

CHURCH NOTES – February 2, 2020

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TODAY

NEW BABY Congratulations to Jason and Britta McCorduck on the birth of their son, Reid Wilson McCorduck, born on January 22, 2020. His big sisters are Reagan and Grier.

BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Perry Jane Liles, daughter of Welch and Morgan Liles. Attending are grandparents Meg and Gary Hancock, Betsy and Jock Liles and great grandmother Jane Liles. Other family and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all on this very special day.

THE REV. FRANK SPENCER has been the President of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church since July 2014. Selwyn is his home church, where he served as elder and teacher and seminary intern, and where he was ordained by the Presbytery of Charlotte on February 7, 2015. He earned his Master of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte. He holds a B.A. with honors in German from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is a Baker Scholar graduate of Harvard Business School. Prior to joining the Board of Pensions, he served as President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte and 15 years in healthcare real estate with Cogdell Spencer Inc. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Montreat Conference Center and as a member of the NEXT Church National Strategy Team. Frank is married to Dr. Melanie Davis Spencer, and their adult children are Aly and Brian Zakutansky (son Samuel) of New York City and Clark and Jenifer Gobie Spencer of Charlotte.

WE WELCOME MARGO RICHARDSON, DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS Margo grew up in Chapel Hill. She attended Rhodes College, earning a BA in Anthropology and Sociology. Margo graduated in May 2019 with a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. She was awarded a season of study at the World Council of Churches Center for Ecumenical Study and has been in Bossey, Switzerland as the 2019-2020 PCUSA Eugene Carson Blake Academic Fellow. She spent the past five years interning and working in Youth Ministry and Christian Education. She feels excited about the future of Christian formation and is grateful to grow alongside folks of all ages at Selwyn!

ROOTS AND WINGS CELEBRATION Today we dedicate our new spaces. Please join us after worship to celebrate as we share food, fellowship, and offer tours.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Please give generously to this grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger led by Youth. The Youth will be outside after worship to accept this offering. Every dollar of our special offering will go to the Charlotte Urban Ministry Center, an interfaith organization dedicated to serving our homeless neighbors and helping end homelessness. The Souper Bowl of Caring began thirty years ago, sharing God's love with those in need.

FOOD FIRST SUNDAY Help stock the Montclair Food Pantry by picking up a cloth bag after worship. Immediate needs are cereal, rice and canned fruit. The first Sunday of each month we will collect your generous food donations.

THE EXODUS STUDY will not meet tonight but will resume on February 9, 4-5:30pm in the Grace Room.

NOTES OF INTEREST

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, February 9, to act upon the Session's motion that Rush Otey's pastoral relationship be concluded on March 31, 2020, and that he be granted Honorable Retirement effective on that date.

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH meets at 11am Wednesdays with Lori Raible. A 7pm evening gathering is held monthly at Deni Pifer's home. Our next meeting is February 24.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, taught by Rush Otey, meets on Wednesdays from 11-11:45am in the Nell Bates House through March 11. This term we are learning from the Book of Job and the Gospel According to Mark. All adults are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR We invite children ages 3 through 2nd grade to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6pm. Currently we are meeting in the upstairs Bowman building. Contact Kim Lee with questions, kiml@selwynpres.org.

ROOM IN THE INN Monday nights through March Selwyn will host homeless neighbors, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Please consider helping. Contact Michelle Bentley, mleeentley@gmail.com or sign-up through www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aba723a20-room5. Current needs: February 10 – one overnight host. Supplies: two liter sodas, socks, large and extra-large t-shirts.

JUST FRIENDS gathering on February 15, 6:30pm will be dinner at Malyn Pratt's, 3941 Riverbend Road. Please let her know if you will attend, 704-661-8549. To be added to our distribution list, please contact Susan Lohr, 704-582-3314.

FACE TO FACE, STEWARDSHIP 2020, Your commitment at any level matters. By making an annual pledge you support Selwyn's vision and mission. Please return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office, email Church Accountant Tonya Moore, tonya@tmooreaccounting.com or pledge online: www.selwynpres.org/giving/.

2020 GIVING ENVELOPES are available in the Fellowship Hall on the information table. Pick up a box if you would like to use them for your giving. They are not labeled.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY The Adult Sunday School Series will explore Jesus's vision of what life together is meant to embody. Join a class, the conversation and study as we focus on The Sermon on the Mount.

- Covenant Class will gather for a traditional biblically based discussion with members and clergy. (Parlor)
- Life Class learners are using a self-guided study as they apply what they learn to their own lives. Copies of the book, Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus, and the study guide are available in the library or at www.amazon.com/Slow-Church-Cultivating-Community-Patient/dp/0830841148. (Library)
- Grace Class considers what it means to put our faith into action exploring Faith Hacks. (Grace Room)

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY To volunteer visit www.selwynpres.org/volunteer. Tutor with HELPS Fluency, Augustine Literacy Project or Heart Math, be a Teacher Partner, or volunteer at the Greater Enrichment (GEP) After-School Program.

PHASE THREE CONSTRUCTION The Spire door entry is no longer accessible. On Sunday mornings please enter through the Welcome Center or sanctuary. Please continue to call the church office for entry during weekday office hours, 704-372-6836. Thank you for your patience during this time.

AA MEETING Selwyn hosts a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

PARKING LOT REMINDER The small parking lot is one-way, from the Selwyn Avenue entrance, down the hill, and out onto Glendale. When exiting, there is a stop sign at the bottom of the hill and a speed bump to remind drivers to exit carefully and slowly. Please do not enter from Glendale and drive up the hill.

THE 2020 FLOWER CALENDAR is available in the Fellowship Hall. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people, occasions, committees or groups. Additional information can be found on the calendar.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of today's Roots and Wings celebration.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, February 2</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>9:30 Visitors Orientation Class</p> <p>10:30 Worship with Baptism (S)</p> <p>11:30 Roots and Wings Celebration</p> <p>5:00 Youth Group (FH)</p> <p>6:30 Salt Shakers (Cordell)</p> <p>Monday, February 3</p> <p>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)</p> <p>12:30 PW Circle 1 (Newitt)</p> <p>5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 4</p> <p>10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)</p> <p>7:00 PW Circle 4 (Bobbitt's)</p> <p>7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)</p> <p>Wednesday, February 5</p> <p>11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)</p> <p>11:00 Daughters of Faith</p> <p>5:30 Children's Choir</p> <p>6:15 Handbells (B)</p> <p>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>Friday, February 7</p> <p>5:00 Youth Game Night (BH)</p> <p>Sunday, February 9</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>9:30 Visitors Orientation Class</p> <p>10:30 Worship (S)</p> <p>4:00 Exodus Study (GR)</p> <p>5:30 Youth Group</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire deadline is Monday, February 24, 9am.</p>