



February 2020

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## IMPORTANT DATES IN THE LIFE OF SELWYN

### **February 2 Roots and Wings Worship and Celebration**

All adults are invited to join Rev. Frank Spencer in the Chapel at 9:30am as he presents "The Church and Cultural Transitions". He will preach during worship and the new spaces will be dedicated.

Join us for food, fellowship and tours after worship.

### **February 9 Called Congregational Meeting After Worship**

The Session has called the meeting 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.

### **February 23 Youth Sunday, Annual Congregational Meeting After Worship**

The 2019 annual report will be presented and information will be shared about 2020.

### **February 26 Ash Wednesday**

Dinner 5:15pm, Worship 6pm

### **March 1 First Sunday in Lent**

Worship with Communion

### **March 8 Second Sunday in Lent**

Worship with Baptism

### **March 15 Third Sunday in Lent**

Worship with Baptism, Rush's last Sunday in worship

### **March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Worship with Baptism, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, Presbytery of Charlotte General Presbyter, will preach.

### **March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **April 5 Palm Sunday**

Procession of Palms, Children's Choir Sings

### **April 9 Maundy Thursday Dinner**

5:30pm, Worship with Communion 6:30pm

### **April 12 Easter Sunday**

Worship 8:30am and Worship 10:30am

### **May 1-3 Church-Wide Retreat at Montreat**

"Reconnect: Your Story, Our Story"

Registration is open and there is a 20% discount if you register by February 3.

[Register here](#)

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## IN MEMORIAM

**Hiram Stanton Greene**

November 11, 1931 – January 14, 2020



**SALT SHAKERS** will meet on Sunday, February 2, 6:30pm at the home of DiAnne Cordell and Hazel Hardwick, 9116 Tresanton Drive.

Questions, contact [Malyn Pratt](#).

## 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 Foad
- Southminster - Art Jones, Bobbye Linn
- The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith
- Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

## We welcome

Reid Wilson McCorduck, son of Jason and Britta McCorduck, born on January 22, 2020.

## Souper Bowl of Caring This Sunday, February 2



Please give generously to this grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger led by Youth.

Selwyn Youth will be outside after worship to accept this special offering that will go to the Charlotte Urban Ministry Center, an interfaith organization dedicated to serving our homeless neighbors and helping end homelessness.

## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet on February 18, 6:30pm at Sir Edmund Halley's.

This month's selection is All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen.

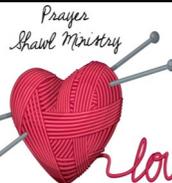


Questions contact Beth Ramsey, 704-840-9433.

## AA MEETINGS

Selwyn is the host site for a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Please direct questions to Metrolina AA Intergroup, 704- 377-0244 or 70-332-4387.



The next meeting will be in the Parlor on February 16 after worship. Contact Anne Rutherford, 704-341-7585.



The children were excited when **ZOOTASTIC** visited the Child Development Center on January 15.

## ❄️ IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER ❄️

Tune to WSOC-TV or WBTV for information on service or meeting cancellations in case of severe weather. Please note there are separate listings for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Selwyn Avenue Child Development Center. In case of snow or ice on the weekends we will make every effort to hold Sunday morning worship at 10:30am but will cancel Sunday School and other events or meetings. We will also put closing and cancellation messages on the Church's voice mail system. During the week the Church Office will follow the CMS closing schedule. If there are power outages at the Church, both the CDC and Church will be closed.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

## 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.



# RECONNECT: *Your Story, Our Story*



MAY 1-3  
2020



**MONTREAT**  
CONFERENCE CENTER

Join us for our intergenerational church-wide getaway to the mountains for a time of community-building and spiritual refreshment.

We will have outdoor programming for children, hiking, bluegrass & barbecue, youth ropes course, childcare for our youngest ones and more.

All ages welcome -- Accessible accommodations for all!

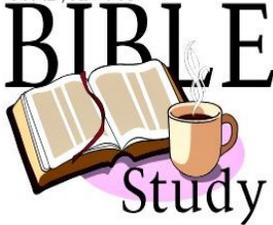
Early Bird Registration: 20% off (by February 3rd)

Final Registration Deadline: March 16th

[Click here to register now.](#)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

COME JOIN OUR



**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**, taught by Rush Otey, meets on Wednesday mornings from 11-11:45am in the Nell Bates House through March 11.

