

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REKINDLING

hope
Advent 2020

November 29: First Sunday of Advent - Worship livestreamed at 10:30am

» Advent Wreath Workshop, Hot Chocolate & Crafts for Children from 12-2pm, Front Lawn
Kits need to be pre-ordered. Children can pick-up Christmas pageant costumes. Mission Tree will be available.

December 2: Service of Comfort & Hope, 10am in the Sanctuary

Limited capacity with RSVP. Will be livestreamed as well.

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent - Worship livestreamed at 10:30am

» Mission Tree & Food First Sunday

*Sign up to give meaningful Christmas gifts to Montclair Elementary School and Roof Above.
Unwrapped gifts are due back to the Church by December 13.*

Bring food donations for the Montclair Elementary food pantry.

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent - Worship livestreamed at 10:30am

» Children's Pageant & Advent Parade at 12pm, on the Lawn

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Special Music Sunday, Livestreamed at 10:30am

December 24: Christmas Eve

» Traditional Morning Worship, Livestreamed at 10:30am

Limited capacity in-person, with RSVP -- Based on needs & age.

» Outdoor Worship for Families & Children, Front Lawn at 12pm

Nativity, storytelling and more.

» Traditional Evening Worship w/Communion, Livestreamed at 5:30pm

Limited capacity in-person, with RSVP -- Based on needs & age.

» Outdoor Candlelight Worship, Front Lawn at 7pm

For all ages. Rain cancels.

NOTE: Masks & social distancing enforced for all in-person events.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet December 15, 7pm via Zoom. Books will be selected for 2021. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
 Asbury Health Center - Dottie Metzler
 Carriage Club - Mildred Long, Herman Thomas
 Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty
 Merrywood- Jo Caldwell
 Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin, Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
 Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
 Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley, Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobbye Linn
 The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith
 Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

IN MEMORIAM

Channing Orr Richards

August 9, 1941– November 14, 2020

Deaths

Virginia Lois Earnhardt Cagle, grandmother of Janice Finein, on October 29, 2020
 Martha Gunter Caldwell, mother of Lawson Caldwell, on November 11, 2020

We have an exciting line-up of Podcasts and hope you will join us virtually. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).



This Advent/Christmas 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. Your donation will go towards the Flower Memorial Fund and Christmas poinsettias. For each donation of \$8.50 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20. Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office. Please designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. The deadline is Sunday, December 13. Please print neatly.

Name(s) of giver(s) _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Marie Thomas | 10 Townes Cauthen
Garrett Grist
Tim Linker | 16 James Battle
J.P. Flynn
James Hart
Will Trogdon | 27 Ann Copeland
Betsy Hamburger
Mary Miller |
| 3 Frank Deal
Peyton Green
Lawson Roush
Cecilia White | 11 Sadie Canter
Mike Goodman
Cassidy Wolf | 17 Peggy Hornberg
Henry Hahn
Maggie Huff
Cara Munday
Rick Smith | 28 Hannah Long
Matt Madigan |
| 4 Meredith Gallagher
Emma Northan
Laura Warner | 12 Monica Roush
Jack Skibinski
Andi Smith
P. J. Stark
Brian Tallent | 20 Hunter Miller | 29 Logan Goodman
Josh Guffey
Margaret Harris
Malyn Pratt |
| 5 Martin Pressley
Hattie Yearwood | 14 Owen Porter
Annie Thompson | 21 Burgin Bentley
John Cook
Kyla Risko
Maggie Thrasher | 30 Robert Deal
Herb Jones
Jim Moore
Caroline Ross
Anna Stuart |
| 6 Shannon Brown
Tommy Franklin
Kenneth McDermott
Ella Mills
Laura Stark | 15 Brittain Ellison
Thomas Wakefield
Emma Hinson Waple | 23 Whitney Loder | 31 Eliza Young |
| 8 Dick Metzler
Sarah Pineno
Jennifer Welsh | | 26 Kevin Cumbus
Samantha Phifer
Jessie Zande | |



THE SELWYN SPIRE
December 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for pledging in 2021!



Every pledge is vitally important to the mission and vision of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. We are over half way there. If you have not yet pledged, please consider estimating your gift for 2021.

2021 Stewardship Goals:

Pledges: 130

New Pledges: 18

2021 So Far:

Pledges: 77

Increased Pledge: 45

New Pledges: 8

Pledges can be submitted through the [church website](#).

Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2021 by pledging this stewardship season.

GIVING REMINDER The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2020 to be counted as a 2020 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 30, 2020. If mailed, your check must be dated 2020, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2020. Checks dated in 2020, but postmarked in 2021 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2021.

