



October 2019

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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from Lori



## face TO face



from Rush

As Selwyn approaches our season of stewardship for 2020, this is an exciting season for our congregation. Rush, how has your faith been challenged or deepened by the discipline of stewardship?

Serving a congregation like ours is humbling, because Selwyn's entire operation and mission are sustained by our members' faithful generosity. Psalm 100 helps, but honestly money is a subject many struggle to talk about. Maybe we forget to approach our relationship with money through a lens of faithfulness. Between bills, childcare, mortgage, savings, and living expenses financial decisions can be stressful!

When Rob and I were just married, our biggest leap was a commitment to regular giving, even though it was less than 10%. The discipline of stewardship can certainly transform our relationships with money from one of scarcity to one of abundance. With practice, stewardship becomes joyful and life-giving over time.

Our togetherness makes all the difference! Pledging also affirms this journey toward the exciting places God is calling our church. In 2020, Selwyn will need to sustain the vision launched by the Roots and Wings campaign. Selwyn said YES to more robust relationships with Montclair Elementary School. Our staff has been cultivating rich soil to root and sustain our children and youth programs. Selwyn's renovated spaces will invite our community back into dynamic study and meaningful fellowship.

Most folks are drawn to Selwyn's intergenerational hospitality with the hope to authentically belong. Yet, as members completed their gifts to the Roots and Wings Fund and buildings were renovated, we were less focused on our lives together. Selwyn has worked hard and been patient. Hopefully we have experienced a deep satisfaction for having given generously, because now is the time to consider investing faithfully in our lives together.

Knowing Christ, means knowing one another, face to face. To meet Christ, is to meet our neighbors face to face. It is a blessing to walk amongst the community of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.

All of my life I have been nurtured and challenged by generous people—family members, Sunday School teachers, children, youth advisors, professors, church officers, colleagues, members from all walks of life, and mission servants. It is truly a blessing to have resources to give, and a multiplying joy to give alongside others. Psalm 100 reminds us we are not self-made people, "it is God who has made us, and not we ourselves."

The Bible clearly teaches the standard of tithing (10% of one's harvest or income) as one means of being faithful to the love of God and the mission of the Church. That seems like a high standard in our time, but interestingly, people with less income tend to tithe more than people with more. Comfort is a temptation to withhold and turn inward, away from the pain of neighbor and the One who in Christ, gave us everything. Jesus said more about money than anything else, because money is a powerful influence for good and for grace.

In many instances 10% is not considered much effort. We ordinarily tip 15% or 20% in restaurants. A person in love would not say, "I am 10% excited about you, let's spend 10% of our time together next weekend." A business whose staff exerts only 10% of their responsibilities would fail. A parent who cares for a child 10% of the time would be guilty of neglect. A tithe is a good and clear way to keep the blessings of God in the forefront and a discipline of being thankful and responsible, together!

Faith is not private—it is nurtured, expressed, and exercised with others. But faith is indeed personal—as an old spiritual put it, "Nobody else can walk it for you." You have a calling from God and a mission in God's name, which will be missed if you do not offer it.

For the past 78 years God has provided for the mission and worship, the study and dear fellowship, which is Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. Congratulations upon being part of this wondrous community of faith, hope, and love!



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



## We welcome

Mason James Loder  
son of Whitney and Nick Loder,  
grandson of Hiram and Joyce Greene  
born on September 28, 2019



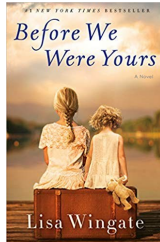
## We welcome

Perry Jane Liles  
daughter of Morgan and Welch Liles,  
born on September 24, 2019

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet at 6:30pm  
on October 15 at Sir Edmond Halley's.

This month's selection is  
Before We Were Yours  
by Lisa Wingate.

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



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be  
in the Bates House  
on October 20 after worship.

Contact Anne Rutherford, 704-341-7585.

