



Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church Annual Congregational Report for 2025



2025 BIRTHS

Child

Jones Robinson Houston
Elaine Betsey Potter
Anderson Lane Elliott
Martha Jane Stein
Trula Victoria Palmer
Alexander Theodore Tucker Zimmer V
Oslo Theodore Wadensten
Abigail Jane Holt
Anne Chaires Cronmiller
Millie Kathryn Cook
Vivian Mathews Correll
Leighton Smith Horton
Elliot Douglas Robideaux Miller
Robert Moore Prowse
James Wayland Lynn
Anna Jo Ferraioli
Collins Ruth Muldrow
Wells Matthew Turner
Barrett William Baker
Emmett Wallace Pettiglio
Kensington Brooks Campion

Birth Date

January 27, 2025
February 3, 2025
February 28, 2025
March 8, 2025
March 14, 2025
April 3, 2025
April 10, 2025
April 18, 2024
April 21, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 1, 2025
June 25, 2025
July 5, 2025
August 7, 2025
August 26, 2025
October 12, 2025
October 15, 2025
October 21, 2025
November 14, 2025
November 14, 2025
December 9, 2025

Parents

Zach and Maggie Houston
Philip and Michelle Potter
Matt Elliott and Jackie Rich
Max and Caroline Stein
Tim and Sarah Palmer
Ted and Janette Zimmer
Sven and Rebecca Cann Wadensten
Claire Kane and Alex Holt
Matthew and Anna Cronmiller
Megan Lavery and Ryan Cook
Curtis and Rebekah Correll
Brantley and Madison Horton
Chris and Erin Miller
Michael and Logan Prowse
Cody and Lauren Lynn
Ryan and Katie Ferraioli
Cam and Lindsay Muldrow
Matt and Taylor Turner
Josh and Heather Baker
Chris and Madeline Pettiglio
Andrew and Briana Campion

2025 CHILD/INFANT BAPTISMS

Child

Elias Stephen Fraga
Bruce Bennett Brown
Grey David Barbee
Jones Robinson Houston
Anne Clayton Chandler
Annie Elizabeth Gualtieri
James Riley Harner
Vivian Mathews Correll
Charles Loy Harrison III
Martha Jane Stein
Millie Kathryn Cook
Trula Victoria Palmer
Jack Thomas McClane
Alexander Theodore Tucker Zimmer V
Rosie Elizabeth Mitcham
Anne Chaires Cronmiller
Anderson Lane Elliott
Luke Austin Hamilton
Abigail Jane Holt
Oslo Theodore Wadensten

Date

February 2, 2025
February 16, 2025
March 23, 2025
June 1, 2025
June 15, 2025
June 22, 2025
June 29, 2025
July 20, 2025
August 10, 2025
August 17, 2025
September 14, 2025
September 21, 2025
October 12, 2025
October 26, 2025
November 9, 2025
November 16, 2025
November 23, 2025
November 23, 2025
December 7, 2025
December 28, 2025

Parents

Steve and Margo Fraga
Rob and Brittany Brown
Brad and Becky Barbee
Zach and Maggie Houston
Clinton and Grace Chandler
Dan and Katie Gualtieri
Zach and Mary Peyton Harner
Curtis and Rebekah Correll
D.J. and Emily Harrison
Max and Caroline Stein
Ryan Cook and Megan Lavery
Tim and Sarah Palmer
Thomas and Cameron McClane
Ted and Janette Zimmer
Megan Mitcham
Matt and Anna Cronmiller
Matt Elliott and Jackie Rich
Katie and Calvin Hamilton
Alex Holt and Claire Kane
Sven and Rebecca Cann Wadensten

