

# CHURCH NOTES - August 29, 2021

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for family and friends of Townley Spratt Moon in her death on August 20, 2021.

**COVID UPDATE** As we make plans for a vibrant fall, we are guided by a task force of healthcare professionals regarding COVID-19. The recommendations are changing constantly. This summer Selwyn has safely gathered without masks because most of our adult membership is vaccinated. While those vaccinated are at much lower risk, recently members have reported 'break through' COVID infections.

Selwyn is an intergenerational community, with 535 confirmed members and over 200 children and youth, who are unable to be vaccinated. Because we cherish the diversity of our membership, we are called to transcend our weariness with masks as much as we can. We have opened our nursery and offer an array of programming for children, youth, and adults. Our togetherness is a gift. As an expression of care for children and youth, the task force suggests those in the building wear masks until they can offer better news about the D variant.

**GLORY TO GOD NEW HYMNALS** If you would like to dedicate a hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one, each hymnal costs \$20. Order forms are available in the narthex, on the website and by contacting the church office through August. Book plates will be mounted in the hymnals accordingly and dedicated on September 19 in worship.

## SUNDAYS AT SELWYN

- Join us at 9:30am- Adults, Youth, Confirmation Class, children and nursery. There is a place for everyone.
- Worship at 10:30am. The service will be available on SAPC's Facebook. However, the link is no longer sent.
- Today, August 29, Youth Group will be on the lawn at 6pm.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** We will not have programming or classes at 9:30am. Please join us for 10:30am worship.

**RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 12** Join us for Rally Day Jazz Worship at 10:30am and lunch on the lawn from 11:30 - 1pm. You are invited to BYOL (bring your own lunch) or place an order for a boxed lunch via the link provided in the weekly email and your Spire newsletter. Lemonade and water will be provided. As we strive to re-engage as a community, we will gather to share a meal, fellowship, and learn ways to be involved in the life of SAPC.

**'MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE'** You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are 9am Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary. Contact Fred Spano, [fspano@uncc.edu](mailto:fspano@uncc.edu) for more information.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, age 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be 5:30-6pm, Wednesday, September 22 and 29, and October 6 and 13, in the Bowman Building. Contact Nancy Nutter, [nancyn@selwynpres.org](mailto:nancyn@selwynpres.org) with questions.

**BUDGET UPDATE** For 2021 Selwyn member Pledges total \$690,000. Goal for pledge receipts through August Year to Date (YTD) are \$460,000. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$391,670. Total deficit is \$68,330. Pledges can be submitted through the [website](http://www.selwynpres.org), emailed to [Tonya Moore](mailto:TonyaMoore@selwynpres.org), or mailed to the church. Thank you for your participation, it is very important.

**TEXT TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS** 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 giving to the annual fund. Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<b>Sunday, August 29</b> 9:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Youth Coffee Talks 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lemonade on the Lawn 6:00 Youth Group (Lawn)	<b>Monday, August 30</b> 7:00 BSA Troop  <b>Tuesday, August 31</b> 5:30 Session Meeting  <b>Friday, September 3</b> 7:00 Men's Group	<b>Sunday, September 5</b> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lemonade on the Lawn  <b>Monday, September 6</b> Church Office and Child Development Center Closed  Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, September 27, 9am

*The time is coming... when I will make a new covenant with my people... I will put my law within their minds, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. – Jeremiah 31:31-33*

*The time is coming...to discern how God is calling you to serve in missions!*

### **MISSION AT SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN**

God calls us to invest our talents into each other and our neighbors near and far. Mission at Selwyn is more than just doing for others. While that is certainly a part of what we do, it's also about engaging in deep relationships and forming ministry partnerships. Through careful discernment, our church and Session have narrowed our mission ministry in three focus areas: **Children in Need, Homelessness, and Hunger.**

We hope you will discern how God may be calling you to get involved in new ways. There are one time opportunities to join in as well as ongoing commitments with our ministry partners. Here are some of the upcoming opportunities. You can also check our website, [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org), for information or to sign up.

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE SERVE GOD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS!**

#### **Hunger**

First Sunday Food Drive - Take a Blue Bag, purchase requested grocery items and return to church on the first Sunday of each month to help stock the Food Pantry at Montclair Elementary School. Stay tuned for more opportunities to distribute food!

Roof Above Lunches - Pack ten lunches for our homeless neighbors on one or all of these Saturdays - September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11. See our website or sign up through the following link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044badae2f4-lunches](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044badae2f4-lunches)

#### **Homelessness**

Habitat for Humanity Day - Mark your calendar for Saturday, **October 30**. We will participate in working on a house, volunteering at the ReStore, and have a Camp Habitat for kids at the church.

Room in the Inn - In partnership with Roof Above, beginning on December 1 and continuing through March 31 each Monday night we will feed and host some of our homeless neighbors for the night. We will need church bus drivers for pick up and return, three meals (dinner upon arrival, breakfast and bag lunches), set up and clean up helpers, and overnight hosts. Help one time or every week! This takes many helpers so be listening for how to get involved. Mark your calendars for Sunday, **November 14, 5-7pm** - we will have an event to learn more about homelessness and offer sign up opportunities.

#### **Children in Need**

Greater Enrichment Program Afterschool Helper - Be a supportive extra helper with our GEP ministry partners at the after school program at Montclair Elementary School. On Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30pm. They have planned activities for the kids and you just show up to assist. This is a great way to help once or weekly, while getting to know our ministry partners and the families of Montclair. Sign up via the following link or through our website: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eaea62da0f58-gepafternoon](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eaea62da0f58-gepafternoon)

Tutoring at Montclair - There are a variety of commitment levels and opportunities to assist a Montclair child with their learning while deepening a relationship with the child. Heart Math, HELPS tutoring, and Augustine Literacy Project are all structured programs to guide you in tutoring. See our website for details.

#### **Assist Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Efforts**

In addition, if you would like to assist our neighbors in Haiti, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has established an account to speed cash aid to Haiti following the recent earthquake devastation.

To make a donation to PDA Disaster Relief-Haiti, OG100000:

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/OG100000/?appeal=PDA&package=HE21-PNS>

To give by phone, 1-800-872-3283.

To give by check, please mail to Presbyterian Church USA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, designating Disaster Relief - and designate Haiti on the memo line.

Or you can write a check to the church, designating PDA - Haiti in the memo line.

Learn more through the following link:

[www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-church-u-s-a-agencies-minister-to-hard-hit-haiti/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-church-u-s-a-agencies-minister-to-hard-hit-haiti/)