

THE SELWYN SPIRE

January 2022

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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CREATE AND CONNECT, RECREATE AND RECONNECT

All Church Retreat Early Bird Registration is Open.
Time to save the date of April 29 through May 1, 2022.



Register for the All Church Retreat by [clicking here](#).
Register by January 30 to receive an early bird discount.

SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Margo Richardson, *Associate Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*

Ashlee Anderson, *Congregational Life Coordinator*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

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 - Allison Tibe

Congregational Life - Deni Pifer/Ginny Burgin

Mission - Susan Flynn/Chris Bahr

Worship - Suzanne Newsom

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Selwyn COVID-19 task force and staff have had the well-being of everyone in mind as we plan services, meetings, and events. SAPC has adopted and adhered to a COVID-19 protocol that has allowed us to gather safely.

With gratitude for our community's ongoing care for one another, we thank ages 4 and above for being vigilant in your expression of care to all by wearing your mask while inside— even if fully vaccinated.

Everyone is asked to maintain social distancing and not gather closely for conversation.

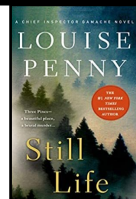
While in the sanctuary please sit in every other pew as marked.

We recognize the health concerns many in our congregation are facing. Please join us for online worship if you have cold symptoms of any sort, are immunocompromised, not vaccinated, or unable to wear a mask.

SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet on
January 18, 7pm
to discuss Still Life
by Louise Penny.

Questions, contact [Nancy](#)



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people. We have a commitment with a florist for one standard arrangement for \$65. Additional charges may apply for specific flower varieties.



Checks should be made to the church with "sanctuary flowers" in the memo line.

To reserve a date contact [Marsha](#), or 704-372-6836.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler

Asbury— Mary Faye Proctor

Carmel Hills—Marie Pressley

Carriage Club - Herman Thomas

Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty

Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Robert Shore, Olen and Nancy Smith

Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford

Merrywood- Jo Caldwell, Pat Ferguson

Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard

Southminster - Kathy and John Hartley,
Kay Hastings, Art Jones, Bobbye Linn

Births

Ryan Graham Lemmon and Grant Alden
Lemmon, on January 6, 2022,
grandparents John and Susan Lemmon

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Women are invited to nominate another woman to receive an Honorary Life Membership, honoring her faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. When you make this nomination, please include a brief statement of why this person should receive the honor. All nominations are welcome and need to be submitted by February 1 via email to [Sally Moore](#) or mail to 2224 Hogan Court, Charlotte, NC 28270.

The women of Selwyn who have previously been awarded an Honorary Life Membership will choose the 2022 Honorary Life Member from the nominations. The honoree will receive a silver membership pin and a personalized certificate during the April 24 service.



All women are invited to participate in a Presbyterian Women's Circle at Selwyn. Choose the day and time that works best for you.

- Circle #1, Women of Wonder – the first Monday of the month, 12:30pm - Ann Copeland
- Circle #2, Peace Seekers - the second Tuesday, of the month, 7:15pm - Jamie Yearwood
- Circle #3, Our Spiritual Journey – the first Tuesday of the month, 10:30am - Bobbie Hankins
- Circle #4, Evening Grace – the first Tuesday of the month, 7pm - Nancy Bobbitt
- Circle #5, Daughters of Faith – weekly on Wednesdays, 11am - Tracie Northan

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 Susan Lohr | 7 Kay Barbera
Joy Berry
Frankie Hinshaw | 14 Rebecca Cooper
Cason Kiger
Liz Weingart | 21 Ashlee Anderson | 28 Aaron Arant
Robert Shore
Craig Williams |
| 2 Elizabeth Rossi | | | 22 Jim Torbet
Reid McCorduck | |
| 3 Hugh Brown
Sue Ward
JD Yearwood | 8 Suzanne Newsom | 15 Gay Pappin
Susan Scott | 23 Katherine Hoskins | 29 Alex Burgin
Walker Burgin
Carter Long |
| 4 Meg Brownlee
Allison Tibe | 9 Marion Arant
Reed Claxton | 16 Courtney Arnheim
Jennifer Coble
Kay Hastings
Sallye Richards | 25 Emma Stark
Sandy Summers | 30 Jean Buchanan
Pat Ferguson |
| 5 Scott Daily
Richard Foard | 11 James Bolewitz
Debbie Otey
Evan Sauda | 18 Mac Arant | 26 Hampton Horne
Campbell Milewski
Eleanor Moore | 31 Greg Astroth
James DePhillips |
| 6 Bob Hornberg | 12 Isabella Sanders | 19 Jonathan Korch
Hudson Mills | | |



STEWARDSHIP

2022 PLEDGE UPDATE

Selwyn is close to meeting our budgetary goals for this year. A pledge is an estimate of giving for the year. Every pledge is vitally important to support Selwyn's vision and mission. A successful year of stewardship will ensure Selwyn's ability to fund our mission partners at Montclair Elementary school, stabilize our staff, and maintain Selwyn's dynamic worship and intergenerational programming.

