlotte, offers a spectrum of homeless services and housing programs.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OR VOLUNTEER Reserve your space today. [Nancy Nutter](#) will be sending out full registration to those who have signed up to attend through the following links.

- Preschool ages 3-4 years, June 21 - 24, from 9am-12pm at Selwyn, cost is \$75 per child. [Sign up now.](#)
- Elementary aged children, June 28 - July 2, 9am - 3pm at Selwyn, cost is \$175 per child. [Sign up now.](#)
- VBS Volunteers needed to help with both the preschool and elementary school aged children during VBS weeks. You can volunteer for the entire week or one day. We also need a kitchen crew to help with snacks and water runs throughout the week and breakfast for the Bethelwoods counselors during the elementary week. Please email [Nancy](#) if you would love to be a part of the fun!

WORSHIP AND TEACHING SERIES AND CLASSES *Letters to a New Church*: What does it mean to live faithfully as Christ's church in an unpredictable and ever-changing world? Join us every Sunday at 10:30am (in person or on Facebook Live) or at 5pm (outdoors) as we explore the Apostle Paul's letters to communities of faith that were wrestling with the same question. Each week, we will explore one of Paul's epistles, its' themes, and the impact of Paul's writing for us today.

- Pastor's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10am.
- Daughters of Faith, weekly meetings on Thursdays at 11am through May 20.
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, 9:15am. The class will explore [Paul in Asia Minor](#), the fourth book in the series *The Life and Letters of Paul*, by Dr. PHEME PERKINS, the Professor of New Testament at Boston College. Drawing on historical data about the Asian congregations and their significance in the region, Perkins brings to life family matters supporting a life faithful to Christ. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- Grace Sunday School, 9:30am. The class will not meet on May 9 and will resume on May 16. The plan is to gather outdoors through May 23 when possible. Each class of our series will be based on an episode of the podcast *Finding Fred*. "Bestselling author and cultural critic Carvell Wallace hosts this series about the life, thinking and work of Fred Rogers, and asks what the cardigan wearing host of a decades-old children's show can tell us about how to get by in today's chaotic world." The podcast is available on Spotify, Apple, and iHeartRadio, with each episode about 30 minutes length. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND PARENTS [Contact Margo](#) with questions. All outside events require social distancing, rain cancels.

- High School Senior Sunday, May 9
- High School Youth, May 16, 4-5pm on the lawn.
- 6th Grade Youth, May 23, 4-5pm on the lawn.

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). No glass items please.
- **Children in Need** - You are invited to make a Special Offering to support hosting Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) for Montclair Elementary children, providing afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents. You can give by check, text to 704-734-9818, or online, indicating this is a Special Offering for Mission.

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, May 9 9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:30 Covenant Class 10:30 Worship with Baptism 5:00 Outdoor Worship</p> <p>Monday, May 10 11:30 Women of Wonder Circle 7:00 BSA Troop</p> <p>Tuesday, May 11 7:00 Mission Group Meeting 7:30 Peace Circle</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 12 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 Incoming Elder Training</p> <p>Thursday, May 13 11:00 Daughters of Faith Circle 6:15 Handbell Ensemble 7:30 Visitors Orientation Classes</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, May 24, 9am</p>	<p>Friday, May 14 7:00 Men's Group</p> <p>Sunday, May 16 9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:30 Covenant Class 9:30 Grace Class 10:30 Worship with Baptism 12:00 Called Session Meeting 4:00 High School Youth (Lawn) 5:00 Outdoor Worship</p>