## 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  
Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard  
Southminster - Art Jones, Bobbye Linn  
The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,  
Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith  
Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

## Births

Beckett Reid Cooper, grandson of  
Marsha Cooper, on September 20, 2019

## Deaths

John W. Cook Jr, brother-in-law of  
Marsha Cooper on August 31, 2019  
Elizabeth Adams, mother of Barbara Hall, on  
September 23, 2019

## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, FROM 5-6:30PM

The Child Development Center and the Selwyn Youth will host a Fall Festival  
on the playgrounds. There will be food, games, crafts and treats.  
All ages of people are invited! Bring friends!



## Welcome Center and Chapel Area

- Painting is almost complete.
- Installation of the floors is underway.
- Installation of the new light fixtures is almost complete.

Hallway ceilings have been demoed  
in preparation for Phase Three work.



Phase  
Two

## 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 any  
questions to Metrolina AA Intergroup,



## CDC BOOK FAIR BEGINS OCTOBER 28

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held October 28 through November 1  
in the CDC breezeway. Please stop by and see all the wonderful  
selections and remember books make great Christmas gifts! Purchases  
can be made by check or credit card. All proceeds go towards new books and educational  
supplies for our classrooms. You will also be able to shop online (link) beginning  
October 28. <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/selwynavepresch>

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Names of church members and relatives of members who died during the past year  
(since All Saints Sunday 2018) 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.

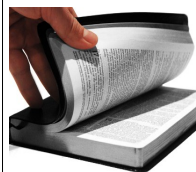


Rally Day



**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 new speed bump to remind drivers to exit carefully and slowly. Please do not enter from Glendale and drive up the hill.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS

#### EARTH, AIR, FIRE AND WATER -

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

The study continues through October 27, 4-5:30pm in the Grace Room.

#### EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Sunday) - Mary Bowman

The New Testament journey continues through October 13, 5-6pm, in the Bates House back room.

#### MORNING BIBLE STUDY (Wednesday) - Rush Otey

The study continues at 11am in the Nell Bates House through November 13. All are welcome. The study for this term is on the letters to the Galatians and the Ephesians.

#### 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 October 21, 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.

**THE MEN'S GROUP** meets every other Friday at 7am in the Bates House for fellowship and thematic study. The next meeting is October 11. All men are invited to join.

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

### HONORING MARY BOWMAN

As you know, Mary Bowman's final Sunday at SAPC will be October 20. On this day, we hope to honor Mary's ministry with us over the last decade in both worship and fellowship.

This is also the Sunday we will celebrate and dedicate our 2020 commitments of stewardship. Please join us after worship for an all-church potluck luncheon to celebrate Mary's profound impact on Selwyn Avenue, and the many new ways God is at work in our congregation.

#### Children's Sunday School, 9:30am:

- October 6, Shaving Cream and Sand Prayers!

Preschoolers through transitional kindergarteners meet in the downstairs classrooms; kindergarteners through 2nd graders meet in the Bowman building classroom at the end of the hall; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the Bowman building, second classroom on the right.



#### Children's Worship, 10:30am

Children are invited to participate immediately following the Message with Young Disciples. We recess to the Fellowship Hall as children issue a call to worship, hear scripture, engage in a children's sermon, sing a hymn, and pray. They return to the sanctuary at the Doxology.

- Interested in serving on our Children's Ministry Teams - Worship, Education, Mission, Fellowship or Music? Email [Kim](#) or call 704-572-0718.
- Interested in serving on Worship Leadership with your children by serving as ushers during worship? Please sign up [here](#).

*In Christ's promises, Kim*

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Grounded in scripture and the tenets of reformed theology, each class provides high quality studies, robust conversations, and practical application. With three adult classes, 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 October 13- How to Have Conversations That Matter.
- October 20 - November 17 - Dismantling Racism (6 weeks). Learners are asked to commit to at least three of the five classes.