Our goal is for at least 130 households to pledge a total of \$780,000. So far, Selwyn has received 110 pledges and \$723,212. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! Pledge cards are located in the narthex. Confidential pledges can be made during worship, by visiting www.selwynpres.org/giving, by emailing Selwyn's church accountant, Tonya Moore or using <https://airtable.com/shr9Nce19yIffPySd>.

WORSHIP

Selwyn 2022
Called to Connect



SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Children's Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 12, 2021
Thank you to all the participants -
children, youth, musicians, and teachers and leaders.

Worship at 10:30am.

The services will also be available on SAPC's Facebook.

Elementary Children's Worship at 10:30am

All Elementary children are invited to worship in the sanctuary.

After the Children's Message they are invited to join Nancy Nutter for Children's Chapel, before returning to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

Youth Sunday, February 27

Ash Wednesday, March 2

First Sunday in Lent, March 6

Confirmation Sunday, April 3

Palm Sunday, April 10

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Easter Sunday, April 17



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN K-5 SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM gather with Children's Director, Nancy Nutter and a dedicated team of teachers, for storytelling in the Bowman Building.

PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY—SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM AND WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

The children are greeted by our long-standing, loving nursery keepers.

All volunteers and adults teaching and caring for children will be required to wear masks at all times, as well as children over the age of three.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT 9:30AM

Selwyn Life Class meets in the library.

All other adult classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a combined study and discussion of The Gospel of Luke.

YOUTH NEWS

- ❖ Youth Coffee Talks and Confirmation Classes, Sundays, 9:30am on Zoom
 - ❖ Youth Group, Sundays, January 16, 23, 30, 6 - 7pm. Please note dinner will not be served.
- Please see Margo's email for a revised schedule and details for 2022. [Contact Margo](#) with questions.



Summer Youth Trip Registrations Are Open Until February 27

Email [Margo](#) before February 27 to let her know you will attend. She will email each participant registration documents and health forms.

- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 12-18 for rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
 - Middle School Massanetta Trip, June 21-24 for rising 6th grade-rising 8th grade
 - Montreat Youth Conference, July 10-16 for rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
- Adult chaperones are needed for trips.

MISSION



First Sunday Food Drive

- Purchase requested groceries for the Montclair Elementary School Pantry.
- Needs are bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, crackers, canned fruits, vegetables, soup, breakfast items, individual wrapped snacks.
- No glass items please.
- Items can be returned to the church the first Sunday of each month or during the week.

Food Drive

♥ thank you for your donation ♥

Delivering groceries to Montclair, left to right: Nancy Bobbitt, Sarah Luna (GEP Site Director), Malyn Pratt, Tina Dietrich



A big **THANK YOU** to those who gave through the Mission Christmas Tree, giving meaningful gifts to our Mission partners. Your support is appreciated.



Selwyn will host homeless neighbors through Roof Above on Mondays through March 28, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep.

Due to COVID safety precautions it is preferred a group of individuals come together and sign up to address all food (dinner, breakfast, and bag lunches), setup, and clean up needs for specific Monday evenings. An experienced RIT volunteer will be onsite weekly to assist.

[Sign up to help](#), or contact [Michelle Bentley](#). [Sign up to be an overnight host](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

Your suggestions are needed for Church Elders to begin serving Spring of 2022.

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.). Submit your nominations [via this link](#), email [Marsha Cooper](#) or return this form for it to be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by January 20.

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 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

Class of 2024: Ginny Burgin, Charlie Harris, Morgan Liles, Dick Metzler, Kurt Parbst, Samantha Phifer, Heather Risko, Ed Thomas, Andy Wertz

Youth: Andy Bentley

How are you called to **CONNECT** in 2022?

Where do you fit, what is your connection?

YOU ARE a piece of the SAPC puzzle.

Called to Connect

