



July 2020

THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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The words and tune of the children's song ***I Am the Church*** are familiar to many of us:

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!
The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.*

How do we sustain our purpose and mission in being **the Church** in a time of pandemic?
How do we attend God's work and love our neighbor as ourselves?

Over the last four months -

You, the Church, have embraced who we are called to be and have been involved in new and different ways.

You, the Church, have asked how can I help, show I care, and support Selwyn's ministries?

You, the Church, have chosen to participate by...

attending virtual worship services,
joining online Sunday School Classes and Bible studies,
and holding fellowship via Zoom through game nights, trivia night, and small gatherings.

You, the Church, have connected in your care for your Selwyn family and the greater Charlotte community by...

delivering flowers, food and bread to members,
writing notes, sending cards, and reaching out to each other via email and phone,
making lunches and answering wish list needs for Roof Above,
and provided pantry items to the families at Montclair Elementary.

You, the Church, have supported Selwyn's ministries through your continued financial commitment by...

mailing your offerings and pre-paying pledges,
embracing the Text to Give platform,
and are helping to purchase grocery store gift cards for Montclair Elementary families.

As we move into summer, how do we continue to find ways to engage and be **the Church**?

The answer is, in all the ways you have and do!

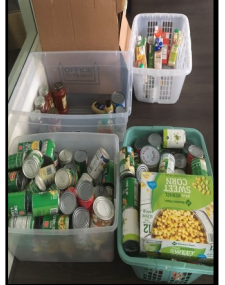
A new or different opportunity within this newsletter may speak to you.

- Invite a friend or family member to worship with you virtually.
- Check out SAPC's new podcasts.
- Click on the link to choose and sign up for one of the new Summer Book Clubs, on page 2.
- Join us for a special virtual worship service on July 12 as the Elders, Class of 2023 are ordained and installed. Their bios can be found on page 4.
- Sign up for the next All Church Trivia Night on July 19. Information is on page 2.

Thank you Selwyn for being **the Church** -

for your care, your support and engagement, and all your acts of kindness and generosity!

Marsha



SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Margo Richardson, *Director for Youth/Young Adults*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

Lawson Caldwell, *Administrative Assistant*

Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*

Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*

Jessica Masanotti, *Communications Specialist*

Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



We welcome

Wyatt Flynn Sharpe,
son of Grant and Alyssa Sharpe,
born on June 12, 2020



We welcome

Collin Edward Black,
son of Will and Jenny Black,
born on June 23, 2020



We welcome

Henry King,
son of Bailey and Hannah King,
born on June 30, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Cunningham

November 24, 1926 – June 15, 2020

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2020 ELDERS

We are grateful to and for Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith and Laura Stark.

Over the last three years, these dedicated individuals have served the congregation of through their time and talents and commitment as they worked on various committees and projects.

We also extend our gratitude to Jonah Cameron for his contributions as Youth Elder this past year.

ALL CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT

Everyone is invited to join the Zoom all-church trivia night on Sunday, July 19 at 5pm. It takes a little over an hour to play. [Sign-up](#) to play. Questions contact [Margo](#).

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 - Art Jones, Bobby Linn

The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith

Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

Deaths - William H. "Bill" Lavery Jr., son-in-law of
Richard and Joan Foard, on June 4, 2020

Betty Neal Moore, mother of Jim Moore,
on May 23, 2020

Birth - Callen Kirk Stevenson, grandson of
Steve and Patty Stevenson, on June 4, 2020

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.
- Key words are:
GIVE (an offering to SAPC's general fund)
COVID (a special offering in response to the needs of Montclair Elementary and Roof Above)
75 (a gift to the Roots and Wings fund)
- You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund.

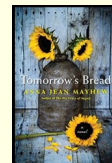


WE ARE WORKING TO STAY CONNECTED

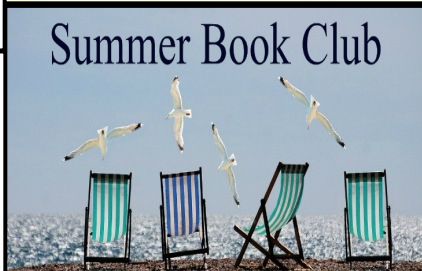
If you are a Selwyn member and not receiving our weekly email, please email [Marsha Cooper](#). We will get your email added to our database and online member directory. With parent permission, we would like to add the email addresses of Middle and High School youth. Thank you for helping our communication efforts.

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, July 21, from 7-9pm.

This month's selection is Tomorrow's Bread by Anna Jean Mayhew. Questions contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



Summer Book Club



Join us as we dive into six amazing books this summer. Groups will meet twice over the next few months to discuss. Each group will pick meeting times after sign-ups are completed.

