



December 2019

THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

2929 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte, NC 28209, Tel: 704-372-6836, www.selwynpres.org

A D V E N T

Together

Friends & Fellowship, 9:30am

Faces of Jesus

Hosted by Covenant Life, *Parlor*

Hurry Up, Not Yet!

Advent for Adults on the Go!, *Grace Room*

Coffee, Connect, Converse

Drop-in for casual conversation
& community, *Library*

Christmas Pageant & Rehearsals

Join us as we prepare to celebrate
the birth of Jesus Christ.

Rehearsals: December 7, 10am-12pm

December 8, 9:30am

Worship: December 8, 10:30am



December 1: *First Sunday of Advent*

9:30am - Advent Wreath Workshop: All Ages, *Fellowship Hall*

10:30am - Worship Service *with* Communion

December 4: *Service of Comfort & Hope*

11:30am - Chapel Service

12pm - Fellowship Lunch

December 8: *Second Sunday of Advent*

10:30am - Children's Christmas Pageant Worship

11:30am - Church-wide Christmas Lunch

December 15: *Third Sunday of Advent*

10:30am - Special Music Worship Service

December 22: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

10:30am - Worship Service *with* Handbells

December 24: *Christmas Eve*

10am - Worship Service

5:30pm - Candlelight Worship Service *with* Communion

**Joy Gift Special Offering during both services*



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SALT SHAKERS

will meet on Sunday, December 1, 6:30pm, at the home of Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker, 1425 Scotland Avenue.

Questions, contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



CONSTRUCTION PHASE THREE is underway in the Spire hallway. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Please continue to call the church office for entry during weekday office hours, 704-372-6836.



In Nursing or Retirement Home

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

SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet on December 10 6:30pm at Beth Ramsey's, 2801 Burnt Mill Road.

Please RSVP to Beth Ramsey, 704-840-9433.



AA MEETINGS Selwyn is the host site for two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Mondays from noon-1pm in the Bates House and Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please direct questions to Metrolina AA Intergroup, 704- 377-0244 or 704-332-4387.

Deaths

Don Caldwell Jr., son of Jo Caldwell, on November 15, 2019

BSA TROOP 99 SCOUTS

will be selling Aunt Ruby's Peanuts after worship on December 1, 8, and 15. They make wonderful Christmas gifts.



UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Please join the Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler Jr. for a brief lecture and a conversation about the role race has played in undermining the American dream. The discussion will be on December 5, 6:30- 8pm, at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte, 5141 Sharon Road.



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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



DECEMBER CIRCLE CHOICE FOR HOLIDAY GIVING

Each Circle should select a project for their holiday giving. Please contact your leader for specific information.



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 15. 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 8. Please print neatly.

Name(s) of giver(s) _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 7, 2020. 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 in one of the following ways: 1) Place this form in the offering plate, 2) return the form to the church office or 3) email your nomination to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by January 12, 2020.

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 2020: Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith, Laura Stark

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

Youth: Jonah Cameron

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Joy to the world! Join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Children ages 4 through 103 are eligible to participate!



- Please make plans to attend our Saturday, December 7 rehearsal from 10am - 12pm.
- On Sunday, December 8, our final walk through will be at 9:30am with the service at 10:30am.

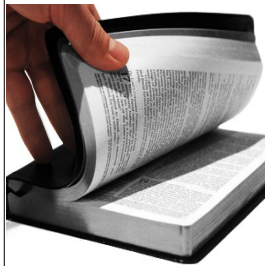
ADVENT WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 1, 9:30am

Before the shopping lists loom, the cookie swaps come, and the decoration boxes come bounding out of the attic, gather with other faithful families to center ourselves on the season of Advent. All ages are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall.



BIBLES WERE PRESENTED TO THIRD GRADERS ON NOVEMBER 24

Congratulations to Cassidy Wolf, Lucas Halstead, Charlie Pfeifer, Jack Mills, Patrick Finein, Harry Schoeneck, Norah Bolewitz.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS

BOOK OF EXODUS (Sunday) - Kim Lee

The walk-through Exodus continues on December 8 from 4-5:30pm in the Grace Room. You will find a safe place to explore and test faith, develop deep and wide friendships, and grow in your relationship with

and understanding of God. If you are interested and available to participate, email [Kim Lee](mailto:Kim.Lee@selwynpres.org). Remaining class dates are:

December 8 and 15
January 5, 12, 19, and 25
February 2, 9, and 16

THE MEN'S GROUP meets every other Friday at 7am in the Bates House for fellowship and thematic study. The next two meetings are December 6 and 20. All men are invited to join.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES There are two daytime Circles and one evening Circle that meet monthly through May.

ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Friends and Fellowship, 9:30am. Join friends old and new.

