

CHURCH NOTES - June 6, 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

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ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC TODAY Join us on the lawn from 11:30am – 1pm. The River Rats band will provide music. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch. Lemonade, cookies, and popsicles will be provided.

Engage with our community and dig deeper into our relationships with one another in meaningful and authentic ways.

- For those interested in learning more about Selwyn's congregation and ministries, and have a desire to unite with this congregation, please contact the Church office, office@selwynpres.org or 704-372-6836.
- 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.

SUMMER AT SELWYN With great intention and joy, all are invited to join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:30am. While social distancing will be in effect, masks will not be required for those who have been fully vaccinated. Worship space for those who prefer a space where all are masked will be provided in the chapel where worship will be live-streamed. While the chapel will provide extra space to move and crafts for young children, due to continued precaution for children under 12, nursery care cannot be provided. Selwyn hopes to resume all nursery care this fall.

- Beginning Sunday, June 13 join us for our summer preaching series, Proverbs and Parables.
- Adult Summer Sunday School, 9:30am in the Parlor and on Zoom.
- Our final outdoor evening service of the season will be on June 13 at 5pm on the lawn. Our musical guests will be Randy Franklin and friends. Social distancing required. Rain cancels.
- Beginning Sunday, June 20 join us for lemonade on the lawn following morning worship.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am.
- Look for updates through our weekly email and at www.selwynpres.org.
- 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 704-372-6836 and follow prompts for the appropriate staff person's extension. For pastoral care emergencies, leave a message on Rev. Raible's extension.

SPECIAL OFFERING TO SUPPORT MONTCLAIRE 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. Give by check or online, or text to 704-734-9818, indicating Special Offering for Mission.

TEXT TO GIVE Thank you to all who have embraced the online giving platform. Instructions for using:

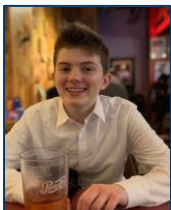
- Text 704-734-9818. Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2021 annual fund. Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.
- Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving. Pledges can be submitted through the [website](#), emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church. Thank you for your participation, it is very important.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God
and in honor and gratitude for the Elders, Class of 2021.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN

Sunday, June 6 9:15 Selwyn Life Class 9:30 Covenant Class 10:30 Worship with Elder Ordination 11:30 Spring Picnic Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, June 28, 9am	Monday, June 7 7:00 BSA Troop Thursday, June 10 4:00 CDC Graduation (Lawn) Friday, June 11 7:00 Men's Group	Sunday, June 13 ASP Participants Leave 9:30 Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 10:30 Worship 5:00 Outdoor Worship
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Meet Our New Elders



Andy Bentley is a rising senior at Northwest School of the Arts. He's the son of Michelle and Joe Bentley and the proud owner of a stuffed beaver named Daphne. Andy has been a member of Selwyn since he was born. He loves writing, playing guitar and making theatre.



Kurt Parbst, and wife Christy, moved to the neighborhood in 2006 and ended their search for a church home after one visit to Selwyn. Kurt and Christy grew up in North Carolina and enjoy exploring the region with their children, Maddie (14) and Henry (12). A graduate of NC State, Kurt is a consulting engineer working on resource efficiency challenges in agriculture. Kurt is an aspiring Christian, parent, and backgammon player. While he not a golfer, he's been unable to quit the game, and advises youth to consider tennis. Being a member of the Selwyn Church family has been a blessing. He looks forward to giving back.



Ginny Burgin is a real estate broker with Helen Adams Realty, wife of Andy, and mother to Alex (20), Walker (20), and Everett (17). Members since 1998, Ginny and Andy were married at SAPC, and she was baptized here along with their sons. She has served as an Elder, confirmation mentor, as well as volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and ASP.



Samantha 'Sam' Phifer, a native of North Carolina, grew up in Pinehurst. She attended St. Catherine's High School in Richmond, VA and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2007. Prior to moving to Charlotte in 2012, Sam lived in Atlanta and Washington, DC. Sam is an award-winning Marketer. She spent 11 years in cable before moving to Discovery Education in 2018. She currently serves as Vice President, Global Marketing. She loves her role in education as she helps to prepare learners for tomorrow. She and husband, Nathan, are the proud parents to William (5 months) and Watson (3), both attending the CDC. The Phifers joined Selwyn in 2017 and look forward to getting more involved at Selwyn.



Charlie Harris and his spouse, Ellen, have been members at Selwyn Presbyterian for more than 10 years. They have three children (Jackson, Margaret and Anne). Charlie has degrees from UNC-CH and the UVA- School of Law. He is a finance attorney, and over the years Charlie has been a part of the Selwyn Christian Education adult teaching team.



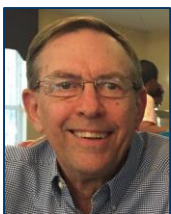
Heather Risko and her husband James, are longtime members of SAPC. Their daughter Kyla lives in Austin, Texas. Kyla was in the CDC starting at 8 weeks old until she entered Kindergarten. A graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Heather has been working as a Realtor with the Allen Tate Company for 29 years. Selwyn is just like the church she grew up with in Ohio: full of friendly people with a caring, loving atmosphere. It continues to help her to grow emotionally and spiritually.



Morgan Liles and her husband, Welch have two girls, Harrison (4) and Perry (1 ½). She works as the Marketing and Development Manager at HopeWay, a local non-profit mental health treatment center. Morgan and Welch attended SAPC for several years and officially joined in 2019. Morgan is a graduate of NC State and Virginia Commonwealth University, where she received her Masters in Social Work. Native Charlotteans, she and Welch returned home about six years ago. Morgan loves running, being outside and reading.



Ed Thomas is the son of longtime Selwyn Presbyterian (and choir) members Jeanne and Herman Thomas. Ed and his wife Mary Ann have three children (Marie, Stuart and Ann Carmen). He is currently Director/Premier Technology Partnerships for Aflac US. He has been a member of Selwyn's Chancel Choir since he was 13. The Selwyn Community has always been a source of strength and security for the Thomas family. "There's been a Thomas around here since they opened wide the doors here and I feel that I have a responsibility to do my part to help sustain our rich heritage. It's a gift to be part of the church and I'm looking forward to my time on Session with some great folks!"



Dick Metzler has been a member of Selwyn for over 25 years. He has been a member of the choir, served on both the Worship and Mission Committees, and spear-headed Selwyn's Habitat for Humanity initiative for 10 years. Dick has served as an Elder at Selwyn and his previous church in New York. He has degrees from three colleges, a consequence of a career change. Dick was a scientist in his "first life," and a church choir director after moving to Charlotte in 1993. Dick retired to help care for his wife, Dottie, after she endured a stroke. Besides Habitat, Dick enjoys tennis and travel and visiting his two sons and their families soon.



Andy Wertz is a high school English Teacher at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. He graduated from Queens University of Charlotte. He enjoys baking, photography, writing, camping, and traveling. He has been involved at Selwyn for seven years - first with the K-5 Sunday School and now as a member. He loves the sincere warmth and welcome at Selwyn.