



# THE SELWYN SPIRE

May 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## SUNDAY MORNING SANCTUARY WORSHIP

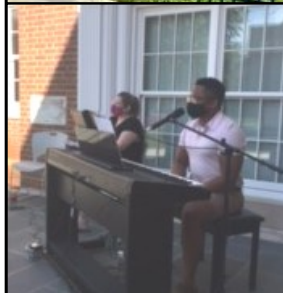
With joy, we welcome up to 75 worshippers in the sanctuary each week. Attendees are to be seated by 10:20am as the service will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday.

Vaccines are recommended.

Masks and social distancing required.

Register through the link for specific Sundays:

[May 9](#), [May 16](#), [May 23](#), [May 30](#).



## OUTDOOR EVENING WORSHIP

Join us Sunday evenings at 5pm on the front lawn.

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Vaccines are recommended.

Social distancing required.

Rain cancels.

## 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

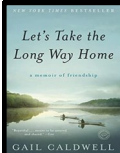
*Congregational Life* - Emily Battle/Deni Pifer

*Mission* - Susan Flynn

*Worship* - Suzanne Newsom



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet on May 18, 7pm, via Zoom to discuss Let's Take the Long Way Home by Gail Caldwell.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



### We welcome

Bennett Alexander Hackman,  
son of Brian and Tate Hackman,  
born on April 11, 2021

Thank you to all who came out for our Congregational Life event and creek clean up on April 18! Thank you BSA Troop 99 for joining us!



### In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler

Asbury- Mary Faye Proctor

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

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.



## STEWARDSHIP

### Thank you for pledging in 2021!

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 116 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 2021 annual fund.
- Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclair Elementary and Roof Above needs.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Townley Moon for receiving the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership during worship on Sunday, April 18. Townley has a long history of service to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church and has held various leadership positions.

## WORSHIP

**COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED** on May 23 during the 10:30am Worship. If attending virtually, your household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home—a table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, and a cup. Communion will also be observed during the Outdoor Evening Worship Service at 5pm.

- ❖ Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more.  
[Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [on Apple Podcast](#).



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

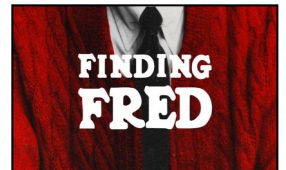
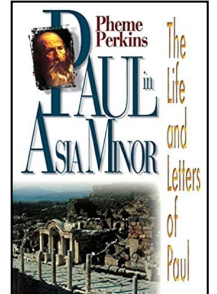
## SPRING WORSHIP AND TEACHING SERIES AND CLASSES



Letters to a New Church: What does it mean to live faithfully as Christ's church in an unpredictable and ever-changing world? Join us every Sunday at 10:30am (in person or on Facebook Live) or at 5pm (outdoors) as we explore the Apostle Paul's letters to communities of faith that were wrestling with the same question. Each week we will explore one of Paul's epistles, its' themes, and the impact of Paul's writing for us today.

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

- Pastor's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10am.
- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings on Thursdays at 11am through May 20.
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, 9:15am. The class will explore Paul in Asia Minor, the fourth book in the series *The Life and Letters of Paul*, by Dr. PHEME PERKINS, the Professor of New Testament at Boston College. Drawing on historical data about the Asian congregations and their significance in the region, Perkins brings to life family matters supporting a life faithful to Christ. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- Grace Sunday School, 9:30am. Each class of our five-week series will be based on an episode of the podcast *Finding Fred*. "Bestselling author and cultural critic Carvell Wallace hosts this series about the life, thinking and work of Fred Rogers, and asks what the cardigan wearing host of a decades-old children's show can tell us about how to get by in today's chaotic world." The podcast is available on Spotify, Apple, and iHeartRadio, with each episode about 30 minutes length. The plan is to gather outdoors through May 23 when possible. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SELWYN



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

- Preschool ages 3-4 years, June 21 - 24, from 9am-12pm at Selwyn, cost is \$75 per child. [Sign up now](#).
- Elementary aged children, June 28 - July 2, 9am – 3pm at Selwyn, cost is \$175 per child. [Sign up now](#).

VBS Volunteers needed.

Would you like to spend some time with our wonderful Selwyn Children?

We are looking for volunteers to help with both the preschool and elementary school aged children during the weeks of June 21 and June 28.

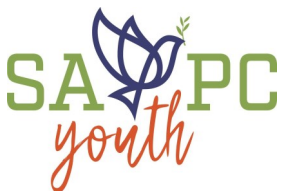
You can volunteer for the entire week or one day at a time. The preschool day is 3 hours and the elementary school day is six hours. We also need a kitchen crew to help with snacks and water runs throughout the week and breakfast for the Bethelwoods counselors on the elementary week.

