



November 2019

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## ***We Are Listening!***

The strategic planning task force has just completed in-depth interviews with Selwyn's current session, staff, and clergy. Now, as we consider the vision, hopes, and challenges of our congregation over the next 3-5 years, we need to hear from YOU!

***We urge you to participate in these two very important ways:***

1. Please take a moment to complete our short, 10-question [2020 Congregational Survey](#).

This survey will ask about your experience in the life of Selwyn Avenue. Regardless of how involved, every member of your household is invited and encouraged to participate (*All youth and adults in your household*).

2. Your voice matters, and this November our team plans to hold small group listening sessions with as many members as possible. Join us for a 1-hour, small group discussion as our team listens and learns about your hopes and experiences at Selwyn. With four dates and times to choose from, we hope every member can be heard.

[Click here to RSVP for a listening session.](#)

- Sunday, November 10, 11:30am-1pm, Fellowship Hall (Lunch provided)
- Sunday, November 10, 6-7pm, Parlor
- Wednesday, November 13, 10-11am, Parlor
- Friday, November 15, 5:30-6:30pm, Sir Edmond Halley's

Questions? Please contact [Hunter Miller](#).

Sincerely,  
Hunter Miller, *Chair SAPC Strategic Planning Team*

### SAPC STAFF

Rush Otey, *Pastor*

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Kim Lee, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*

Jay Masanotti, *Youth Director*

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*

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

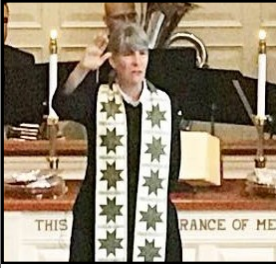
*Christian Education and Formation* - Erin Mills

*Congregational Life* - Emily Battle

*Mission* - Ashley Armistead/Meg Dewey/Allison Tibe

*Worship* - Pam Brownlee

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



## HONORING MARY BOWMAN

In appreciation of Mary's decade in ministry with us, the Session has established a designated fund to be used for future mission work at Montclaire Elementary School. If you wish to contribute please make a check payable to SAPC and mark for "Honoring Mary Bowman."

Dear Selwyn Community,

Thank you so much for the wonderful send-off and the remarkable gifts of the Saint John's Bible print and the fund in my name supporting Montclaire Elementary School. I have long been an admirer of the Saint John's Bible, having received a Genesis print when I was ordained so I am thrilled to have a New Testament image that captures so well the sense of God moving within the Selwyn community and into the world. The children at Montclaire (whom we long ago claimed as our kids) are so special, and I am grateful for the ongoing commitment that Selwyn is making with such a Montclaire fund. My time at Selwyn has been one of my life's best gifts. Thank you for ALL the ways that you have given to me over the years.

With prayers and deep appreciation, *Mary*



**LISA MCLENNAN**, Parish Associate at Selwyn for several years, will be increasing her leadership here to ten hours per week, beginning in November. Lisa served as an Elder at Selwyn before being ordained as a minister and becoming the Director of Admissions at Union Presbyterian Seminary's Charlotte Campus.

Lisa will coordinate the Mission Group, and will provide pastoral care, teaching, preaching, and worship leadership as needed and as her schedule permits.

Lisa has undergraduate and graduate degrees in nutrition from UNC Chapel Hill, and an M. Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and currently serves on the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte.

Her spouse is Braxton McLennan and they have three children who have grown up at SAPC—Mac, Ann Royal, and Grey.

We welcome Lisa and are thankful for this new phase of her work!

**AA MEETINGS** Selwyn is the host site for two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Mondays from noon-1pm in the Bates House and Wednesdays from 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please direct questions to Metrolina AA Intergroup, 704- 377-0244 or 704-332-4387.

**PARKING LOT REMINDER** The small parking lot is one-way, from the Selwyn Avenue entrance, down the hill, and out onto Glendale. When exiting, there is a stop sign at the bottom of the hill and a speed bump to remind drivers to exit carefully and slowly. Please do not enter from Glendale and drive up the hill.



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!

Remember to turn your clock back at 2am on **Sunday, November 3.**

### Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next meeting will be in the Bates House on November 17 after worship.

Contact Anne Rutherford, 704-341-7585.

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet at 6:30pm on November 19 at Sir Edmond Halley's.

This month's selection is Dear Ijeawele, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Questions, contact: Beth Ramsey, 704-840-9433.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laura and Seth Widmer, along with their son, Henry (6 months) joined Selwyn on October 6.

