



September 2020

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends and Members of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, on behalf of the session and personnel group of our congregation, I am pleased to welcome Nancy Nutter, as Selwyn's new Director of Education for Children and their Families. Nancy is an

experienced certified Christian Educator, committed to the nurture and Christian formation of children. After months of conducting a competitive search, the committee appointed by the session were unanimous in their selection. Nancy's passion and joy for the nurturing and creative teaching children is balanced with hands on experience and a commitment to preparedness and safety. Although Nancy's position is part-time, her dynamic personality is disarming and heart-warming 24/7!

I look forward to welcoming her amongst our staff as a partner and friend in ministry. While we are challenged by the parameters of social distancing, I invite you to join me in her welcome by reaching out to her in creative and authentic ways, sharing an abundance of the Selwyn Spirit.

Although Nancy's first day at Selwyn will be September 8th, she will join us for worship on the lawn, August 30th at 7:30pm. Bring a chair, a mask, and a warm hello!

In the Hope and Promises,



"We are so fortunate to have found Nancy! Nancy has the experience, knowledge, creativity and heart to lead Selwyn's children and their families. There is no doubt that she will instill energy and joy into the programming to make it fun for all! Nancy is enthusiastic about her new role, and we are very excited to welcome Nancy to the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian family."

Janice Finein- Elder, Children's Council Chair, Parent, Search Committee



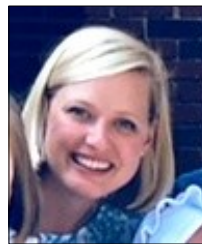
Nancy's enthusiasm for children's programming is contagious; she comes to us with both rich experience and fresh ideas for how to engage our children in worship, music, mission, and Christian education. The children (and adults) are in for a treat when they meet Nancy!

Ellen Harris- Elder, choir member, Parent, Search Committee



We are excited to welcome and introduce Nancy to our congregation. Her experience and love for both children and teaching will bring a renewed excitement to our children's ministry.

Bailey King- Elder, Chair of Personnel, Parent, Search Committee



"I am so thrilled that Nancy came to serve at Selwyn. Her quick wit and warmth puts you at ease, coupled with her years of experience and energy for children make her perfect for our Children's Director role. I am looking forward to serving our children and families with Nancy's leadership!"

Catherine Miller- Peace Circle Leader, Elder, Parent, Search Committee



"Nancy Nutter will bring her warm personality, love for Christian Education, deep knowledge to the children and families of Selwyn."

Suzanne Newsom- Elder, choir member, Worship Group Moderator, Search Committee

## SAPC STAFF

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Margo Richardson, *Director for Youth/Young Adults*

Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children's/Family Ministries*

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* - Lou Waple

*Child Development Center* - Clark Walton

*Christian Education & Formation*- Erin Mills/Allison Tibe

*Congregational Life* - Emily Battle/Deni Pifer

*Mission* - Susan Flynn

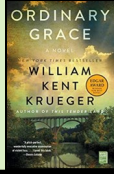
*Worship* - Suzanne Newsom

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, September 15 from 7-9pm, on Zoom.

This month's selection is Ordinary Grace by Kent Kreuger.

Questions contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



## WORKING TO STAY CONNECTED

If you are a Selwyn member and not receiving our weekly email, please email [Marsha Cooper](#).

With parent permission, we would also like to add email addresses of the Middle and High School youth. Thank you!



**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.



## In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler  
 Asbury Health Center - Dottie Metzler  
 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 - Art Jones, Bobby Linn  
 The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith  
 Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

## Wedding

Earl Oberbauer and Pam Verrone on August 22, 2020

# MISSION



Due to COVID concerns, Selwyn will not have a Habitat workday this fall.

In lieu of volunteering, we are invited to sign a 2x4 stud to be included in a Habitat house. If you go by the church between now and September 12, look for the 2x4 outside the Welcome Center entrance and sign your name and good wishes to the homeowner, Thesh Tesfay.

We continue to focus on immediate needs for Roof Above. Their requests change daily and are updated on their website. If interested, please order from their Amazon list and ship directly to them.



**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.

## HELP A CHILD FROM HOME

Montclair students are in danger of falling behind, you can help as a virtual tutor. Our tutoring partners - Augustine Literacy Project, Read Charlotte, and Heart Math Tutoring are seeking virtual tutors. For details, go to "Tutoring" on our [volunteer](#) page on Selwyn's website.

- Augustine Literacy Project - Tutors work one-to-one to help low income children who are struggling to read. Participate in a Virtual Information Session. Talk with a Selwyn member who has served: Nancy Bobbitt, Beth Carter, Eleanor Hahn, Eleanor Moore, Malyn Pratt, and Allison Tibe. Or contact [Helen Hope Kimbrough](#) to learn more.
- HELPS from Read Charlotte will offer virtual tutoring aimed at improving reading fluency and comprehension. Virtual training sessions will be offered. Talk with a SAPC member who has served: Ellen Harris, Karey Tom, Rebecca Cooper, Katie Cumbus, Betsy Hamburger, or Courtney McLellan.
- Heart Math is piloting a virtual tutoring program. Visit [www.hearttutoring.org/become-a-volunteer](http://www.hearttutoring.org/become-a-volunteer) for updates. Learn more by talking with Heart tutors: Robert Vise, Lisa Halstead, or Olen Smith or contact [Sarah Cover](#).
- GEP: During the last school year GEP (Greater Enrichment Program) had a successful, though shortened, After-School Program at Montclair. Stay tuned for plans about this year.
- You may contribute funds via our website online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclair families.