The Faces of Jesus
Hosted by Covenant Life, Parlor
December 8~ Wonderful Counselor
December 15~ Good Shepherd
December 22~ Messiah

Hurry Up, Not Yet!
Advent for Adults on the Go, Grace Room

Coffee, Connect, Converse.
Drop in for casual conversation meant to build community, Library

MISSION

FOOD FIRST SUNDAY IS DECEMBER 1



Please consider bringing in 1-2 pound bags of dry rice or beans, canned vegetables, canned meat, cereal and snack foods such as granola bars.

Please no glass items.

Thank you for helping feed the Montclair Elementary School families in need.

Please grab a bag from the Narthex and fill it up. Buy two and share one. Thank you, Selwyn!



Monday nights, from December 2 - March 30, we will host homeless neighbors and provide three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep.

Current needs: December 9 – one overnight host, lunches, breakfast, December 16 – lunches, breakfast, December 30 – two overnight hosts, breakfast.

Supplies: 2-liter sodas, nametags, Lysol spray.

[Sign-up to help](#) or contact [Michelle Bentley](#).



Visit the tree in the Fellowship Hall. There are ornaments representing the needs of three organizations: Montclair Elementary School (classroom needs), Housing First (kits for chronically homeless people transitioning into permanent housing) and Room in the Inn (our homeless neighbors who stay with us during the colder months).

Pick up an ornament and be sure to fill out the sign up sheet beside the tree. Gifts are due back to the Fellowship Hall by December 8. For more details, contact [Meg Dewey](#), or [Heather Risko](#).



We need YOU!

Join us in serving & loving our neighbors at Montclair Elementary:

After-School Program
Tutoring
Food Pantry

www.selwynpres.org/volunteer

THE HABITAT HOUSE we worked on this fall was completed on schedule! The dedication with presentation of keys to new homeowner Eboni Marshall will be held at the house, 5902 Red Vest Way, on Saturday, December 7, 10am. Whether you worked at the site or not, come and help bless this home. Thank you to everyone who participated in Selwyn's Habitat Day - construction workers, ReStore volunteers, Camp Habitat campers/adults and lunch group.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) To contribute to disaster relief efforts you may write a check to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church and indicate PDA on the memo line or to give [directly to PDA](#). You can call 800-872-3283 to give by phone, or mail to Presbyterian Church USA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

WORSHIP



COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED on December 1 and during the December 24 Candlelight Service at 5pm. If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Pam Brownlee, 704-622-5730 or the church office, 704-372-6836.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS The 2020 calendar is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Individuals, families, classes and groups are encouraged to sign up for flower dedications. The price is \$65 for the weekly arrangement. This is a lovely way to honor special people, occasions, committees or groups and provide this meaningful aspect of our Worship Service. Please sign up so we can continue to enjoy God's beauty in this way.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 Marie Thomas | 6 Shannon Brown
Tommy Franklin
Kenneth McDermott
Ella Mills
Laura Stark | 14 Owen Porter
Annie Thompson | 23 Whitney Loder |
| 3 Frank Deal
Peyton Green
Lawson Roush
Cecilia White | 8 Dick Metzler
Sarah Pineno
Jennifer Welsh | 15 Brittain Ellison
Thomas Wakefield
Emma Hinson Waple | 26 Kevin Cumbus
Samantha Phifer
Jessie Zande |
| 4 Meredith Gallagher
Emma Northan
Laura Warner | 10 Townes Cauthen
Garrett Grist
Tim Linker | 16 James Battle
J.P. Flynn
James Hart
Will Trogdon | 27 Ann Copeland
Betsy Hamburger
Mary Miller |
| 5 Martin Pressley
Hattie Yearwood | 11 Sadie Canter
Mike Goodman
Stephen Patton
Cassidy Wolf | 17 Davis Burbank
Peggy Hornberg
Maggie Huff
Cara Munday
Rick Smith
Henry Sweet | 28 Hannah Long
Matt Madigan |
| | 12 Monica Roush
Jack Skibinski
Andi Smith
P. J. Stark
Brian Tallent | 19 Walker Shute | 29 Logan Goodman
Josh Guffey
Margaret Harris
Malyn Pratt |
| | | 20 Hunter Miller | 30 Robert Deal
Herb Jones
Jim Moore
Caroline Ross
Anna Stuart |
| | | 21 Burgin Bentley
John Cook
Kyla Risko
Maggie Thrasher | 31 Chip Long |

