



October 2020

THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Dear Selwyn,

For 75 years, Selwyn Ave Presbyterian has always been a church that strives to open wide our doors, offer a genuine welcome and seek to nurture God's children of all ages, but especially little ones. From our earlier years of Christmas International House, a Kindergarten/Preschool to our current 5 Star rated CDC, Scouting programs, and our long relationship with Montclaire Elementary and Freedom Schools, children have always been an important ministry focus of this congregation.

Thanks to our mission tithe from our 75th Anniversary Roots and Wings Campaign, one of our new ministry partners deepening our relationship with Montclaire Elementary School children is the Greater Enrichment Program (GEP). Montclaire is a title one CMS school located just three miles from the church. Last year SAPC partnered with GEP to provide safe after school care to 50 Montclaire students. We intended to increase the number to 100 children for a 2020 summer care program then continue as after school care at the start of this school year. Then came COVID-19-ugh. Since March, GEP has faithfully continued to offer enrichment for these children, but only virtually.

But you, Selwyn, have stepped up again as faithful and generous disciples of Jesus Christ. You asked, what can we do? What kind of church do we want to be? You answered and responded with radical hospitality. Beginning October 5, SAPC will host three to four GEP staff members and 25 Montclaire students in our Fellowship Hall for two full weekdays on Monday and Wednesday. This will allow the GEP staff to assist the students with their online class work and provide enrichment opportunities for the children after completing their school work.

We share this exciting adventure with you, along with our assurance the safety of our staff, and the CDC children and their families, have been in the forefront of our discernment and decision making process. Your overall discernment was the need of these children to access a safe space and to have supervision and assistance with school, and to have access to CMS meals and internet access, outweighed the risks. You said yes when it would have been easier to say no.

In anticipation you may have additional questions as to how this will work, as well as inquiring as to possibilities for supporting GEP and these Montclaire children, please see the FAQ page in this edition on page 4.

Selwyn, I hope and pray we will continue to seek what breaks God's heart in our community and world, discern how we can respond as disciples, and then boldly act with love of neighbor leading us. We love, because God first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

In the grace and peace of Christ,

Lisa McLennan
Parish Associate for Mission

SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, <i>Pastor</i>	Marsha Cooper, <i>Church Administrator</i>
Lisa McLennan, <i>Parish Associate</i>	Lawson Caldwell, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Margo Richardson, <i>Director for Youth/Young Adults</i>	Tonya Moore, <i>Church Accountant</i>
Nancy Nutter, <i>Director of Children's/Family Ministries</i>	Reba Hardaway, <i>Accounting Administrative Assistant</i>
Ashlee Anderson, <i>Seminary Intern and CEF</i>	Jessica Masanotti, <i>Communications Specialist</i>
Fred Spano, <i>Director of Music</i>	Steve Stevenson, <i>Facilities Coordinator</i>
Gay Pappin, <i>Organist</i>	Beth Sharpe, <i>Director of Child Development Center</i>

GROUP CHAIRS

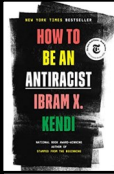
<i>Administration</i> - Lou Waple
<i>Child Development Center</i> - Clark Walton
<i>Christian Education & Formation</i> - Erin Mills/Allison Tibe
<i>Congregational Life</i> - Emily Battle/Deni Pifer
<i>Mission</i> - Susan Flynn
<i>Worship</i> - Suzanne Newsom

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



We welcome

Theodore "Teddy" Phillip Sutton,
son of Drew and Fran Pfrimmer Sutton,
born on September 1, 2020



SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, October 20 from 7-9pm on Zoom.

This month's selection is How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi.

Questions contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler

Asbury Health Center - Dottie Metzler,
Townley Moon

Carriage Club - Mildred Long,
Herman Thomas

Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty

Merrywood- Jo Caldwell

Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford

Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard

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

The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith

Waltonwood Cotswold -
Mary Faye Proctor

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Names of church members and relatives of members who died during the past year
(since All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2019) will be read during the service
and are printed on a bulletin insert.

The church office compiles the list based on church records.

If you have a friend or relative you would like listed,
please contact [Marsha](#), or 704-372-6836, by 9am on October 21.

YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES are much needed and celebrated.

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 Roof Above)
75 (a gift to the Roots and Wings fund)
- You DO NOT need a key word if giving to the 2020 annual fund.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



CONGRATULATIONS to Pat Wheatley on receiving the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership during worship on Sunday, September 20. Pat came to Selwyn in 1969 as secretary for the church. In those days she was the only support staff doing secretarial, organizational and bookkeeping duties. In 2000 she married member Chuck Wheatley and resigned her position. Once a member, she joined the Presbyterian Women and has been active in Circles. A quiet, behind-the-scenes person, Pat visits homebound members, drives people to doctors' appointments, picks people up to attend services, and does many acts of kindness for members and neighbors. She has been a Friendship Trays volunteer for many years and has lasting relationships with the recipients. Pat is most well known for having been co-chairperson for the Selwyn Care Teams, organizing funeral receptions and helping arrange meals for members undergoing illnesses or losses. She is very sensitive to people's needs and acts on them. Pat was ordained as a church Elder in 2004, has served as the Child Development Center Group Chair, and on several Session committees. We are honored to recognize her in this way.

