

# CHURCH NOTES - September 5, 2021

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**OUR GUEST ORGANIST** Robert Ivey is Minister of Music Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte where he served as organist and director for twenty-four years, retiring in 2006.

**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.

## SUNDAYS AT SELWYN

- Join us for 9:30am Sunday School - Adults, Youth, Confirmation, 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.
- September 19, 10:30am Dedication of Glory to God Hymnals in Worship
- September 26, 10:30am Worship and Celebration with the Rev. Dr. Rush Otey

**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 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** Circle meetings resume in September. Please contact a Circle leader for more information.

- Circle #1, Women of Wonder - September 13, 12:30pm - Ann Copeland
- Circle #2, Peace Seekers - Jamie Yearwood
- Circle #3, Our Spiritual Journey - September 14, 10:30am - Bobbie Hankins
- Circle #4, Evening Grace - September 7, 7pm - Nancy Bobbitt
- Circle #5, Daughters of Faith - September 15, 11am, Weekly - Tracie Northan

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join the Selwyn community in vital ways and make authentic connections with your Selwyn family. If you are interested in serving on a Care Team, with Helping Hands, Fellowship, and/or the Membership Committee, please reach out to [Ashlee Anderson](mailto:Ashlee.Anderson@selwynpres.org).

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES** We hope you will discern how God may be calling you to get involved and join us as we serve God by serving our neighbors. Our mission ministry is focused in three areas: Children in Need, Homelessness, and Hunger. Check our website, [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) for information or to sign up to serve.

**ASSIST PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE EFFORTS** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has established an account to speed cash aid to Haiti following the recent earthquake devastation. To make a donation through PDA, contribute [online](https://www.pda.org/donate) to Disaster Relief-Haiti, OG100000. 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 - Haiti on the memo line. Or you can write a check to the church, designating PDA - Haiti in the memo line.

**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.

**'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.

**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 \$407,125. Total deficit is \$52,875. 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.

**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, 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	<b>Tuesday, September 7</b> 7:00 PW Evening Grace 7:00 Congregational Life Group Meeting  <b>Wednesday, September 8</b> 6:15 Handbell Ensemble  <b>Friday, September 10</b> 7:00 Men's Group	<b>Sunday, September 12</b> 9:30 Children's Worship Readiness Class 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Visitors Orientation Class 9:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Youth Coffee Talks 10:30 Jazz Worship with Communion 11:30 Rally Day Picnic