[Sign up](#) for the book(s) you are interested in reading.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Author Michelle Alexander. Book leader Erin Mills.

I'm Still Here-Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness

Author Austin Channing Brown. Book leader Rev. Lisa McLennan.

White Fragility

Author Robin DiAngelo. Book leader Rev. Lori Raible and Rev. Shavon Starling Louis.

The Water Dancer

Author Ta-Nehisi Coates. Book leader Margo Richardson.

Still Life

Author Louise Penny. Book leader Casey Cothran.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Author Kate DiCamillo. Book leader Allison Tibe.

WORSHIP

WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR OFFICIAL SAPC PODCAST



Listen to past sermons, children's chapels, community discussions and more.

[Click to hear on Spotify](#) and
[click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).

The Greatest Stories Ever Told.

This Summer at Selwyn



Join us this summer as the most beloved and adventurous Bible stories capture our imaginations and pierce our hearts.

[The schedule of stories are available on the website.](#)

Worship is livestreaming on Facebook and Instagram each Sunday 10:30am. A link is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.

CHILDREN'S
CHAPEL
online

We are very excited to have launched our new children's chapel format on June 25. Chapel will be hosted live on Thursdays, 9:30am on the SAPC Facebook page.

Join us for songs, prayer, crafts, and creative Bible stories. We are excited about our summer sermon series "The Greatest Stories Ever Told" and can't wait to share these stories with our children.

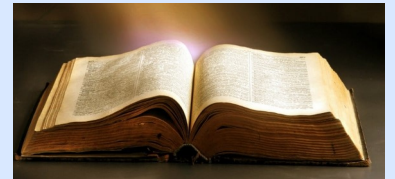
We invite you to check out our [children's resources](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

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

- Selwyn Life Class, First and Third Sundays, 4pm. Contact John Lemmon.
- Virtual Encounters with Jesus - The Gospel of John, Tuesdays, 11am with Lori Raible.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am



YOUTH NEWS

Please see Margo's youth email with links, meeting IDs and passwords. Contact [Margo](#) to register, or with any questions.

July 9 - Dinner and Games on the church lawn, 6:30-8pm, [RSVP](#)

July 17 and 31- Virtual Game Nights, 6pm

July 14 - Montreat Youth Picnic on the church lawn, 7pm

July 26 - Senior Baccalaureate Service, 7:30pm, on the church lawn

MISSION

AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT invites you to participate in one of their Virtual Information Sessions on July 7, 23 or 30 at 10:30am via Zoom. [Register](#) for a session or learn more by contacting [Helen Hope Kimbrough](#).

We continue to respond to needs related to children in need, hunger and homelessness.

- Saturday, July 11 Lunches for Roof Above: We are looking for 20 families to make 10 lunches each and drop the prepared lunches off at the church that morning by 10am. Lunches need to include: two sandwiches or a canned protein, fruit, a carb, dessert and a water. The food, any eating utensils, and a napkin should be packed in a paper or gallon sized bag. Sign up to help. Questions, contact [Christy Parbst](#). The next date for lunches will be July 25.
- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for Roof Above. Their requests change daily and are updated on their [website](#). If interested, please order from their Amazon list and ship directly to them.
- Hunger and Children: We continue to give grocery store gift cards to Montclair Elementary families. You may contribute funds via our website online giving portals to buy cards. Our food pantry will resume after school starts.



MEET OUR NEW ELDERS



Chris Bahr is a proud husband to his wife, Mai-Lis, and father of two kids, Carson and Addy, who have been raised around Selwyn Presbyterian, beginning with their formative years at the CDC and now high school. Chris has spent the past 20 years in Charlotte in the software industry.

The Bahr's love the community of Selwyn as a place that continues to offer a "come and you are" community, while offering exceptional opportunities to be involved without forcing expectations and/or judgement. This balance promotes an environment where God, church and faith allows each of us to more fully embrace the journey when we do hear the call.



Deni Pifer is an Estate Planning Attorney in Charlotte, NC. Deni has been a member of SAPC for 14 years and is joined by her husband Bobby, children Marshall (14) and Sydney (12), and Lex the golden doodle, Lewis the horse and two goldfish, Instagram and Google.

"I always smile when I enter the door. God's presence lives as Selwyn in it's members. The atmosphere is one of peace, love and togetherness."



Shannon Brown, along with her husband Chad and her son, Hugh (10) have been members of the Selwyn community for the past two years.

A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, Shannon serves as a Registered Nurse at Atrium Health. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering, riding bikes, yoga and time with the family.

Shannon faithfully participates in bible studies and very often y you will be greeted by her warm smile on your way to worship or Sunday School.



Andy Sontag, along with wife Katie and sons Matthew (5) and Andrew (2) have been members of Selwyn for the past 4 years. A graduate of Ole Miss, Andy works as a Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo.