This term we will be learning from the Book of Job and the Gospel According to Mark. All adults are welcome!



**BOOK OF EXODUS**, taught by Kim Lee, continues 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.

Please contact [Kim Lee](#) with any questions. The class will not meet on February 2. Remaining class dates: February 9, 16 and 23.



**THE MEN'S GROUP** meets every other Friday at 7am in the Bates House for fellowship and thematic study. The next meetings are February 14 and 28. All men are invited to join.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** to help us prepare for and welcome our neighbors to Room in the Inn at Selwyn.



Immediately following worship on Sunday, March 8, children and families will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and mission events. We will be decorating placemats, lunch bags and breakfasts bags; cooking up hearty vegetable soup; making homemade lemon pies; holding a make-a-bed relay race; going on a what-goes-in-a-lunch-bag hunt; making sandwiches and much more to prepare to welcome our neighbors on Monday night.

**Here's how you can help:**

[Donate food/drink items](#) no later than Wednesday, March 4. Please label your offerings "Children and Families serve RIT!" and place in the kitchen.

[RSVP](#) to join us on Sunday, March 8 for lunch and activities.

[Join us](#) on Monday night, March 9 as we set up, serve and dine with our neighbors.

Consider choosing all three!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 - Carrigan Farms, Mooresville.



### Children's Sunday School, 9:30am

Jesus and John the Baptist will be our focus for the beginning of the year. We look forward to you joining us on Sundays for Bible stories and activities.

### Children's Choir

We invite children ages 3 through 2nd grade to join us. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6pm. The Children's Choir will sing on Palm Sunday, April 5.

## STEWARDSHIP 2020, FACE TO FACE

Your commitment at any level matters. By making an annual pledge you support the vision and mission of SAPC. Please return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office. Or you may email your commitment to Church Accountant [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore@selywnpres.org), or pledge online: [www.selwynpres.org/giving/](http://www.selwynpres.org/giving/).

## MISSION

### FOOD FIRST SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 2



Immediate needs are cereal, rice and canned fruit.

No glass items please.

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

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



Monday nights through March 30, we host twelve homeless neighbors and provide three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Please consider helping.

Current needs:

- February 10 – overnight host
- February 17 – evening driver, overnight host breakfast
- February 24 - overnight host, breakfast
- March 2 - evening driver
- March 9 - evening driver, two overnight hosts
- March 23 - overnight host

Supplies: two liter sodas, socks, large and extra-large t-shirts.



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

After-School Program  
Tutoring  
Food Pantry

[www.selwynpres.org/volunteer](http://www.selwynpres.org/volunteer)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Each Monday, December through March we host 12 guests through Selwyn's Room in the Inn. Each Monday, new socks, underwear, and t-shirts are offered to the guests. Supplies begin to run low in January. The Presbyterian Women will collect items in January and February to help keep supplies available. Needs: men's underwear (medium - XXL), men's T-shirts (Large – XXL), socks, individual Gold Bond powder/ foot powder, tooth brushes, disposable razors, travel size deodorant, etc.

There are two daytime Circles and one evening Circle that meet monthly through May. All women are invited to participate.

## WORSHIP



**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED** on March 1.

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.



**2020 SANCTUARY FLOWERS** The 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.

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



1 Patrick Finein  
2 Charlie Trogdon  
3 Stella Wolf  
4 Maggie Peebles  
5 Grayson Craig  
Dottie Metzler  
Emmy Yearwood

6 Andy Wertz  
Lauren Widener  
8 David Huff  
Jim Risko  
9 Caroline Thompson  
Hunter Widener  
10 Jenny Black  
Faith Cooper

11 Abbe Aaron  
12 Andi Bentley  
13 Lawson Caldwell  
14 Cindy Piacentino  
Jon White  
15 Emma Adams  
Mary Flynn  
16 Gillian Wootton  
19 Parker Horton  
Walt Howard  
Chris Stuart  
Ann Thomas  
20 Meg Cauthen  
Catherine Miller  
Tina Weinberg