2025 YOUTH BAPTISMS

Amelia Sauda
Owen Sauda

Date

April 6, 2025
April 6, 2025

Parents

Evan and Jenny Sauda
Evan and Jenny Sauda

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Flanagan Pressley	January 27, 2025	
Elizabeth Jule Gansser Krakowski	March 25, 2025	
Robert Tillman Shore	May 27, 2025	Elder
Dick Ridley	June 15, 2025	
Laura Jane Hankins	August 12, 2025	
Thomas Lake Elrod	August 13, 2025	Elder
Betty Olmstead	September 15, 2025	
Robert Howard Hornberg, Sr.	September 30, 2025	Elder
Lucile Owen Cole	October 8, 2025	
James Henry Glen, Jr.	December 23, 2025	Elder

2025 NEW MEMBERS

A.T. Castillo
Clinton and Grace Chandler
Eileen Chiantella
Ryan Cook and Megan Lavery
Ryan and Katie Ferraioli
Katie and Calvin Hamilton
D.J. and Emily Harrison
Alexander Holt and Claire Kane
Brantley and Madison Horton
Sam and Barrett Kirk
Megan Mitcham
Tim and Sarah Palmer
Alexandria Pappayliou
Alex and Liz Reynolds
Rich and Katie Roddey
Christian and Crystal Sanchez
Ashley Short

2025 CONFIRMANDS

Norah Bolewitz	Jack Mills
Camille Cumbus	Charlie Pfeifer
Tate DePhillips	Amelia Sauda
Patrick Finein	Owen Sauda
Lucas Halstead	Isabella Vera
Alan Kincade	Cassidy Wolf

Stella Wolf

MEMBERS WHO TRANSFERRED TO OR JOINED ANOTHER CHURCH

Brad Cheek, Trinity Presbyterian, Charlotte, NC
John and Susan Lemmon, Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian, Cary, NC
Brock and Shannon Weston, First Presbyterian Church of Belmont, NC
J.D. and Jamie Yearwood, Pawleys Island Presbyterian, Pawleys Island, SC

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Libby Guinan May 4, 2025

ADMINISTRATION GROUP

Finance and Stewardship

Overall, SAPC experienced a solid financial year. Cash flows were sufficient to cover the 2025 budget, and after accounting for income and expenses, SAPC closed the year with a net deficit of **(\$10,061)**. This result was **\$41,864 favorable** compared to the budgeted deficit of **(\$51,925)**.

- Total giving income goal of **\$976,772**, with actual giving income of **\$951,099** • Pledge commitments of **\$811,272**, with **\$835,767** received in pledged gifts • Non-pledged giving goal of **\$160,000**, with **\$106,713** received • Plate offerings totaling **\$8,618** • Miscellaneous income totaling **\$74,893** • Total income received of **\$1,050,992** • Total expenses of **\$1,061,053**, coming in **\$35,144 under budget**, largely due to lower-than-projected staff expenses

The Quail Hollow campus ended 2025 with a deficit of **(\$51,432)**, which was **\$11,767 unfavorable to budget**, driven primarily by higher property-related expenses.

We continue our lease of the Nell Bates House to Presbyterian Psychological Services providing some additional income.

Endowment

The SAPC Endowment Program remained stable throughout 2025. As of mid-January 2026, the market value of the endowment totaled \$605,595.

Personnel

- Hiring Donette Dixon as Administrative Assistant • Approving clergy compensation adjustments • Supporting maternity leave coverage through an interim staffing plan and a paid internship • Beginning transition planning following the resignation of the church accountant • Continued updates to the employee handbook and ongoing one-on-one staff engagement

Building and Maintenance

- Installation of new boilers at the Selwyn campus, now operational, with final chimney liner work planned for spring 2026 (estimated cost overrun of \$20,000) • Completion of urn and spire work • Addressing wood rot on the sanctuary and parking lot side of the Selwyn building • Planning and repairs for the Quail Hollow parking lot driveway • Continued focus on preventative maintenance and operational efficiency

Planning and North Star

The Planning Committee, in coordination with the North Star process, clarified vision priorities and established measurable goals for the next 12 months. These priorities will guide decision-making, resource allocation, and ministry alignment as SAPC looks ahead to future growth and sustainability.