GIVING STOCK Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer ___ shares of _____ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40. When calling your broker, also contact church accountant Tonya Moore, tonya@tmooreaccounting.com or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES are much needed and celebrated.

Thank you to all who have embraced the new online **Text to Give 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 on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number with or without a key word.
- * You DO NOT need a key word if giving to the 2020 annual fund. Key words are:
 - GIVE (an offering to SAPC's general fund)
 - COVID (special offering for the needs of Montclair Elementary and Roof Above)

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 6, 2021. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.) You may submit your suggestions by returning the form to the church office or email your nomination to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by January 17, 2021.

Nominations for Elder (9 will be elected - 3 year term)

Nominations for Youth Elder (1 will be elected - 1 year term)

LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:

Class of 2021: Emily Battle, Lee Bobbitt, Kim Claxton, DiAnne Cordell, Andy Johnston, Hunter Miller, Erin Mills, Daniel Smith, Heather Smith

Class of 2022: Emily Cox, Janice Finein, Kipp Kiger, Emily Kincade, Bailey King, Tom Moore, Alyssa Sharpe, Allison Tibe, Clark Walton

Class of 2023: Chris Bahr, Shannon Brown, Bob Cole, Susan Flynn, Suzanne Newsom, Deni Pifer, Andy Sontag, Lou Waple, JD Yearwood

Youth: Maggie Thrasher

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

GREENERY NEEDED FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP BY NOVEMBER 28

We are in need of tree or bush greenery (think smaller pieces for wreaths) for our November 29 Advent Wreath Making Workshop. Please drop greenery in the grey bins on the Welcome Center porch by November 28. Questions, please contact [Nancy Nutter](#).

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES



- * Pastor's Bible Study – 11am on Wednesday, December 9 and 16.
- * Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30pm.
- * Selwyn Life Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 3pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- * Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am by Zoom.
- * Grace Class, 9:30am, the second and fourth Sundays. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- * Men's Group, Fridays, 7am
- * Presbyterian Women Circles, September through May. Contact Moderator, Peggy Hornberg.

Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

MISSION



Chris, Megan and Anna Stuart, Chris Bahr, David Harris and Dick Metzler (Pictured) spent a day working on our annual Habitat Build. Others were Eric Winkenwerder, Carson Bahr and Susan, and Ed Flynn. Thanks everyone!

SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Food First Sunday is Sunday, December 6 to help feed Montclaire Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry. No glass items please. Please return items to the Welcome Center porch bin.

You may contribute funds via our online giving portals for Montclaire families.grocery gift cards.

Help one of our mission partners by selecting an ornament through our [virtual Mission Tree](#).

Due to the pandemic, Room in the Inn will not be held at SAPC this year. However you can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months through the following:

- Selwyn is making 300 lunches. Please [sign up](#) to help with the December 19 lunches.
- Winter Shelter Bag Lunches: [Sign up](#) to help.
- Winter Shelter Cookies: [Sign up](#) to help.
- Donate items from Roof Above's Amazon wish list on their [website](#).

YOUTH NEWS

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

June 13-19

Total Cost: \$500; Deposit: \$200
(includes transportation, food and housing)

Rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade

What is [ASP](#)

Adult chaperones needed: 10+

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

WEEK 3 July 11-17

Total Cost: \$450; Deposit: \$150
(includes transportation, food and housing)

Rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade

What is [Montreat](#)

Adult chaperones needed: 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS MISSIONS

July 25-30 (Local CLT Overnight Trip)

Total Cost: \$325; Deposit:\$100
(includes transportation, food and housing)

Rising 6th grade-rising 8th grade

What is [CROSS](#)

Adult chaperones needed: 4

- Sunday, November 29, Advent Workshop, 12-2pm, front lawn
- Friday, December 4, All Youth Game Night, 6-9pm, online
- Sunday, December 6, 6th Grade Dinner, 5-6pm.
- Sunday, December 13, Middle School Christmas Party, Whitewater Center Ice Skating, 5-7pm

Please check your email for updates. Masks and social distancing required for all gatherings. Rain cancels the event. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

WORSHIP

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED on November 29 during the 10:30am online service.

Communion will be served on December 24 during the 5:30pm livestreamed Christmas Eve service.

Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home. A table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.



SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE, DECEMBER 2, 10AM

Join us for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. We will livestream on Facebook Live. A limited number of spaces will be available in the sanctuary. [RSVP](#) required through this link or the church office by November 30, 704-372-6836. Masks and social distancing are required.