

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

November 2021

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## TO THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION OF SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thank you for September 26. Being with you in worship kindled many memories and engendered high hopes as I experienced again the vitality of SAPC, as you baptized a beautiful child, received a fine group of new members, were inspired by excellent music from Dr. Sequina Dubose as well as the always fine renditions from Fred and Gay and the choir, and joined voices in liturgy and song and greetings and plans for life giving mission in so many arenas. I am grateful for the extra effort offered and extended by the ministers and staff and reception committee for the morning. The surprises of the Celtic Cross Award from the Boy Scouts of America and the renaming of the Chapel left me speechless and for me are the chief honors of my vocation in ministry. Most of all I rejoiced to see your faces as we celebrated the communion of saints on earth, and to grieve and remember those who have already gone before us to the communion of saints in heaven. The great truth and assurance of human life and the fellowship of the Church is Romans 8:38-39.

And so, blest be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love!

*Rush*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

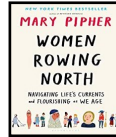


The next meeting will be in the Parlor on November 21 after worship.

Contact [Susan Lohr](#).

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** on November 16, 7pm, will discuss Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age by Mary Pipher.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



**Fall Back** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!

Remember to turn your clock back at 2am on Sunday, November 7.



### 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

After a one year delay due to COVID, the Metzler family is hosting a party to celebrate Dottie's life. The congregation is invited to The Terrace at Cedar Hill, 800 West Hill Street, top floor, on Friday, November 26, from 2:30 - 4:30. The venue has a 2000 square foot heated outdoor deck. Guests are requested to have been vaccinated or to wear masks. Please RSVP by November 15 to [Dick](#), or 704-488-8362.

### COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE

We are required by the County to wear masks in the building even if fully vaccinated. Ages 4 and above, thank you for being vigilant in your expression of care to all by wearing your mask inside. Please wear a mask outside as necessitates. Our togetherness is a gift. We will continue to be guided by a task force of healthcare professionals regarding COVID-19 and the variants.

### 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.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Katie Barton  
Addison Roper  
2 Don Hamburger  
Lily Kincade  
Leigh Smith  
3 Jay Pfeifer  
4 Kate Claxton  
Will Nauman  
Ed Thomas  
5 Mike Hinshaw  
Robert Reynolds

6 Avery Ellis  
Susan Flynn  
Naomi Randall  
7 Annelise Guffey  
Reese Horton  
Fletcher Moore  
Banks Ollek  
Olen Smith  
9 Fred Cooke  
Millie Johnston  
Patricia McLellan  
Hattie Walton  
Janet Williams

10 Amanda Barkley  
David Harris  
Susan Lemmon  
11 Grant Armistead  
Mitchell Cooper  
Tate Hackman  
Allison Lindsey  
13 Camille Cumbus  
Meredith Northan  
14 Riley Battle  
Sharon Raines  
Karah Ramsey  
Karey Vera  
15 Barbara Hall  
Katelyn Price

16 Bob Cole  
Katie Cumbus  
Sadie Smith  
Rebecca Thompson  
17 Harrison Liles  
Andrew Sontag  
Libby Stuart  
18 Tracie Northan  
19 Maddie Parbst  
Bruce Walker  
20 Charlene McDermott  
Joe Raible  
23 Jake Canter  
Georgine Jeffries  
Megan Tibe

24 Jim Glen  
Reba Hardaway  
Madeline Lindsey  
25 Robert Salton  
Grant Sharpe  
27 John Hartley  
30 Kaden Parsons  
Steve Randall



# STEWARDSHIP



*I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and  
they shall be my people.  
~ Jeremiah 33:33*

## 2022 Stewardship

### Selwyn Needs Your Financial Support:

In order to sustain our priorities of engaging worship, transformative mission, and authentic community, will you please make a pledge or consider increasing your pledge in 2022?

Pledge Dedication Sunday is October 31.

You may bring your commitment to Worship, mail to the church,  
email church accountant [Tonya Moore](#), or submit [online](#).

As we near the end of the year, thank you to all for satisfying your 2021 giving commitment. It is most appreciated.

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**GIVING STOCK** When giving stock, contact church accountant [Tonya Moore](#) or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member. Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. Please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer \_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40.

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING TEXT TO GIVE

- 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.
- 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.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Please refer to publications, the weekly email, or our [website](#) to find the Bible study that is right for you.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** with Lori Raible meets on Wednesdays, 11am, in the Parlor. All are invited to participate.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**, each distinct in their style and content, are offered at 9:30am.