QUAIL CAMPUS COORDINATING TEAM

In the year since our merger, we have made great progress in our journey toward becoming one church on two campuses. The following is a reminder of what we have accomplished together.

Worship and Faith Formation

- The move to 9am worship was a leap of faith! It was challenging, but we have sustained it. With the most difficult part of that transition behind us, we are now living into a new and steady rhythm together.
- We are strengthening connection and shared leadership across campuses, as Lori is now preaching once a month at Quail and the path is clear for our musicians and others.
- We have seen people from both campuses worshipping at the other location, which has been a meaningful sign of our growing unity.
- "Second Sundays" have been a real blessing. We now have an established pattern, with repeat visitors joining us on other Sundays as well. We are beginning to recognize faces and learn names.
- Fellowship after worship continues to be a win, creating space for hospitality and conversation.
- We have a thriving Children's Choir! Under the leadership of Dareion and Erin, about 10 children gather regularly for practice and participation in worship.
- Celebrating new life together, we have welcomed new members and celebrated a baptism.
- Our Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesday mornings consistently meets on the Quail campus, as a source of connection and intentional opportunity to dive into God's Word.

Stewardship has held steady and remained strong. Your continued generosity and commitment make it possible for ministry to flourish and for us to move forward with confidence. We are still operating at a deficit, but achieving synergies and sharing some resources across our campuses has us running at a reduced deficit as compared to projections. To summarize Quail's 2025 finances:

- Quail Hollow's actual expenses were \$240,313
- 31 households pledged \$117,711
- Non-pledged giving was \$25,778
- Other revenue (i.e. PGA parking, etc.) was \$45,200
- Quail's operational deficit was \$51,431.62

In 2026, Quail Hollow will continue to focus on our priorities of meaningful worship, authentic hospitality, and unity across our two campuses. So far, we celebrate 27 households who have pledged \$110,908 and estimate a similar budget (including the deficit) to 2025.

Administrative Behind the scenes, important integration work continues, including combining databases, payroll systems, and policies so that we can function more fully as one congregation.

Coming in 2026:

- Beginning in Lent, we will pilot a Wednesday night program called CHIRP, centered around the Children's Choir, CHIRP will include a simple dinner and a Bible lesson for children.
- A new website and access to the new database are on their way! More information will be shared as soon as they are ready to launch.

What is less tangible to report are the ways we are seeing genuine and growing connections across campuses through relationships. This is especially visible in shared ministry through our choirs, Presbyterian Women gatherings, and joint mission work such as Habitat builds, RITI, and Montclair food packing and distribution. We've learned that getting involved in something beyond Sunday worship has been one of the most meaningful ways to foster connection.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The mission of the SAPC Child Development Center is to:

1. Provide developmentally appropriate high-quality childcare in a caring Christian environment.
2. Serve church membership and surrounding community children aged six weeks to six years.
3. Strive to develop a partnership with the family by providing parenting educational opportunities and open communication to encourage parent participation in the program.
4. Provide a safe, happy place where all races, genders, creeds, and abilities are recognized, valued, and celebrated
5. Nurture all children committed to our care in a manner reflecting God's love.

Our CDC provides services from 7:30am to 5:45pm Monday through Friday. Beth Sharpe continues as the center's director and Virginia Meadows is the assistant director. The leadership team participates locally in directors' leadership groups and is actively involved in the early childhood community. The CDC holds a five-star rating (the highest rating) through the NC Star Rated Licensing System.

The Selwyn CDC currently has 108 children enrolled in classes from newborn through transitional kindergarten. Fifty five of these children are from 38 families that are also members of SAPC. These families are active and supportive advocates of the CDC.

