



THE SELWYN SPIRE

January 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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**2020 -
A Year in
Review**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

"Dottie"

Dorothy Anne Metzler

February 5, 1944 – November 22, 2020



We welcome

William Nissim Phifer,
son of Nathan and Samantha Phifer,
born on December 21, 2020



The Elephant in the Room
One Fat Man's Quest to Get Smaller in a Growing America
Tommy Tomlinson

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet January 19, 7pm, via Zoom. This month's selection is An Elephant in the Room by Tommy Tomlinson. The author will meet with the Book Club to discuss his book. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



Congratulations and Best Wishes

Mary Skibinski and Tony Spires
Married on December 19, 2020



Congratulations and Best Wishes

Tara Cameron and Paul Sanford
Married on December 20, 2020

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

Dorothy "Dot" Gaither Morris Horn,
grandmother of Margo Richardson,
on December 4, 2020
Susan Hauser Small, mother of
Kimber Arrington, on December 15, 2020

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Susan Lohr | 6 Bob Hornberg | 12 Isabella Sanders | 21 Ashlee Anderson | 20 Alex Burgin |
| 2 Elizabeth Rossi | 7 Kay Barbera | 14 Rebecca Cooper | 22 Jim Torbet | Walker Burgin |
| 3 Hugh Brown | Joy Berry | Cason Kiger | Reid McCorduck | Maggie Franklin |
| Sue Ward | Frankie Hinshaw | Liz Weingart | 23 Katherine Hoskins | Carter Long |
| 4 Meg Brownlee | 8 Suzanne Newsom | 15 Gay Pappin | 25 Emma Stark | 30 Jean Buchanan |
| Allison Tibe | 9 Reed Claxton | Susan Scott | Sandy Summers | 31 Greg Astroth |
| 5 Scott Daily | 10 Krista Porter | 16 Courtney Amheim | Carina Yeterian | James DePhillips |
| Richard Foard | 11 James Bolewitz | Jennifer Coble | 26 Hampton Horne | |
| | Debbie Otey | Kay Hastings | Eleanor Moore | |
| | Evan Sauda | Sallye Richards | 28 Robert Shore | |
| | 19 Jonathan Korch | Hudson Mills | Craig Williams | |



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. Or you may [submit your nomination here](#). 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

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for pledging in 2021!

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 104 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 2020 annual fund.

Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

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

- * Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11am beginning January 13.
- * Pastor's Bible Study – 11am on Wednesdays, resuming January 20.
- * 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](#).



We have classes on Zoom for “getting your third grade Bible”. Our next parent meeting is January 12 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Children's classes will be January 10 and 17 at noon on Zoom. Meetings should be less than one hour.

If you know or have a third grader, please let them know about this wonderful class and contact [Nancy Nutter](#) to participate and receive the Zoom link. Depending on where we are with the virus, we would like to give the children their Bibles in worship on January 31. Blessings! Nancy Nutter

MISSION

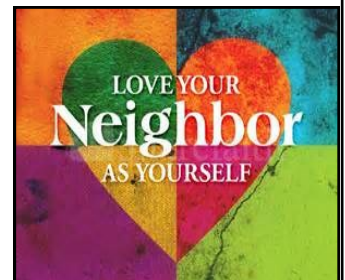
SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

Our next Food First Sunday is Sunday, February 7 to help feed Montclair 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 Montclair grocery gift cards.

Due to the pandemic, Room in the Inn will not be held this year. You can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months:

- * 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](#).



FROM MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

I wanted to reach out and let you know how grateful the families were for the groceries and Food Lion cards. They were shocked because they didn't know they were getting it. They were so thankful! It really was the perfect thing at the perfect time! Thank you so much for all your church does to bless our school!

April Whitton, MSW, LCSW, MA
Montclair Elementary School Social Worker



YOUTH NEWS

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

* Sunday, January 10, High School Lunch, 12-1pm on Zoom. * Sunday, January 24, All Youth Lunch and Theme Planning, 12-1:30pm, lawn.
* Sunday, January 17, Middle School Lunch, 12-1pm on Zoom. * Sunday, January 31, All Youth Lunch, 12-1pm, Youth Sunday Planning.

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



BRIEF BUT MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS Choose one of three meeting times to connect via Zoom:
January 13, 9-10am; January 17, 12:30-1:30pm or January 19, 6:30-7:30pm.

WORSHIP



COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED on January 10 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.

SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Margo Richardson, *Director for Youth/Young Adults*

Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*

Ashlee Anderson, *Seminary Intern/CEF*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

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*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Lou Waple

Child Development Center - Clark Walton

Christian Education & Formation - Erin Mills/Allison Tibe

Congregational Life - Emily Battle/Deni Pifer

Mission - Susan Flynn

Worship - Suzanne Newsom