The Honorary Life membership pin she received is in the shape of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ. A leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.

PW CIRCLES meet September through May. All women are encouraged to join a Presbyterian Women Circle. Bible studies and topics of interest are shared, and service projects are done throughout the year. Please contact a Circle leader or PW Moderator, [Peggy Hornberg](#), if you would like to join a Circle or for additional information.

* **DAUGHTERS OF FAITH** meet weekly on Wednesdays, 3:30pm. Contact [Tracie Northan](#).

* **WOMEN OF WONDER** will meet Monday, October 5, 12:30pm. Contact [Ann Copeland](#).

* **OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** will meet Tuesday, October 6, 10:30am. Contact Bobbie Hankins.

* **EVENING GRACE** will meet Tuesday, October 6, 7pm on Zoom. Contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

* **PEACE SEEKERS** will meet next Tuesday, October 13, 7:30pm. Contact [Jamie Yearwood](#).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



It is with great joy we welcome Selwyn Avenue's new seminary intern, Ashlee Anderson. Ashlee is currently pursuing a dual degree of Divinity and Arts in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte. As an intern, Ashlee will be a member of our program staff and participate in the leadership of worship and Christian Education and Formation. Ashlee is passionate about the church! Her areas of interest are worship, community building and Christian Education and Formation for young adults, children and youth. You will find her to be personable, energetic and compassionate.

As Selwyn's Session and Personnel Committee are planning strategically for our long-term staffing needs, Ashlee has also agreed to join our team as a part-time specialist for Christian Education and Formation in addition to her internship. This means Ashlee will be with us about 20 hours each week. With one installed pastor and a part-time Parish Associate (10 hours/week), Ashlee will offer much needed support to our clergy and program staff through the transition.

Ashlee and husband Michael, have two children, Wesley (3) and Hayes (15 months). She is an ordained elder of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Please offer Ashlee a warm Selwyn welcome.

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- * Covenant Sunday School, each Sunday, 9:30am
- * Selwyn Life Class, first and third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#).
- * Pastor's Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew, 11am Wednesdays
- * Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

BAPTISM CLASSES FOR PARENTS

We are excited Ashlee Anderson will lead our baptism classes this fall. The two week class will be offered from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom on October 6 and 20, then again on November 10 and 17.

Interested parents should RSVP to [Ashlee Anderson](#).



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL is hosted Sundays, 4:30pm on the lawn in front of the Sanctuary. Contact [Nancy Nutter](#) with questions. We invite you to check out our [children's resources](#).



YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Classes are held via Zoom on Sundays, 9:20-10:20am for 8th Graders. Small group events will be held on the front lawn, with masks and social distancing. Rain cancels the event. Margo will send Zoom links via email where applicable. Contact [Margo](#) with any questions.

- Full Youth Group will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays: October 11 and 25. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays will be smaller specific age group gatherings.
- Friday, October 2, All Youth Game Night, 6-9pm, online
- Sunday, October 4, 11th and 12th Grade Dinner, 6:20pm
- Tuesday, October 6, 6th Grade Dinner, 5:30pm, front lawn
- Wednesday, October 14, 7th and 8th Grade Boys Dinner, 6:30pm, front lawn
- Sunday, October 18, 9th and 10th Grade Dinner, 6:20pm, front lawn
- Sunday, October 25, Youth Group Pumpkin Carving, 6:20pm, front lawn



Celebration of our 2019-2020 Confirmation class during Evening Worship.

MISSION

GEP AT SAPC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

When: Beginning October 5, Mondays and Wednesdays each week of the fall semester through December 18, from 7:30am-6pm

Who: 25 Montclair Elementary First through Fifth graders, whose families struggle to secure safe childcare and consistent educational supervision. The children will be accompanied by a GEP site coordinator and 3 instructors each day.

Where: The entire program will be contained in the upstairs fellowship hall and front lawn. Carpooling will take place in the large parking lot away from the CDC entrance. The side door off this parking lot will be the only door accessed by the program to enter and exit the building.

Will the children be sharing space or in contact with Selwyn Church or CDC? No. GEP will be hosted in the fellowship hall, and they will not be sharing indoor or outdoor spaces with the CDC. GEP will use the front lawn for outdoor activities, and the large parking lot entrance.

What if a GEP child gets sick during the day? In keeping with COVID-19 standards set by CMS and the NCCD, temperatures and symptoms will be monitored throughout the day. The GEP program will follow the same high standards and safety protocol maintained by the CDC. If a child were to present symptoms or a fever for any reason, they will be isolated in a separate space with instructors until a parent picks them up.

What about COVID-19 precautions? GEP's entire staff follows the standards and training offered by the NC state licensing board. These are the same standards the CDC is held to. These standards include all child protection training and extend to the latest recommendations for COVID-19, including masks, social distancing, PPE, pre-screening, frequent cleaning, etc.