Please email [Nancy Nutter](#) if you would love to volunteer and be a part of the fun or if you have questions.



## YOUTH NEWS

Look for updates from Margo or [contact her](#) with questions. Social distancing required for all outside events. Rain cancels.



- May 7, First Friday Virtual Game Night, 6-8 pm
- May 9, High School Senior Sunday
- May 9, 2nd Sunday Service  
[Donations for Florence Crittenton](#)
- May 16, High School Youth Group, 4-5 pm (Lawn)
- May 23, Confirmation Sunday
- May 23, 6th Grade Youth Group, 4-5 pm (Lawn)



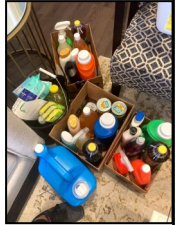
# MISSION

**WE WILL WELCOME LIZ CLASEN-KELLY ON SUNDAY, MAY 16** The Roof Above CEO will share with us during worship services. Non-profit Roof Above, formerly Urban Ministry Center and the Men's Shelter of Charlotte, offers a spectrum of homeless services and housing programs.

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**PARTICIPATE IN LOVING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS** Please bring items to the church.

- **Homelessness** - Help celebrate and equip our Charlotte neighbors transitioning from homelessness into a home. Please select and purchase [an item from this link](#) for the Welcome Home Kits.
- **Hunger** – We plan to deliver groceries to as many Montclaire Elementary School families as we can. We invite you to purchase one of each of the ten items listed (bag rice, bag beans, canned meat, peanut butter, saltine crackers, canned veggies, canned fruit, soup, breakfast items, and individually wrapped snacks). No glass items please.
- **Children in Need** - We continue our partnership with Greater Enrichment Program (GEP) at Montclaire Elementary to provide afterschool and summer enrichment programming at no cost to parents. You are invited to make a Special Offering to support hosting GEP at Montclaire for the 2021-2022 school year. You can give by check, text to 704-734-9818, or online. Please indicate this is a Special Offering for Mission.



**HABITAT NEWS** The Charlotte Church Partners house we supported last fall was dedicated on April 15 with Lori Raible giving the opening prayer and meditation, and Dick Metzler speaking for the volunteers who helped build it. Groups are being welcomed back to construction sites. Watch for more news over the summer about our plans for Fall 2021.

## HABITAT CHARLOTTE RECOGNIZES SELWYN MEMBERS FOR SERVICE

Habitat Charlotte recently recognized four Selwyn members for their service to the community, building houses here and broad. Nancy Bobbitt was recognized for 500 hours of service, Malyn and Vince Pratt each for 750 hours and Susan Flynn for a grand total of 1000 hours of service!

Congratulations to each of them! Tell them thank you when you see them in person!



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Bailey King	11 Dean Ferguson	16 Grey McLennan	25 Ethan Astroth	31 Georgia Aaron
2 Pam Brownlee	Stratford Kiger	Tonya Moore	Quentin Cooper	Holden Bolewitz
Margo Richardson	Blake Partridge		Nan Howard	Kipp Kiger
Connor Simmons	Hank Thrasher	17 Steele Dewey	26 Adam Piacentino	Drew Thrasher
3 Tate Arrington	12 Lindsay Craig	18 Nancy Bobbitt	Alex Russell	
4 Lorelie Moorefield	Betty Gamble	19 Andrea DePhillips	John Tibe	
5 Bob Summers	Lawson Simmons	August Ollek	27 Ginny Burgin	
6 Jodie Bolewitz	13 Kit Daily	Harrison Ollek	Ainsley Childs	
7 Max Bourg	Carolyn Miller	20 Matt Baskerville	Brodie Childs	
Sumter Cox	Nancy Nutter	Sue McCarter	Ben Muldrew	
Meg Dewey	Samantha Salton	Jim Sanders	28 Kitty Young	
TJ Milewski	Charles Wakefield	Cate Schoeneck	Barbara Yurkutat	
8 Matthew Sontag	14 Jack Martin	22 Mills Roush	30 Chris Bahr	
10 David Hail	Billy Nauman	Glenn Sedam	Liza Home	
Harrison Rea	Colleen Williams	23 Mary Skibinski	Marsha Thrasher	
	15 Brian Hackman	24 Mark Northan		
	Sarah Rea			



**CONTACT INFORMATION AND DATABASE** We are working to maintain our virtual connections. Our hope is everyone appreciates and embraces this effort to communicate effectively. If you have a question or your contact information changes (including your preferred email, phone, or address), please contact [Marsha Cooper](#).

**\*Important Note-** Unsubscribing in the database or from any congregational email [unsubscribes](#) you from receiving all SAPC emails. Please contact the Church Office before taking this step.