Faith Lab (CDC Science Room)- Milestones, Traditions, and Change. Guided conversations for those who are walking the same path.

- Making Sense of Financial Giving (Tools and Tips): October 13 and 20
- How to Read the Bible with your Child: November 3, 17 and 24
- Letting Go (Things, Stuff, and Clutter): November 10



## 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)

### SELWYN HABITAT DAY, OCTOBER 5

Sign up to help put up siding, and register your child for Camp Habitat:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ABA723A20-selwyn6>.

Sixteen years old and older can help with  
construction. There are several  
volunteer slots at the Pineville ReStore as well.



Help stock the Montclair Elementary Food Pantry by picking up a cloth  
food bag after worship on "Food First Sundays". October 6 is the next  
"Food First Sunday".



### 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 using the following link: <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/active-accounts/> To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. Presbyterian Church USA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA

## WORSHIP



**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED** on October 6, World Communion Sunday, 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 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



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ann Copeland for receiving the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership during worship on Sunday, September 22. Ann has a long history of service to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church and has held various leadership positions.

**OCTOBER PROJECT SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S SHELTER** Homeless women and children stay at the Shelter. Items needed include personal sizes of toiletries, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and diapers of various sizes.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Keller Bentley Davis Hahn Hadley Smith	8 Mary Watterson Arnheim Kimber Arrington Nancy Cooke Bettye Sue Newsom	16 Luke Martin Mary Reynolds	29 Nathan Phifer	31 Braxton McLennan Sarah Ollek Alyssa Sharpe Grace Walton Miller Walton
2 Burt Arrington Caroline Green	9 Rebecca Cann Emily Kincade Anne McMackin	17 Cooper Cumbus	30 Henry Parbst Tyler Smith	
3 Karen Price Stuart Thomas		18 Katie Horton		
5 Mary Carver Deal Ben Ellis Johnny Vera Mary Ward Anna Warner Jamie Yearwood	10 Ashley Armistead Bea McLellan Heather Risko	19 Jackson Burbank		
6 Jim Cooper Alissa Green Jordan Tallent	11 Joy Vickers	21 Grant Armistead Patrick Madigan		
7 Allison Malloy Ann Royal McLennan Kristen Tan Frances Walker	12 Matthew Darsey Kurt Parbst	22 Ellen Harris Rick Kobal		
	13 Stevanna Baskerville Karen Edinger	23 Matt Claxton		
	14 Pete Halstead Aaron Roper Joe Rossi	24 Jay Sedam		
	15 Melanie Vise	25 Heather Oberg Sarah Salton		
		26 Lori Raible		
		27 Simon Cann Maren Deal		
		28 Campbell Burbank		



## CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1  
10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)  
7:00 PW Circle 4 (Malyn Pratt's)  
7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)

Wednesday, October 2  
11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)  
11:00 Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study (BHB)  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, October 4  
6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)

Saturday, October 5  
Habitat Day and Camp Habitat

Sunday, October 6  
9:00 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Faith Lab - Parents  
of Kindergarteners (SR)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
10:15 Called Session Meeting (FH)  
10:30 Worship with Communion (S)  
11:30 Congregational Meeting (S)  
4:00 Genesis Study (GR)  
5:00 Sunday Evening Bible  
Study (BHB)  
5:30 Youth Group (FH)  
6:30 Salt Shakers

Monday, October 7  
11:30 PW Circle 1  
12:00 AA Meeting (BH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)  
7:00 Planning Meeting

Tuesday, October 8  
6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)

Wednesday, October 9  
11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)  
11:00 Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study (BHB)  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, October 11  
7:00 Men's Group (BH)

Saturday, October 12  
High School Retreat

Sunday, October 13  
High School Retreat  
9:00 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Faith Lab - Financial Giving (SR)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:00 Genesis Study (GR)  
5:00 Sunday Evening  
Bible Study (BHB)