## WORSHIP

Join us for Our Drive-Through

### Blessing of the Backpacks

**SUNDAY**  
*August 30*  
**12-1PM**



Cars should enter large parking lot & loop around.

Bring your backpack, laptop, tablet or school item to be blessed.

NOTE: BRING BAGS OF RICE/BEANS TO HELP STOCK THE MONTCLAIRE PANTRY.

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**JESUS**  
*says*



**SUNDAYS**

10:30am • Morning Worship • Facebook Live  
7:30pm • 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 7:30pm.



Listen to sermons, children's Chapels, community discussion, and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).



**COMMUNION** will be observed August 30 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 7:30pm outdoor service with the elements provided.



First Outdoor Service was held on August 23.

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sundays at 7:30pm on the front lawn.

Please bring a blanket/picnic chairs.

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

Please note we will not have evening worship on September 6 and will resume September 13.

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL online

Chapel is hosted live on Thursdays, 9:30am on the SAPC Facebook page.

Join us for songs, prayer, crafts, And creative Bible stories.

We invite you to check out our [children's resources](#).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

### ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES

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

\* Selwyn Life Class, First and Third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#).

\* Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**PW CIRCLES** usually meet monthly, September through May. Please contact your Circle leader for additional information.

\* **OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** will meet Tuesday, September 1, 10:30am. Contact Bobbie Hankins.

\* **EVENING GRACE** will meet Tuesday, September 1, 7pm on Zoom. Contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

\* **PEACE SEEKERS** will meet Tuesday, September 8, 7:15pm on Zoom. Contact [Catherine Miller](#).

\* **WOMEN OF WONDER** will meet Monday, September 14, 12:30pm. Contact [Ann Copeland](#).

\* **DAUGHTERS OF FAITH** will meet weekly on Wednesdays, 11am. Contact [Tracie Northan](#).



# YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Classes will be held via Zoom on Sundays, starting September 13, 9:20-10:20am for 8th Graders. Interested, please contact [Margo](#) no later than September 6.

Small group events will be held on the front lawn. All gatherings will be held on the lawn with masks and social distancing. Rain cancels the event. Margo will send Zoom links via email and post to Instagram where applicable. Contact [Margo](#) to register or with any questions.

- Youth Group Kick-Off, August 30, 6:20pm, front lawn. Full Youth Group will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays will be smaller specific age group gatherings. Margo is sending the schedule via email.
- Friday, September 4, All Youth Game Night, 6-9pm, online
- Sunday, September 13, Confirmation Class, 9:20am, via Zoom
- Sunday, September 13, Youth Group, 6:20-7:20pm, front lawn
- Sunday, September 20, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Dinner, 6:20-7:20pm, front lawn
- Thursday, September 24, All 6th Grade Dinner, 6:30-7:30pm, front lawn
- Sunday, September 27, Youth Group, 6:20-7:20pm, front lawn

6th Grade/Middle School Picnic and Tie Dye Party, August 6, on the front lawn.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Josh Canter  
Hank Hankins  
Clark Walton
- 2 Toby Arnheim
- 3 John Simmons  
William Trogon
- 5 Suzanne Phillips
- 6 Christian Pineno  
William Rossi
- 7 Mattie Coble  
Karey Tom
- 9 Sally Shoaf
- 10 Courtney McLellan  
Vicky Windell
- 11 Lori Burbank  
Julia White  
Kelly Wolf

- 12 Darren Price  
Matt Roper
- 13 Rae DePhillips  
Sara Howard  
Kelley Schoeneck
- 14 Lara Nauman  
Melanie Spencer
- 15 Allison Warner
- 17 Davis Long  
Harry Schoeneck  
Frank Spencer
- 18 David Caldwell  
Theo Jeffries
- 19 Peaches Deal  
Anne Harris  
Lindsey Price



- 21 Ollie Astroth  
Andrea Barkley  
Jonah Cameron  
Janice Finein  
Andy Sontag  
Nicolas Vera  
Jason Young
- 22 Christy Horne  
Jess Masanotti  
Lucy Stark
- 23 Ellen Byrum  
Richard Guinan  
Laura Widmer
- 24 Tara Cameron  
Perry Liles  
Robert Walker

- 25 Eliza Cann  
Beth Carter  
Todd Franklin
- 26 Addie Bahr  
Emma Grace Coble  
Miles Marth  
Marshall Pifer
- 27 Chris Adams  
Kim Claxton  
Sebastian Hackman  
Michael Oberg
- 28 Lily Hart  
Rob Raible  
Andrew Winkenwerder
- 30 Doug Childs  
Kristen Sedam