### In Nursing or Retirement Home

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| Aldersgate - Dick Metzler  | Sharon Towers -  |
| Asbury Health Center - Dottie Metzler                            | Richard and Joan Foard   |
| Carriage Club - Mildred Long, Herman Thomas                      | Southminster - Art Jones, Bobbye Linn                                |
| Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty                              | The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith |
| Genesis Salisbury Center - Margaret Cunningham                   | Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor                              |
| Merrywood- Jo Caldwell   |  |
| Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin, Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford | <b>Deaths</b>  |
|  | Yvonne Johnston, mother of Marsha Cooper on October 12               |

## SHELBYNEXT ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

All active church members that have provided the SAPC office with a valid email address have a ShelbyNext membership login (username & temporary password). If you have not logged in from the information sent to your email when we went with this database and need assistance, please email [Marsha Cooper](mailto:Marsha.Cooper@selwyn.org).

Members have access to the church membership directory through the database and their account information, including pledge and giving records. Giving statements are also sent through ShelbyNext to your email account. Members can access Shelby online or through the free mobile app on your cellphone. Your login info is the same for the mobile app.







**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S FALL FESTIVAL** took place on October 24.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY** (Wednesday) - Rush Otey  
The study concludes on November 13, 11am in the Parlor.

#### DAUGHTERS OF FAITH - Lori Raible

A study for younger women hoping to grow in faith and build relationships through Bible study and honest conversations. Both groups are designed to be accessible for even the busiest woman!

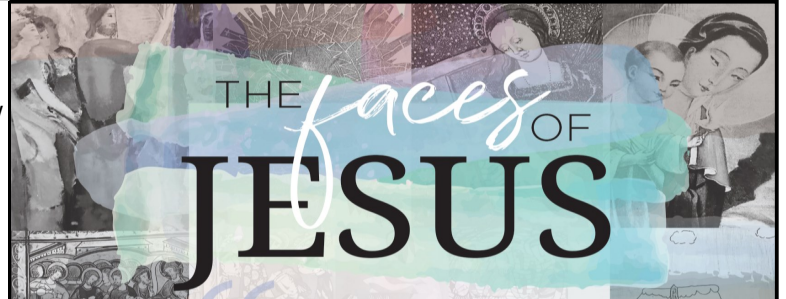
- Wednesdays, 11am in the Grace Room. We are studying and discussing themes of the Old Testament in conjunction with the Bible stories our children are exploring in Sunday School each week. If childcare is needed contact [Lori](#).
- The next meeting of the monthly Monday evening group is November 18, 7pm at the home of Deni Pifer. Comprised of women of all ages, professional women and stay at home moms, this group will connect through a book study and discussion.

#### BOOK OF EXODUS (Sunday) - Kim Lee

Beginning Sunday, November 17 from 4-5:30pm, we will begin a walk-through Exodus. You will find a safe place to explore and test faith, develop deep and wide friendships, and grow in your relationship with and understanding of God. The study concludes February 16. If you are interested and available to participate, email [Kim Lee](#), as soon as possible.

**THE MEN'S GROUP** meets every other Friday at 7am in the Bates House for fellowship and thematic study. The next meeting is November 7. All men are invited to join.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES** There are two daytime Circles and one evening Circle that meet monthly through May.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Grounded in scripture and the tenets of reformed theology, each class provides high quality studies, robust conversations, and practical application.

Everyone is invited to find a class that intrigues the mind and stirs the heart. All classes meet Sundays at 9:30am.

The Faces of Jesus (Fellowship Hall): Diverse learners of all ages are invited to gather for an exploration of the many faces of Jesus. Led by knowledgeable lay leaders and clergy we will consider who Jesus is and how we understand him in scripture, theology, history, and art.

Face to Face (Grace Room) – United but not the same, we are committed to knowing and loving one another in hope and faith. Learners will be guided in practical and relevant discussions regarding faith and contemporary issues impacting our community, city, and the world. This series is created to be challenging but not contentious, loving but not sentimental, honest but not disrespectful or unkind. How might we see Christ in the faces of those who think, look, love, feel, worship, vote, and live in ways that are different than we do?

- Through November 17 - Dismantling Racism (6 weeks).