Monday, October 14  
12:00 AA Meeting (BH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Tuesday, October 15  
6:30 SAPC Book Club  
(Sir Edmond Halley's)

Wednesday, October 16  
11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)  
11:00 Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study (BHB)  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Thursday, October 17  
7:00 Faith Lab - 6th graders (FH)

Saturday, October 19  
6:30 Just Friends (tbd)

Sunday, October 20  
9:00 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Faith Lab - Financial Giving (SR)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
10:30 Dedication Sunday Worship (S)  
11:30 Dedication Sunday Potluck  
Luncheon (FH)  
11:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry (BH)  
4:00 Genesis Study (GR)  
5:30 Youth Group (FH)

Monday, October 21  
12:00 AA Meeting (BH)  
6:30 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)  
7:00 Daughters of Faith (Pifer's)

Tuesday, October 22  
6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)

Wednesday, October 23  
11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)  
11:00 Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study (BHB)  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Thursday, October 24  
5:00 Fall Festival (Playground)

Friday, October 26  
7:00 Men's Group (BH)

Sunday, October 27  
9:00 Chancel Choir (S)  
9:30 Sunday School for All  
10:30 Worship (S)  
11:30 Session Meeting (FH)  
4:00 Genesis Study (GR)  
5:30 Youth Group (FH)

Monday, October 28  
9:00 Spire Deadline  
12:00 AA Meeting (BH)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (FH)

Tuesday, October 29  
12:00 Presbytery Meeting (Hopewell)

Wednesday, October 30  
11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)  
11:00 Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study (BHB)  
6:15 Handbells (B)  
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Church Office  
Hours 9am-5pm Mon.-Thurs.,  
9am-1pm Fri.

(BH) - Bates House  
(BHP) - Bates House Parlor  
(BHB) - Bates House Back Room  
(B) - Bowman Building  
(FH) - Fellowship Hall  
(GR) - Grace Room  
(S) - Sanctuary  
(SH) - Scout Hut  
(SR) - Science Room



# YOUTH NEWS



The Youth started the school year with a bang during Rally Day, including breakfast for the 20 members of the Confirmation Class of 2020. A new format for their Sunday evening gatherings has Middle and High school youth eating dinner and hearing the homily together. After lighthearted games and announcements, they break into grade-level groups to discuss the homily. October brings the HS Fall Retreat to Asheville, followed by the MS Fall Retreat in November to Folly Beach!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
October 4	Game Night	Bates House	6-10pm
October 7	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall	5:30-7pm
October 12-13	HS Retreat	Asheville	
October 20	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall	5:30-7pm
October 27	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall	5:30-7pm

## SAPC STAFF

Rush Otey, <i>Pastor</i>	Marsha Cooper, <i>Church Administrator</i>
Lori Raible, <i>Pastor</i>	Lawson Caldwell, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Mary Bowman, <i>Associate Pastor for Mission</i>	Tonya Moore, <i>Church Accountant</i>
Lisa McLennan, <i>Parish Associate</i>	Reba Hardaway, <i>Accounting Administrative Assistant</i>
Kim Lee, <i>Director of Children's and Family Ministries</i>	Jessica Masanotti, <i>Communications Specialist</i>
Jay Masanotti, <i>Youth Director</i>	Steve Stevenson, <i>Facilities Coordinator</i>
Fred Spano, <i>Director of Music</i>	Beth Sharpe, <i>Director of Child Development Center</i>
Gay Pappin, <i>Organist</i>	

## GROUP CHAIRS

<i>Administration</i> - Matt Baskerville
<i>Child Development Center</i> - Jamie Yearwood
<i>Christian Education and Formation</i> - Erin Mills
<i>Congregational Life</i> - Emily Battle
<i>Mission</i> - Ashley Armistead/Meg Dewey/Allison Tibe
<i>Worship</i> - Pam Brownlee

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