21 Byl Cameron  
Laura McDermott  
Townley Moon  
22 Jennifer Canter  
David Darnell  
Evie Harris  
Ghazale Johnston  
23 Cliff Aaron  
Brittany Guffey  
24 Heather Simmons  
Luke Skibinski  
25 Henry Hoskins  
Hannah King  
Audrey McCallum  
Alan Ward  
26 Brady Ellis  
Nate Huff  
Andrew McLellan  
Deni Pifer

27 Joe Anne Cole  
Skye Johnson  
Owen Sweet  
28 Isabel Cann  
Jack Daily  
Emily Otey  
Beth Sharpe



## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 2

9:30 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
9:30 Visitors Orientation Class  
10:30 Worship with Baptism (S)  
11:30 Roots and Wings Celebration  
5:00 Youth Group (FH)  
6:30 Salt Shakers (Cordell)

### Monday, February 3

12:30 PW Circle 1 (Newitt)  
5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

### Tuesday, February 4

10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)  
7:00 PW Circle 4 (Bobbitt's)  
7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)

### Wednesday, February 5

11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)  
11:00 Daughters of Faith  
5:30 Children's Choir  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

### Thursday, February 6

9:00 Mission Group (BH)

### Friday, February 7

6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)

### Sunday, February 9

9:00 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
9:30 Visitors Orientation Class  
10:30 Worship (S)  
11:30 Called Congregational Meeting (S)  
4:00 Exodus Study (GR)  
5:30 Youth Group (FH)

### Monday, February 10

5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

### Tuesday, February 11

6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)

### Wednesday, February 12

11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)  
11:00 Daughters of Faith  
5:30 Children's Choir  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

### Friday, February 14

7:00 Men's Group (BH)

### Saturday, February 15

6:30 Just Friends (Pratt's)

### Sunday, February 16

9:30 Sunday School for All  
10:30 Worship (S)  
11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P)  
4:00 Exodus Study (GR)  
5:30 Youth Group (FH)

### Monday, February 17

Child Development Center Workday  
5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

### Tuesday, February 18

6:30 SAPC Book Club  
(Sir Edmond Halley's)

### Wednesday, February 19

11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)  
11:00 Daughters of Faith  
5:30 Children's Choir  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

### Saturday, February 22

10:30 Youth Sunday Rehearsal (S)

### Sunday, February 23

9:00 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
10:30 Youth Sunday Worship (S)  
11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting (S)  
11:30 Session Meeting  
4:00 Exodus Study (GR)  
tbd Youth Bowling

### Monday, February 24

9:00 Spire Deadline  
5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)  
7:00 Daughters of Faith (Pifer's)

### Tuesday, February 25

6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)

### Wednesday, February 26

11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)  
11:00 Daughters of Faith  
5:15 Ash Wednesday Dinner  
6:00 Ash Wednesday Worship (S)  
6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

### Friday, February 28

7:00 Men's Group (BH)

### 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://bick.by/2cWheeo> into your browser, or use the QR code shown.

(QR Code Reader app or tech-savvy child required!)



### 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

## MARGO RICHARDSON NEW DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Margo will join the Selwyn community in worship on February 2. Margo grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She attended Rhodes College, earning a BA in Anthropology and Sociology. Her call to ministry led her to Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, where she graduated in May 2019 with a Master of Divinity. She was awarded a season of study at the World Council of Churches for Ecumenical Study and has been in Bossey, Switzerland as the 2019-2020 PC(USA) Eugene Carson Blake Scholar for Ecumenical Studies. Margo has spent the past five years interning and working in Youth Ministry and Christian Education. Margo feels excited about the future of Christian formation and is grateful to grow alongside folks of all ages at Selwyn!



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| February 2  | Youth Group 5-6:30pm                  |
| February 7  | Youth Game Night 6-10pm               |
| February 9  | Youth Group 5:30-7pm                  |
| February 16 | Youth Group 5:30-7pm                  |
| February 23 | Youth Sunday Worship<br>Youth Bowling |

## SAPC STAFF

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| 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> |
| Fred Spano, <i>Director of Music</i>                         | Jessica Masanotti, <i>Communications Specialist</i>       |
| Gay Pappin, <i>Organist</i>                                  | Steve Stevenson, <i>Facilities Coordinator</i>            |
| Margo Richardson, <i>Youth Director</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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