CALENDAR

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| <p>Sunday, December 1</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>9:30 Advent Workshop (FH)</p> <p>10:30 Worship with Communion (S)</p> <p>5:30 Youth Christmas Dinner (Offsite)</p> <p>6:30 Salt Shakers (Shoemaker's)</p> <p>Monday, December 2</p> <p>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)</p> <p>5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 3</p> <p>10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)</p> <p>7:00 PW Circle 4 (Ramsey's)</p> <p>7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 4</p> <p>11:30 Service of Comfort and Hope</p> <p>5:30 Children's Preschool Choir (B)</p> <p>6:15 Handbells (B)</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)</p> <p>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Friday, December 6</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, December 7</p> <p>10:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>12:30 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>Sunday, December 8</p> <p>9:30 Pageant Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>10:30 Children's Pageant Worship (S)</p> <p>11:30 Christmas Luncheon (FH)</p> <p>4:00 Exodus Study (GR)</p> <p>5:30 Youth Group (FH)</p> | <p>Monday, December 9</p> <p>11:30 PW Circle 1 (Ann Copeland's)</p> <p>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)</p> <p>5:00 Room In The Inn</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 10</p> <p>5:00 Child Development Center Group (FH)</p> <p>6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)</p> <p>6:30 SAPC Book Club (Ramsey's)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 11</p> <p>6:15 Handbells (B)</p> <p>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Thursday, December 12</p> <p>4:00 Child Development Center Holiday Program (S)</p> <p>Saturday, December 14</p> <p>10:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>Sunday, December 15</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>10:30 Worship (S)</p> <p>11:30 Session (FH)</p> <p>4:00 Exodus Study (GR)</p> <p>5:00 Youth Group (MPPC)</p> <p>Monday, December 16</p> <p>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)</p> <p>5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 18</p> <p>6:15 Handbells (B)</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)</p> <p>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> | <p>Friday, December 20</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Sunday, December 22</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>10:30 Worship (S)</p> <p>5:30 Youth Movie Night (BH)</p> <p>Monday, December 23</p> <p>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)</p> <p>5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 24</p> <p>Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p> <p>10:00 Christmas Eve Worship (S)</p> <p>5:30 Christmas Eve Worship with Communion (S)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 25</p> <p>Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p> <p>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Thursday, December 26</p> <p>Child Development Center Closed</p> <p>Sunday, December 29</p> <p>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>9:30 Fellowship Time (FH)</p> <p>10:30 Worship (S)</p> <p>Monday, December 30</p> <p>9:00 Spire Deadline</p> <p>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)</p> <p>5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)</p> | <p>Tuesday, December 31</p> <p>Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p> <p>Wednesday, January 1</p> <p>Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p> |
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Church Office Hours
9am-5pm Mon.-Thurs.
9am-1pm Fri.

- (BH) - Bates House
- (BHP) - Bates House Parlor
- (BHB) - Bates House Back Room
- (B) - Bowman Building
- (C) - Chapel
- (FH) - Fellowship Hall
- (GR) - Grace Room
- (L) - Library
- (P) - Parlor
- (S) - Sanctuary
- (SR) - Science Room
- (SH) - Scout Hut

YOUTH NEWS



SAPC youth CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
December 1	Youth Christmas Dinner	Offsite	5:30-7pm
December 6	Youth Game Night	Bates House	6-10pm
December 8	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall	5:30-7pm
December 15	Christmas Party	Myers Park Pres	5-6:30pm
December 22	Youth Movie Night	Bates House	5:30-7pm
December 29	No Youth Group		



Hello SAPC Family! The Holiday season is upon us, and we are so thankful for you and your youth. Our Youth Christmas Dinner will be a special evening of gathering to celebrate as a community! We'll also join with Myers Park Presbyterian for a Christmas Party.

Though the year has been a year of hurt, pain, loss, and division, we grasp for hope in the coming of Christ: "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord"
(Luke 2:10-11)

THE SELWYN COMMUNITY ONLINE Visit us on Facebook for information about our church, photos, and announcements. Log onto Facebook, Search for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, typing <http://bck.by/2cWheeo> into your browser, or use the QR code shown.
(QR Code Reader app or tech-savvy child required!)



SAPC STAFF

Rush Otey, <i>Pastor</i>	Marsha Cooper, <i>Church Administrator</i>
Lori Raible, <i>Pastor</i>	Lawson Caldwell, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Lisa McLennan, <i>Parish Associate</i>	Tonya Moore, <i>Church Accountant</i>
Kim Lee, <i>Director of Children's and Family Ministries</i>	Reba Hardaway, <i>Accounting Administrative Assistant</i>
Jay Masanotti, <i>Youth Director</i>	Jessica Masanotti, <i>Communications Specialist</i>
Fred Spano, <i>Director of Music</i>	Steve Stevenson, <i>Facilities Coordinator</i>
Gay Pappin, <i>Organist</i>	Beth Sharpe, <i>Director of Child Development Center</i>

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Matt Baskerville
Child Development Center - Jamie Yearwood
Christian Education and Formation - Erin Mills
Congregational Life - Emily Battle
Mission - Ashley Armistead/Meg Dewey/Allison Tibe
Worship - Pam Brownlee

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