

CHURCH NOTES - March 22, 2020

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Jeremy and Allison Black on the birth of their daughter, Quin Abigail Black, born on March 11, 2020.

RETHINKING CHURCH With great concern over the current and ever-changing health crisis, our Session and staff are adjusting and making plans on how we continue to *be church together*. SAPC is poised to claim courage, community, and abundance even now as we re-orient ourselves. For now our plans extend through the month of March, and each week we will assess the days ahead.

- All in-person gatherings will cease until further notice, including Sunday School, studies, choirs, and socials.
- Worship will livestream on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining will be sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email.
- We will offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Zoom is an easily accessible online platform and app. A schedule and links to online gatherings will be available on our website and via emails.
- We are diligently seeking tangible ways to sustain connectivity, including care, support, assistance for those in our community as well as for our mission partners at Montclaire Elementary and Urban Ministry Center.
- Your continued stewardship through this time is much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead.
- Please look for updates at www.selwynpres.org and via email.
- Community resources:
From community faith leaders: www.charlotteobserver.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article241127801.html
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/
Mecklenburg County Government www.mecknc.gov/Pages/Home.aspx

YOUTH GROUPS Margo will send Zoom links via email and post to Instagram.

- Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
- Confirmation Class Online, Sundays, 4-4:45pm to discuss faith statements and the big questions.
- Sunday Online Youth Group, Sundays, 5-6pm to play online games.

YOUNG ADULT CHECK IN Join Margo and Lisa for an online Happy Hour, Wednesday, March 25 with a 5-7pm drop-in time on Zoom.

MISSION INVOLVEMENT We are especially mindful of how we might respond to ever evolving needs in areas related to children in need, hunger and homelessness. Please email lisamclennan5@gmail.com for ways to assist.

- The Room in the Inn program ended early. We are focusing on immediate needs for the Urban Ministry Center. Their requests change daily and are updated on their website, www.urbanministrycenter.org/helping-the-homeless/ways-you-can-help/donate/our-wishlist/ For those interested in assisting, you can order directly from the Amazon list and ship it directly to UMC, or you can purchase wish list items and drop them in the plastic bin labeled UMC on the front porch of our church. Bins will be checked and deliveries made to the UMC weekly on Mondays and on Thursdays.
- Hunger and Children: We will initially focus on the children of Montclaire Elementary and their families. The Daughters of Faith Bible Study quickly raised \$1000, purchased and delivered 100-\$10 Aldi gift cards for Montclaire families. We hope to give additional gift cards and food to families when students come to the school to get a chrome book for online learning. We are unsure of the timing at present. The school will be a lunch/breakfast pick up site for CMS students. In addition to regular meals, Mon-Thurs each week, this will provide opportunities for Aldi gift card and food distribution. To assist, we ask you to continue to donate food items. We will put blue First Food Sunday bags on the front porch as well as a bin to return your items on Mondays and Thursdays. You may donate \$10 gift cards or contribute additional funds via our website online giving portals to buy additional cards.

AA MEETING The weekly Wednesday, 8pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting has moved to an online meeting.

LENTEN GIVING A traditional Lenten discipline is to fast from something and to give the money we would have spent to the care of our neighbors as a way of reflecting God's mercy. Selwyn is designating this year's Lenten offering to go to our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip's building supplies this summer and for enrichment experiences at Montclair Elementary School's new afterschool and summer Greater Enrichment Program (GEP). Collect coins or send a check to the Church designating Lenten Special Offering. You may also give to the Presbyterian Church USA "One Great Hour of Sharing" with designation on the memo line of your check.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE Youth, rising 9th - graduated 12th grade, will attend July 11-18. Cost: \$450 per youth (Payment plans and scholarships are available). Register with Margo, margor@selwynpres.org by March 31.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT The week is June 14-20. Rising 9th - graduated 12th grade are welcome. Trip cost is \$500 (Payment Plans and scholarships are available). Register with Margo, margor@selwynpres.org by March 31.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. 9am – 12noon for Three-Year Olds through rising Kindergarteners at Selwyn; 9am – 3:30pm for rising First through Fifth grades at the Quarry at Carrigan Farms. Registration forms can be found on the website at www.selwynpres.org. Please register by April 19.

BSA TROOP FUNDRAISER Autobell gift cards are being sold for \$20 through April 20. Ten dollars stays in the Troop to offset the cost of trips and equipment. If interested contact Joe Bentley or a Scout, as they will not be selling at church.

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/.

CONSTRUCTION Final details are being addressed to finish inside spaces. Exterior work will continue as weather permits. Please continue to call the church office for entry during weekday office hours, 704-372-6836. Thank you for your patience.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, March 22 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Online Confirmation Class 5:00 Youth Group Online</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 25 5:00 Young Adult Online Check-In</p> <p>Thursday, March 26 5:30 Youth Online Bible Study</p>	<p>Sunday, March 29 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Online Confirmation Class 5:00 Youth Group Online</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire deadline is Monday, March 23, 9am.</p>

Lent 2020

This Lenten season you are invited to make a contribution to the Agnes and Matt Lyle Flower Memorial Fund in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.

Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. **The deadline is Sunday, March 29.**

Your phone # _____ and email address _____

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