We may be weary. We may be isolated. We may be uncertain. But most of all, we are an Easter People longing to gather for worship, shout with joy and sing with gratitude.

I read in a small Lenten devotional, “Between the Alpha and the Omega, between the beginning and the end… we experience life’s journey. At the heart of that journey is our Christian faith. Made in the image and likeness of God and destined to share in the promise of eternal life, we are called to participate in the life of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Lent has its Alpha and Omega. As we begin with Ash Wednesday and end with the celebration of the great Easter mystery… The quality of the ending will depend, to a large extent, on how deeply we respond to Jesus’ imperatives that we pray, fast, and give alms.”

We are not alone on this journey, but called together ‘as a pilgrim people,’ as we deepen our participation in the life of Jesus, and prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter and new life in the risen Lord.

Selwyn Avenue is preparing for a season of Easter joy, even in the midst of a persistent pandemic.

This Lenten season your presence among us is cherished, as we pray, study, worship, give and consider Christ’s call in Matthew 25; to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the sick, and visit the prisoner.

With Hope,

February 17        Ash Wednesday
                  Please join us for worship and prayer.
12-12:20pm        Intercessory Prayer and Lament by Zoom
4-6pm              Self-Guided Outdoor Worship and Disposition of Ashes
6:30pm             Livestreamed Traditional Worship on Facebook Live
Thank you for pledging in 2021!

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 108 households have pledged. Our goal is 130. Thank you for your participation. It is vitally important. Pledges can be submitted through the website, emailed to Tonya Moore, or mailed to the church.

TEXT TO GIVE  Thank you to all who have embraced the online giving 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, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2021 annual fund.
Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclaire Elementary and Roof Above needs.

We continue to lead virtual worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website. Our SAPC COVID-19 Task Force has recommended postponing all small group gatherings until further notice. Please refer to the weekly email and website for updates.

Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more. Click to hear on Spotify and on Apple Podcast.

The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a message on the appropriate staff person’s extension.

For pastoral care emergencies, please leave a message on Reverend Raible’s extension.

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet February 16, 7pm, via Zoom.

This month’s selection is The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall.

Questions, contact Nancy Bobbitt.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes
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

Deaths
Alice Griggs Cumbus, grandmother of Kevin Cumbus, on January 8, 2021
Virginia Grace Rohlf, grandmother of Jodie Bolewitz, on January 11, 2021
Elva Grey Potts Hendrix, grandmother of Sally Shoaf, on January 12, 2021
Nellie Jane Mickey “Nell” Boles, grandmother of Beth Ramsey, on January 16, 2021

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
1    Patrick Finein
2    Charlie Trogdon
3    Stella Wolf
4    Maggie Peebles
5    Grayson Craig
6    Andy Wertz
7    Lauren Widener
8    David Huff
9    Jim Risko
10   Jenny Black
11   Abbe Aaron
12   Andy Bentley
13   Lawson Caldwell
14   Cindy Piacentino
15   Mary Flynn
16   Gillian Wootton
17   Parker Horton
18   Walt Howard
19   Chris Stuart
20   Meg Cauthen
21   Byl Cameron
22   Jennifer Canter
23   Cliff Aaron
24   Heather Simmons
25   Henry Hoskins
26   Brady Ellis
27   Joe Anne Cole
28   Isabel Cann
Faith Cooper
Catherine Miller
Tina Weinberg
Laura McDermott
Townley Moon
David Damell
Evie Harris
Ghazale Johnston
Brittany Guffey
Luke Skibinski
Hannah King
Alan Ward
Nate Huff
Andrew McLellan
Deni Pifer
Skye Johnson
Owen Sweet
Jack Daily
Emily Otey
Beth Sharpe

COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED on February 21 during the 10:30am online service.
Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home. A table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

No matter where you are, Jesus will meet you there. We may be separated but together we will walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

- Worship with Selwyn every Sunday morning at 10:30am.
- Listen and reflect upon our weekly Faith Lab Podcast which corresponds with the text for the following Sunday in worship.
- Follow the weekly text by engaging in a self guided Bible study: Interpretation Bible Study on Mark: Diebert.
- Join a weekly Bible study on Zoom for small group discussions.

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

All classes are virtual through Zoom. Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

* Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11am.
* Pastor's Bible Study – 11am on Wednesdays.
* Selwyn Life Sunday School, Study of Mark, every Sunday through Easter, 9:15am. Contact John Lemmon.
* Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
* Men's Group, Fridays, 7am
* Presbyterian Women Circles, September through May. Contact Moderator, Peggy Hormberg.

YOUTH NEWS

- Sunday, January 31, All Youth Sunday Planning, 12pm
- Friday, February 5, Youth Game Night, 6pm on Zoom
- Sunday, February 7 and 14, All Youth Sunday Planning, 12pm
- Sunday, February 21, Youth Sunday Worship, 10:30am

For all summer trips please RSVP to Margo before February 12. Deposits due February 25.

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

MISSION

SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Food First Sunday is February 7. Help feed Montclaire Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry. Please return items to the Welcome Center porch bin. No glass items please.

You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for the families.

You can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months by providing food support, wishlist items, and more. Visit the website.