**PARENTS OF 3RD GRADERS** Join Kim Lee for a three-part series for parents of 3rd graders on reading the Bible to and with children. The discussions will be on Sundays, November 3, 17 and 24 at 9:30am (No class on November 10). The November 24 class will culminate in a presentation of your child's Bible to you, and then you presenting the Bible to her/him during the 10:30 worship service. The class will meet in the CDC Science Room.

Participation in this study is central to the faith formation of your child and family.





# MISSION

Jesus said,  
*You shall love  
your neighbor  
as yourself.*



**We need YOU!**

Join us in serving & loving our neighbors at Montclair Elementary School this year:

**NEW After-School Program**  
**NEW Montclair Food Pantry**  
**Tutoring, Teacher Support and more...**

[www.selwynpres.org/volunteer](http://www.selwynpres.org/volunteer)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD FIRST SUNDAY DONATIONS



Montclair is grateful for the food you are providing for its students and their families. As we know, it is hard to concentrate and learn when hungry. You are helping fill both stomachs and brain cells. Thank you, Selwyn!

Our next Food First Sunday is November 3, so grab a bag from the Narthex and fill it up. Buy two and share one.

**SELWYN HABITAT DAY 2019** took place on October 5.



**Habitat Build**



**Habitat ReStore**

**Camp Habitat**



**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** To contribute to disaster relief efforts you may write a check to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church and indicate PDA on the memo line or to give [directly to PDA](#). You can call 800-872-3283 to give by phone, or mail to Presbyterian Church USA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

# WORSHIP



**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED** on November 3, during the 10:30am All Saints Worship Service. If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Pam Brownlee, 704-622-5730 or the church office, 704-372-6836.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** The calendar is available on the Spire table. Individuals, families, classes and groups are encouraged to sign up for flower dedications. The price is \$65 for the weekly arrangement. This is a lovely way to honor special people, occasions, committees or groups and provide this meaningful aspect of our worship Service. Please sign up so we can continue to enjoy God's beauty in this way.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**NOVEMBER PROJECT - ST. LUKE'S DROP-IN CENTER** St. Luke's Lutheran Church hosts lunch and recreational activities for mentally ill adults on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Every few months, the participants are allowed to choose eight items from the "Free Store".

Supplies needed to stock the store are: bottles of dish detergent and hand soap, paper towels, single rolls of bathroom tissue, Kleenex, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shaving cream, bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, including products for African Americans.

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Katie Barton<br>Mildred Long<br>Addison Roper            | 7 Julie Adams<br>Annelise Guffey<br>Reese Horton<br>Fletcher Moore<br>Banks Ollek<br>Olen Smith | 13 Camille Cumbus<br>Meredith Northan   | 18 Tracie Northan<br>Barbara Ross   | 21 Jessica Stewart  |
| 2 Don Hamburger<br>Lily Kincade<br>Leigh Smith             | 8 Bobby Davis   | 14 Riley Battle<br>Sharon Raines<br>Karah Ramsey<br>Margie Schmidt<br>Karey Vera<br>Eric Winkenwerder | 19 Maddie Parbst<br>Bruce Walker    | 23 Jake Canter<br>Georgine Jeffries<br>Megan Tibe                       |
| 3 Jay Pfeifer  | 9 Fred Cooke<br>Millie Johnston<br>Patricia McLellan<br>Hattie Walton<br>Janet Williams         | 15 Barbara Hall<br>Katelyn Price  | 20 Charlene McDermott<br>Joe Raible | 24 Margaret Cunningham<br>Jim Glen<br>Reba Hardaway<br>Madeline Lindsey |
| 4 Claire Adams<br>Kate Claxton<br>Will Nauman<br>Ed Thomas | 10 Amanda Barkley<br>David Harris<br>Susan Lemmon   | 16 Bob Cole<br>Katie Cumbus<br>Sadie Smith<br>Rebecca Thompson  |                                     | 25 Robert Salton<br>Grant Sharpe  |
| 5 Mike Hinshaw<br>Robert Reynolds                          | 11 Grant Armistead<br>Mitchell Cooper<br>Hiram Greene<br>Tate Hackman<br>Allison Lindsey        | 17 Nick Loder<br>Andrew Sontag<br>Libby Stuart  |                                     | 27 John Hartley   |
| 6 Avery Ellis<br>Susan Flynn<br>Naomi Randall              |   |   |                                     | 30 Kaden Parsons<br>Steve Randall                                       |



