

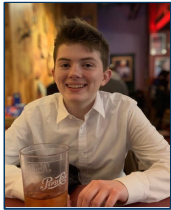


THE SELWYN SPIRE

June 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Meet Our New Elders



Andy Bentley is a rising senior at Northwest School of the Arts. He's the son of Michelle and Joe Bentley and the proud owner of a stuffed beaver named Daphne. Andy has been a member of Selwyn since he was born. He loves writing, playing guitar, and making theatre.



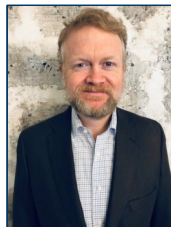
Kurt Parbst, and wife Christy, moved to the neighborhood in 2006 and ended their search for a church home after one visit to Selwyn. Kurt and Christy grew up in North Carolina and enjoy exploring the region with their children, Maddie (14) and Henry (12). A graduate of NC State, Kurt is a consulting engineer working on resource efficiency challenges in agriculture. Kurt is an aspiring Christian, parent, and backgammon player. While not a golfer, he's been unable to quit the game, and advises youth to consider tennis. Being a member of the Selwyn Church family has been a blessing. He looks forward to giving back.



Ginny Burgin is a real estate broker with Helen Adams Realty, wife of Andy, and mother to Alex (20), Walker (20), and Everett (17). Members since 1998, Ginny and Andy were married at SAPC, and she was baptized here along with their sons. She has served as an Elder, confirmation mentor, as well as volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and ASP.



Samantha 'Sam' Phifer, a native of North Carolina, grew up in Pinehurst. She attended St. Catherine's High in Richmond, VA and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2007. Prior to moving to Charlotte in 2012, Sam lived in Atlanta and Washington, DC. Sam is an award-winning marketer. She spent 11 years in cable before moving to Discovery Education in 2018, where she serves as Vice President, Global Marketing. She loves her role in education as she helps to prepare learners for tomorrow. She and husband, Nathan, are parents to William (5 months) and Watson (3), both attending the CDC. They joined in 2017 and look forward to getting more involved.



Charlie Harris and his spouse, Ellen, have been members at Selwyn Presbyterian for more than 10 years. They have three children (Jackson, Margaret and Anne). Charlie has degrees from UNC-CH and the UVA- School of Law. He is a finance attorney, and over the years Charlie has been a part of the Selwyn Christian Education adult teaching team.



Heather Risko and her husband James, are longtime members of SAPC. Their daughter Kyla lives in Austin, Texas. Kyla was in the CDC starting at 8 weeks old until she entered Kindergarten. A graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Heather has been working as a Realtor with the Allen Tate Company for 29 years. Selwyn is just like the church she grew up with in Ohio: full of friendly people with a caring, loving atmosphere. It continues to help her to grow emotionally and spiritually.



Morgan Liles and her husband, Welch have two girls, Harrison (4) and Perry (1½). She works as the Marketing and Development Manager at HopeWay, a local non-profit mental health treatment center. Morgan and Welch attended SAPC for several years and officially joined in 2019. Morgan is a graduate of NC State and Virginia Commonwealth University, where she received her Masters in Social Work. Native Charlotteans, she and Welch returned home about six years ago. Morgan loves running, being outside and reading.



Ed Thomas is the son of longtime Selwyn Presbyterian (and choir) members Jeanne and Herman Thomas. Ed and his wife Mary Ann have three children (Marie, Stuart and Ann Carmen). He is currently Director/Premier Technology Partnerships for Aflac US. He has been a member of the Chancel Choir since he was 13. The Selwyn Community has always been a source of strength and security for the Thomas family. "There's been a Thomas around here since they opened wide the doors here and I feel that I have a responsibility to do my part to help sustain our rich heritage. It's a gift to be part of the church and I'm looking forward to my time on Session with some great folks!"



Dick Metzler has been a member of Selwyn for over 25 years. He has been a member of the choir, served on both the Worship and Mission Committees, and spear-headed Selwyn's Habitat for Humanity initiative for 10 years. Dick has served as an Elder at Selwyn and his previous church in New York. He has degrees from three colleges, a consequence of a career change. Dick was a scientist in his "first life," and a church choir director after moving to Charlotte in 1993. Dick retired to help care for his wife, Dottie, after she endured a stroke. Besides Habitat, Dick enjoys tennis and travel.



Andy Wertz is a high school English Teacher at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. He graduated from Queens University of Charlotte. He enjoys baking, photography, writing, camping, and traveling. He has been involved at Selwyn for seven years - first with the K-5 Sunday School and now as a member. He loves the sincere warmth and welcome at Selwyn.

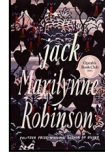
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

Eric F. Winkenwerder

November 14, 1960 – May 12, 2021

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet on June 15, 7pm, via Zoom to discuss Jack: A Novel by Marilynne Robinson.



Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury— Mary Faye Proctor
Carmel Hills—Marie Pressley
Carriage Club - Mildred Long, Herman Thomas
Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Olen and Nancy Smith
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

ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC JUNE 6, 11:30AM-1PM FRONT LAWN



We will host the River Rats band!

You are invited to BYOP (bring your own picnic) or place an order for a boxed lunch from Lee's Famous Fried Chicken by June 1. [Sign up here](#). Lemonade, cookies, popsicles, and fellowship will be provided. Rain cancels.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On May 23 we welcomed

Katie and Roy Koppelman,
daughters Casey, Caroline, Carter

Margaret and Jay Pruitt,
son Calhoun

Caroline and Michael Trotter

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

We invite you to engage with our community and dig deeper into our relationships with one another in meaningful and authentic ways.

- You can share prayer concerns or celebrations with your church family in the chat feature during online services.
- [Link here](#) to request to join our Selwyn Spirit Facebook group, a collective place to share daily life events.



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.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Please plan to attend one of the classes being offered - May 30 (lawn at 1:30pm), or on Zoom June 1, 7pm (ID 862 61129765, code 581771). All volunteers working with nursery, children, and youth, including those attending summer trips should have this training and renew it every three years.

STEWARDSHIP



Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving. Pledges can be submitted through the website, emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church. Thank you for your participation, it is very important.

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 Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.

WORSHIP

With great intention and joy, all are invited to join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:30am. While social distancing will be in effect, masks will not be required for those who have been fully vaccinated. Worship space for those who prefer a space where all are masked will be provided in the chapel where worship will be live-streamed. While the chapel will provide extra space to move and crafts for young children, due to continued precaution for children under 12, nursery care cannot be provided. Selwyn hopes to resume all nursery care this fall.



OUR NEXT OUTDOOR EVENING WORSHIP WILL BE ON JUNE 13, 5PM

Join us on the front lawn when our musical guests will be Randy Franklin and friends. Social distancing required. Rain cancels.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Links and information can be found through our weekly email, Sunday Church Notes, and www.selwynpres.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SELWYN

Reserve your space by June 1 for our summer Vacation Bible School.

[Nancy Nutter](#) will be sending out full registration to those who have signed up to attend through the following links.

Elementary aged children, June 28 - July 2, 9am – 3pm at Selwyn, cost is \$175 per child. [Sign up now.](#)



YOUTH NEWS

- ASP Training, May 30, 12-1:30pm, on the lawn. Please bring a picnic lunch. Parents of youth are welcome to join.
- ASP Training Makeup, June 1, 6pm. Zoom Meeting, ID: 862 6112 9765, Passcode: 581771
- The Youth will be serving with Appalachia Service Project in West Virginia from June 13 - 19.

Look for updates from Margo or [contact her](#) with questions.



MISSION



Greater Enrichment Program, Inc.

Child Focused. Family Centered.

www.gepinc.org

You are invited to make a Special Offering to support hosting Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) for Montlaire Elementary children, providing afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents.

You can give by check, text to 704-734-9818, or online, indicating this is a Special Offering for Mission.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Nancy Budd Dale Ramsey Patrick Summers	7 Max Bourg Laura Hankins Steve Stevenson	13 Mollie McGirt Herman Thomas	18 Joan Foard Margaret Pruitt Willia May Young	23 Carrie Astroth Collin Black DiAnne Cordell Jennifer Daily Stuart Pfeifer	28 Bill Budd Grace Haruta Vince Pratt Joe Schoeneck Vicki Walker
2 James Barkley	8 Cooper Horton Charlie King Chan Roush	14 Noah Kobal Anne Rutherford Jane Torbet	19 Laura Hassey	24 Matt Cauthen Tim Finein	29 Finn Cauthen Lisa McLennan
3 Charles Battle Casey Cothran Ella Green John Hoskins Alex Johnston	9 Elizabeth Long	15 Katie Bourg Genevieve Jeffries Anna Lowe Charlie Phillips Nicole Shaw	20 Ethan Young	25 Casey Craig Fran Sutton Jake Walker	30 Megan Stuart Robert Vise
4 Cameron Nauman	11 Kris Phillips Alice Rossi	16 Mai-Lis Bahr Liam Cameron David Hatlem	21 Matthew Cooper Carter Koppelman Pat Wheatley Justin Wolf	26 Mac McLennan Sydney Pifer Jane Waddell	
5 Kaitlin Hall Jenny Sauda	12 Lucy Caldwell Margaret Long Beth Ramsey Wyatt Sharpe	17 Marcie Linker Christy Parbst	22 McKenna Baskerville Michelle Bentley Ed Flynn Alan Kincade	27 Mattox Trogdon	



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, *Congregational Life Coordinator*

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*

Jennifer Dixon, *Communications*

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