



May 2020

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## A Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

John 1:1 and Romans 8:18-28

Rev. Lori Archer Raible

Shut Down  
Expose  
Flatten  
Peak  
Risk  
Isolate  
Intubate

O Holy God, words matter. You have commanded the warm rays of morning sun and whispered a moonbeam across the night sky. We have been told the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory You are about to reveal. But creation waits with eager longing.

Tests  
Food  
Shelter  
Antibodies  
Jobs  
Access  
Touch  
Relief  
Thousands  
Millions

Creation waits to be set free from its bondage to decay and to obtain freedom of the children of God. We have been groaning for what might be born. We have grown inwardly while we wait for redemption.

Zoom  
Masks  
Clorox  
Vaccines  
Loans  
Hope

Hope? Yes, the Hope of our salvation. Hope that is not seen. When it comes down to it God, if we are really being honest, words matter. And we don't know how to pray as we ought. Not even the gathered bunch of baptized church people, not even the saints of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. Especially not us.

Fatigue  
Grief  
Plague  
Death

Oh, for Your Spirit to intercede as a sigh too deep for words. Search our Hearts, O God. Intercede according to Your will alone. Search our thick traditions, biased assumptions, tainted agendas, and tired patterns that we might be called Children of God. In the midst of suffering, in the midst of our groaning, even in the midst of death, we know, we hope, and we pray **all things**, work together for good. Together we work for redemption; for a new thing being born. Words matter.

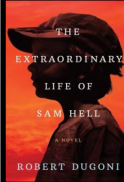
***In the beginning, was the one Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Amen.***

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



## We welcome

Caroline Phipps Bourg,  
daughter of Max and Katie Bourg,  
born on April 16, 2020



## SAPC BOOK CLUB

This month's selection is The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni.  
Questions contact Beth Ramsey, 704-840-9433.



## We welcome

William Wooten Peebles,  
son of Ty and Meg Peebles,  
born on April 16, 2020

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On April 26 SAPC welcomed two families.



Jonathan and Loren Korch,  
daughters Emery and Nora

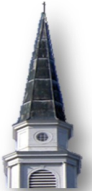


Jason and Eliza Young,  
son Ethan

**YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES** are much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead. 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 Urban Ministry Center)
  - 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.



## MONTREAT CHURCH RETREAT POSTPONED

Unfortunately we have to postpone our church-wide getaway until a later date. If you already paid your registration and would like a refund or to move the monies to your regular giving, please contact accountant [Tonya Moore](#).

## 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.

## WORSHIP

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED** on May 31.

### 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  
Sardis Oaks - Marie Pressley  
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



**Easter 2020**



## MISSION

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

Please email [Lisa McLennan](#) for ways to assist or with any questions.

- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for the Urban Ministry Center. Their requests change daily and are updated on their website. If interested in assisting, please order directly from their Amazon list and ship it directly to Urban Ministry Center.
- Hunger and Children: We are focusing on the children of Montclair Elementary and their families. We continue to give Aldi and Food Lion gift cards, and food to families at Montclair. To assist, please continue to donate food items. Blue First Food Sunday bags are on the front porch as well as a bin to return your items. Items left in the bins will be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays at 3pm. You may donate \$10 gift cards or contribute additional funds via our website online giving portals to buy cards.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

### FAREWELL TO KIM LEE, SUNDAY MAY 3

May 3 is her final Sunday at Selwyn.

We give thanks to God for her vibrant ministry among us and her five years of commitment, care, and leadership in serving SAPC children and families.

We wish her well.



### REGISTER TODAY

#### Vacation Bible School June 15 – June 19

Three-Year Olds through rising Kindergarteners,  
9am – 12noon at Selwyn. [Sign up.](#)

Rising First through Fifth graders  
9am – 3:30pm at the  
Quarry - Carrigan Farms, Mooresville. [Sign up.](#)

We are carefully monitoring the news and will proceed according to government recommendations. A final decision to host VBS will not be made until later in May. If you are interested, please complete a registration form and withhold payment. Forms can be found on the website at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

### ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

Grace Class Sunday School, Sundays, 9:30am

Selwyn Life Class, First and third Sundays, 4pm.

Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.

Virtual Encounters with Jesus - The Gospel of John,  
Tuesdays, 11am

Daughters of Faith, Wednesdays, 11am

Daughters of Faith Monday Nights, 7pm, May 4

Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

PW Circle 4, - Evening Grace, May 5, 7pm

Contact Nancy Bobbit for details.

## YOUTH NEWS

All meetings will take place on Zoom. To access, please see Margo's youth email with the Zoom links, meeting IDs and passwords.

Sunday Online Youth Group, Sundays, 5-6pm to play online games.

Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm

Sixth and Seventh Grade Girls Small Group, 5-6pm

Youth Families' Trivia Night, May 17, 5-6:30pm. [Sign up](#) with your team name and bring the whole family.

Montreat Youth Conference: July 11-18

Youth, rising 9th - graduated 12th grade, will attend July 11-18.

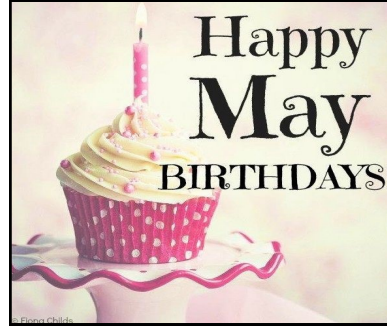
Cost: \$450 per youth. Register today with [Margo](#).





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Bailey King	10 David Hall Harrison Rea	15 Brian Hackman Sarah Rea
2 Pam Brownlee Margo Richardson Connor Simmons	11 Dean Ferguson Stratford Kiger Blake Partridge Hank Thrasher	16 Grey McLennan Tonya Moore
3 Tate Arrington		17 Steele Dewey
4 Lorelie Moorefield	12 Lindsay Craig Betty Gamble Lawson Simmons	18 Nancy Bobbitt
5 Bob Summers		19 Andrea DePhillips August Ollek Harrison Ollek
6 Jodie Bolewitz	13 Kit Daily Carolyn Miller Samantha Salton Charles Wakefield	20 Matt Baskerville Sue McCarter Jim Sanders Cate Schoeneck
7 Max Bourg Sumter Cox Meg Dewey		23 Mary Skibinski
8 Matthew Sontag	14 Jack Martin Billy Nauman Colleen Williams	24 Mark Northan



27 Ginny Burgin Ainsley Childs Brodie Childs Ben Muldrew
28 Kitty Young Barbara Yurkutat
30 Chris Bahr Liza Home Marsha Thrasher
31 Georgia Aaron Holden Bolewitz Kipp Kiger Drew Thrasher

## CALENDAR

Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.

Sunday Morning Worship we livestream on Facebook or Instagram Live at 10:30am. For those members not on Facebook/ Instagram, we email a link each Sunday at 10:15am to join. It is also available on our website.

We continue to offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. A schedule of links to online gatherings is available on our website and via emails.

- **Children's Chapel** is being held virtually at 11am on Thursdays.
- **Youth Groups**  
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PW Circle 4 Evening Grace, Tuesday May 5, 7pm

Although the church building may not be open, the staff are available. The best way to contact staff is via email. If you need to reach out by phone, you may call the church, 704-372-6836. Please listen to the instructions carefully and follow the message on prompts for leaving a voice message to the appropriate staff person. For pastoral care emergencies please leave a message on Reverend Raible's extension.

### SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*  
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*  
Kim Lee, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*  
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*  
Gay Pappin, *Organist*  
Margo Richardson, *Director for Youth/Young Adults*

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* - 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