## CALENDAR

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| Friday, November 1<br>6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)  | Sunday, November 10<br>Middle School Beach Retreat<br>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)<br>9:30 Sunday School for All<br>11:30 Listening Session/Lunch (FH)<br>11:30 Worship Group (GR)<br>6:00 Listening Session (P) | Sunday, November 17<br>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)<br>9:30 Faith Lab - Parents of 3rd graders (SR)<br>9:30 Sunday School for All<br>10:30 Worship (S)<br>11:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry (BH)<br>11:30 Just Friends (Lohr's)<br>4:00 Exodus Study (GR)<br>5:30 Youth Group (FH) | Monday, November 25<br>9:00 Spire Deadline<br>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)<br>7:00 Boy Scouts (FH)  |
| Sunday, November 3<br>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)<br>9:30 Faith Lab - Parents of 3rd graders (SR)<br>9:30 Sunday School for All<br>10:30 All Saints Worship with Communion (S)<br>5:30 Youth Group (FH)<br>6:30 Salt Shakers (Bobbitt's) | Monday, November 11<br>Child Development Center Workday<br>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)<br>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)   | Monday, November 18<br>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)<br>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)<br>7:00 Daughters of Faith (Pifer's)  | Tuesday, November 26<br>6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)   |
| Monday, November 4<br>12:00 AA Meeting (BH)<br>12:30 PW Circle 1 (Shoemaker's)<br>7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)  | Tuesday, November 12<br>6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)   | Tuesday, November 19<br>6:30 SAPC Book Club (Sir Edmond Halley's)  | Wednesday, November 27<br>3:00 Child Development Center Center Closes<br>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)  |
| Tuesday, November 5<br>10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)<br>7:00 PW Circle 4 (B. Carter's)<br>7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)  | Wednesday, November 13<br>10:00 Listening Session (P)<br>11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)<br>11:00 Wednesday Morning Bible Study (P)<br>6:15 Handbells (B)<br>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)                            | Wednesday, November 20<br>11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)<br>6:15 Handbells (B)<br>6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)<br>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)  | Thursday, November 28<br>Church Office and Child Development Center Closed   |
| Wednesday, November 6<br>11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)<br>11:00 Wednesday Morning Bible Study (BHB)<br>6:15 Handbells (B)<br>6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)<br>8:00 AA Meeting (FH)   | Thursday, November 14<br>7:00 Faith Lab - Parents of 12th graders  | Friday, November 22<br>7:00 Men's Group (BH)   | Friday, November 29<br>Church Office and Child Development Center Closed   |
| Thursday, November 7<br>7:00 Faith Lab - Parents of 9th graders   | Friday, November 15<br>5:30 Listening Session (Sir Edmond Halley's)  | Saturday, November 23<br>10:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S)  | Church Office Hours<br>9am-5pm Mon.-Thurs.<br>9am-1pm Fri.   |
| Friday, November 8<br>7:00 Men's Group (BH)   | Saturday, November 16<br>10:00 Chancel Choir (S)   | Sunday, November 24<br>9:00 Chancel Choir (S)<br>9:30 Faith Lab - Parents of 3rd graders (SR)<br>9:30 Sunday School for All<br>10:30 Worship (S)<br>11:30 Session Meeting (FH)<br>5:30 Youth Group (FH)  | (BH) - Bates House<br>(BHP) - Bates House Parlor<br>(BHB) - Bates House Back Room<br>(B) - Bowman Building<br>(FH) - Fellowship Hall<br>(GR) - Grace Room<br>(L) - Library<br>(P) - Parlor<br>(S) - Sanctuary<br>(SR) - Science Room<br>(SH) - Scout Hut |
| Saturday, November 9<br>Middle School Beach Retreat   |  |  |  |

# YOUTH NEWS



| <u>DATE</u>   | <u>EVENT</u>     | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| November 1    | Game Night       | Bates House     | 6-10pm      |
| November 3    | Youth Group      | Fellowship Hall | 5:30-7pm    |
| November 9-10 | MS Beach Retreat |                 |             |
| November 24   | Youth Group      | Fellowship Hall | 5:30-7pm    |

## THE SELWYN COMMUNITY ONLINE

Visit us on Facebook for information about our church, photos, and announcements. Log onto Facebook, search for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, typing <http://blck.by/2cWheeo> into your browser, or use the QR code shown. (QR Code Reader app or tech-savvy child required!)



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