Andy has volunteered with Selwyn's Habitat for Humanity build for the past few years, and he is looking forward to building his relationship with Selwyn and the community through his service on Session.



Bob Cole has been a member of Selwyn Presbyterian for more than 16 years. Bob, along with his wife Joe Anne, moved to Charlotte from Newnan, GA, in 1970. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

A graduate from Davidson College, Bob is the President and CEO of J.R. Cole Industries, Inc. He has served on many Sessions including Morningside Presbyterian in Atlanta, and Trinity Presbyterian in Charlotte, and at Selwyn.



Maggie Thrasher is a rising junior at Myers Park High School. Maggie played volleyball for Myers Park this year. She loves sports and is a huge fan of the UNC Tarheels, Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Braves and, of course, the Myers Park Mustangs.

Maggie is a member of SAPC, along with her grandparents, Bobbie and Hank Hankins, and her parents Marsha and Drew Thrasher. She has two younger brothers, Drayton and Hank Thrasher, and is an active member of the Selwyn Youth Program.

"Selwyn is such a special place to me. I am so incredibly honored to be nominated as youth Elder, and I feel that my relationship with the church community over the years has prepared me very well."



Susan Flynn is the wife of SAPC member Ed Flynn and mother to JP (24), Mary (22) and William (20). She has served Selwyn in multiple roles over the years, including Elder, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation Mentor, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and more.

A graduate from Davidson College and Vanderbilt University, Susan works as a Nurse Practitioner at Eastover University OBGYN. She has lived in Charlotte 25 years, and joined Selwyn in 1995.

Susan likes the intergenerational relationships at Selwyn, and service to the community.



Lou Waple is husband to Shelley Waple, and father to Nelson and Emma Hinson. Lou serves as an attorney in Charlotte, NC. The Waple's have been members of SAPC for 13 years.

"Selwyn has been a part of our family since the kids were very young. I enjoy the community of friends that we have developed over the years. My connection with the Men's Group and ASP has been an extremely rewarding experience and is an important part of who I am and how I hope to live within my family and community. My life, like many, is overcrowded with 'extracurriculars' but my time at Selwyn--with the deeper dives provided within Men's Group, ASP, and time on Session, prove to be the needed grounding influences within my personal growth."



Suzanne Newsom is the daughter of long-time Selwyn Presbyterian member Betty Sue Newsom, wife of Eric Winkenwerder, and mother of adult children Eli and Andrew Winkenwerder. Suzanne teaches English at Northwest School of the Arts, and volunteers at Theatre Charlotte. She is a member of Selwyn's Chancel Choir.

"Selwyn is truly the church that raised me. My parents brought me to church here when I was six months old, and we have been members ever since then. I find comfort in worshipping at Selwyn with friends and family. Words and music that I hear at Selwyn sustain me for whatever God sends my way in the following week."



JD Yearwood is husband to Jamie Yearwood, and father to Emmy (5), Hattie (3), and Annie (10 mos). He is a Commercial Real Estate Broker, and has been involved with Selwyn's Young Adult and Men's groups over the years. He has participated with Room in the Inn, and as a Selwyn CDC parent.

A graduate of Elon University, JD has lived in Charlotte for the past 11 years and when he's not at home with his family, he enjoys golf and sports (specifically Boston Red Sox, Celtics & the Patriots).

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dan Gibson	9 Isabella Vera Annie Yearwood	18 Mandy Byers Coleman Kiger	26 Ginny Sharpe	28 Camden Baskerville Mallory Trogdon Lynne Wakefield	30 Steve Byrum Emily Cox Roman Piacentino Bobby Pifer Cameron Tan
2 Franklin Caldwell	10 Thomas Ellison Grace Kobal	19 Ethan Randall Kristine Summers	27 Carson Bahr Mike Malloy Ali Martin Denise Pineno Peter Reavis Bobby Wakefield Seth Widmer	29 Gale Haruta Bryant McDermott Simmons McDermott	31 Steve Windell
3 John McGirt Fred Spano	11 Lily Cann Nancy Smith Kacie Tibe	21 Kathy Hartley Jack McCallum			
4 Todd Horton		22 Connie Gagnani Bobbie Hankins Hazel Hardwick			
5 Connor Armistead Caroline Oberg Ryan Rea	12 Ken McLellan Torey Parsons	23 Lena Hart Jackson Widener			
6 Grant Malloy Zachary Pineno	13 Betsy Sedam	24 Chad Brown Sims Gallagher			
7 Frances Arnheim Nancy Calhoun Emma Hatlem Reagan Patterson	14 Jackie Salinas	25 Jason Coble Bob Yeterian			
8 Lake Elrod Isaac Lowe	17 Grant Byers Bryce McLellan Marie Pressley Julia Walton Katie White				