- Covenant Class (Parlor)- Lecture based, traditional learning with discussion. This class is open to all, while a majority of the participants are over 65 years of age. Biblically based curriculum will be used.
- Selwyn Life Class (Library)- Discussion based, group learning. This class is a hybrid of in person and ZOOM learners. They are self-taught and coordinated, and are using the book, *Healing our Broken Humanity*.
- Grace and Peace (Outside or Fellowship Hall)- Bible study and practical application, focusing on the scriptures guiding our preaching series, Known By Heart: Scripture Every Christian Should Know. The class hosts a diversity of life stages and perspectives.

**ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM** Elementary Children (K-5) 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

Infants and preschoolers are greeted by our long-standing, loving nursery keepers.

As an expression of our baptismal vows, member volunteers can support the children by volunteering in the classrooms. Parents of children under the age of four are strongly encouraged to volunteer at least once a semester.

*A note about the care and safety of our children: All volunteers and adults teaching and caring for our children will be required to wear masks at all times, as well as children over the age of three.*

### 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, to engage in a story and crafts, before returning to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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



# WORSHIP

Join us Sunday, October 31 for 10:30am Worship with Communion!

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND PLEDGE DEDICATION

Give thanks for the lives and witness of those members, family, and friends we loss by death in the last year.

Commit your 2022 stewardship pledge to Selwyn and God.

Join us for fellowship on the lawn following Worship.

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MARGO RICHARDSON'S  
SERVICE OF ORDINATION TO  
THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND  
SACRAMENT –  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 3PM



Please join us for this special day!  
A reception will follow the service.

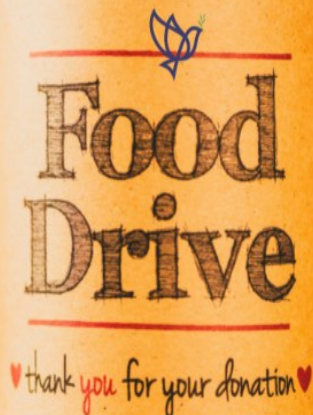
**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED** on October 31 and November 28 during the 10:30am Worship Service.  
If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence,  
please notify Suzanne Newsom, 704-999-1016 or the church office, 704-372-6836.

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE** Join us on Wednesday, December 8, 11:30am for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. The service will be followed by a fellowship lunch. RSVP to [office@selwynpres.org](mailto:office@selwynpres.org), or 704-372-6836 by November 30. Masks and social distancing are required.

# MISSION

### First Sunday Food Drive

- Purchase requested groceries for the Montclaire 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.



Mission at Selwyn is more than just doing for others. It's about engaging in deep relationships and forming ministry partnerships. We hope you will discern how God may be calling you to serve God by serving our neighbors! Check our [website](#) for information or to sign up.

### HOMELESSNESS

**Mission Film Screening** - Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 14, 5-7pm when we will have an event to learn more about homelessness and offer sign up opportunities for Room in the Inn.

**Room in the Inn** - In partnership with Roof Above, beginning December 1 through March 31 each Monday night we will feed and host some of our homeless neighbors. We need many helpers - church bus drivers for pick up and return, three meals (dinner upon arrival, breakfast and bag lunches), set up and clean up crews, and overnight hosts. Help one time or every week!

### CHILDREN IN NEED

**Greater Enrichment Program Afterschool Helper** - Offer support with our GEP ministry partners at Montclaire Elementary School on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:30pm, assisting with planned activities. This is a great way to help once or weekly.

**Tutoring at Montclaire** - There are a variety of commitment levels and opportunities to assist a child with their learning while deepening a relationship. Heart Math, HELPS tutoring, and Augustine Literacy Project are all structured programs to guide you.

# YOUTH NEWS

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- \* November 5 - Youth Game Night, 6pm.
- \* November 7, 14, 21 - Coffee Talks and Confirmation Class, 9:30am.  
Coffee Talks- Real talk about life and faith. A topic is launched, then youth break into age appropriate groups for mentored discussions with adult guides. (Bates House).
- \* November 12-13 - Middle School and Confirmation Retreat. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- \* November 14 - Mission Film and Friendsgiving, 5pm. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- \* November 21 - Youth Group, 6-7:30pm.
- \* November 28 - Church wide Advent Wreath Event, following Worship.

See Margo's email for the full schedule of the programming year. [contact her](#) with questions.

*Special note: Until further instruction from the SAPC task force,  
youth events will be held outside when possible, and masks must be worn when we gather inside.*



Youth Night at SCarowinds



Youth Game Night