What if a student or instructor tests positive for COVID-19? The GEP program adheres to the same strict standards set by NCDHHS and/or CMS. GEP will postpone/close in-person gatherings as necessary or required for safety of all, until it is safe to resume. They will continue to offer online enrichment in the interim.

GEP encourages community partners and tutors to engage the children, will other guests be onsite? No. For now due to COVID-19, outside support will be extremely limited, and only virtual. As soon as it is safe and allowed, we will alert you to onsite volunteer opportunities.

How can I support GEP and Montclair? There are many ways! Donate individually wrapped snacks for the kids, purchase grocery items for our food pantry, help with food pantry distribution, consider becoming a tutor (see [website](#) for details), donate a grocery store gift card, pray for these children, their families and the staff at Montclair, or you can contribute to the mission of Selwyn Avenue by texting your gift to 704-734-9818.



IT'S TIME TO RE-LINK IT'S TIME TO RE-LINK your Harris-Teeter VIC card to Selwyn's Child Development Center (#3074) and Montclair Elementary (#1729). Your support is appreciated.

SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

- We are resuming the Food First Sundays! Beginning Sunday, October 4, please bring your grocery donations to help us restock the food pantry for Montclair Elementary School. October requests are for canned meats, peanut butter, and individually wrapped snack items. No glass items please. The blue bags are on the Welcome Center porch. Please return your food donations to the Welcome Center porch bin anytime October 4 or bring items as you come to the 5pm Outdoor Worship Service. In November we will seek donations of canned fruits and vegetables. Thank you for helping feed Montclair Elementary School children and families in need.

- We will resume making 300 lunches for Roof Above in October. Upcoming dates and a sign up genius link will be available soon. In the meantime, check out Roof Above's their [website](#).

- We will participate in framing a Habitat for Humanity Build on Saturday, November 14. Limited spots are available for safety and you must be 16 years of age or older to work on the jobsite. A maximum of eight volunteers can work shifts split in the morning and afternoon, for a total of 16 volunteers. Work will be outdoors, with masks and hand sanitizing. Please check your calendars and contact [Dick Metzler](#) or 704-488-8362 if interested.

- Montclair students are in danger of falling behind. You can help as a virtual tutor with one of our tutoring partners - Augustine Literacy Project, Read Charlotte, and Heart Math Tutoring. For details, please choose "Tutoring" on the [volunteer](#) page of our website.



WORSHIP

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JESUS
says

SUNDAYS

10:30am * Morning Worship * Facebook Live
5pm * Evening Worship * Front Lawn

In this disorienting season of social distance and disconnect, many voices we hear are confusing and divisive. Jesus was a man of few words, but when he spoke lives were changed. Sometimes challenging, sometimes comforting, and always transformative; the words of Jesus Christ are words to live by.

Join us each week, virtually at 10:30am or in person for evening worship at 5pm.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

will be observed
October 4 during
the 10:30am online service. Every household is
encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your
home. A table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.

Communion will be observed at the 5pm
outdoor service with the elements provided.



EVENING OUTDOOR WORSHIP



Prayer Ribbons

Sundays at 5pm
on the front
lawn.

Please bring a
blanket/picnic
chairs.

Masks and social distancing will be required.
Rain cancels the service.



Listen to sermons, children's Chapels, community discussion, and more. We have an exciting line-up of Podcasts this season and hope you will join us virtually as we cover everything from Baptism and Belonging to Marriage to Topics of Unity.

[Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Keller Bentley
Davis Hahn
Hadley Smith | 2 Mary Watterson Arnheim
Kimber Arrington
Nancy Cooke
Bettye Sue Newsom | 15 Melanie Vise | 28 Campbell Burbank | 31 Braxton McLennan
Sarah Ollek
Alyssa Sharpe
Grace Walton
Miller Walton |
| 2 Burt Arrington
Caroline Green | 9 Rebecca Cann
Emily Kincade
Morgan Liles
Anne McMackin | 16 Luke Martin
Mary Reynolds | 29 Nathan Phifer | |
| 3 Karen Price
Stuart Thomas | 12 Matthew Darsey
Kurt Parbst | 17 Cooper Cumbus | 30 Henry Parbst
Tyler Smith | |
| 5 Mary Carver Deal
Ben Ellis
Johnny Vera
Mary Ward
Anna Warner
Jamie Yearwood | 13 Stevanna Baskerville
Karen Edinger
Brian Ward | 18 Katie Horton | | |
| 6 Jim Cooper
Alissa Green
Jordan Tallent | 14 Pete Halstead
Milly Marth
Aaron Roper
Joe Rossi | 19 Jackson Burbank | | |
| 7 Allison Malloy
Ann Royal McLennan
Kristen Tan
Frances Walker | | 21 Grant Armistead
Patrick Madigan | | |
| | | 22 Ellen Harris
Rick Kobal | | |
| | | 23 Matt Claxton | | |
| | | 24 Jay Sedam | | |
| | | 25 Heather Oberg
Sarah Salton | | |
| | | 26 Lori Raible | | |
| | | 27 Simon Cann
Maren Deal | | |