The CDC employs 27 full-time teachers, three part-time teachers, one full-time cook and 3 part-time teaching staff members. The CDC maintains a lower child-teacher ratio than required by the state (i.e., four children to one teacher in the infant room, rather than the state's five to one ratio). The CDC supports and encourages staff members to continue their education through the NC T.E.A.C.H. program, and we currently have two staff members enrolled.

The CDC continues to implement the Creative Curriculum, which utilizes supportive curriculum solutions for early childhood educators, providing developmentally appropriate learning experiences for the children. As a result, this curriculum supports active learning while promoting children's progress in all developmental areas. Nancy Nutter works closely to provide resources and experiences for the children to learn the Christian faith including chapel. The CDC offers Music with Ms. Robyn Fant, Spanish with Helga Vassallo, and Chapel for Threes to TK at no additional cost. Soccer Shots is available for children, aged two to five, at an additional fee.

The 2025-26 CDC board includes three church elders, a pastor (represented by the Director of Children's and Family Ministries), a minimum of four parent representatives who have children enrolled, and eight members from the congregation or community at-large. From the full group, there must be representation with knowledge in areas of medicine and health issues, legal matters, and child development.

The Center has highly active parent participation in the overall program with committees for staff appreciation, event planning and parent communication. We were able to join together for the Fall Festival, Parent's Night Out, and the Christmas Program with our 3s, 4s and TK classes. We look forward to planning a spaghetti dinner, Spring Fling, and TK graduation in the months ahead. .

The budget for the CDC in 2025 was \$2,018,417. The newly approved budget by the CDC Board and the Session for 2026 is \$2,096,367. The budget for the CDC stands on its own but requires Session approval.

QUAIL HOLLOW PRESCHOOL

Quail Hollow Preschool continues to have a great reputation as the “neighborhood” or “community” preschool in our immediate area. We offer enrichment such as music, MyGym and chapel, and this year we also added Spanish enrichment for our 4 year old program. In the fall of 2025 preschool students sang during an advent service and it was well attended and enjoyed by both preschool parents and church members. 2nd Sundays continue to be a success and as our worship has transitioned to the new time we have adjusted our 2nd Sundays to continue to be a great outreach to our young families. In addition we have engaged alumni preschool families in the start of a Children’s Choir. It has been very successful and is growing as we head into 2026. As a result of 2nd Sundays, we also have had one family join the church and baptize their son. Other families have expressed interest in baptism and membership recently.

The preschool was also heavily involved in supporting the needs of the students in our surrounding schools. Some of the ways we did this was by doing our Raffle Baskets during Advent and a food Drive for Smithfield Elementary. This year the preschool partnered with the Presbyterian Women to use the funds raised from the Raffle baskets to support the benefactor of their Women’s Gathering Proceeds. Both church members and preschool families participated and we raised over \$2,330.00. A portion of that money was sent to Smithfield Elementary to support the school’s growing number of at-risk students with food. The remaining money was combined with the Presbyterian Women’s efforts to support NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness). The preschool also supported our angel tree project and we delivered Christmas to Smithfield for 4 families.

Our staff consists of 21 teachers, an office assistant, a bookkeeper, a shared custodian, and a director. While our enrollment has remained consistent, finding qualified teachers continues to be a challenge. Mr. Poole continues to be a wonderful resource to our program. This year our staff participated in CPR certification and has scheduled an “Active Shooter” training that will take place in January 2026.

Our 4-year-old programming continues to be impacted by a change to the CMS Pre-K program. This in combination with families opting to enroll student into private school for Pre K caused us and many schools to lose 4-year-old students. The TK STEAM program was not as successful in 2024 and enrollment was down. We fulfilled our commitment to the families, but we delayed registration for this program for the 2025 school year until we knew more about enrollment and interest. Once interest was determined it was decided to have the program be offered as an afterschool not managed by the preschool. Any future changes to programming will take into consideration the Selwyn and Quail merger organizationally, and potential changes that may occur.

The 2026-2027 school year enrollment period is underway and we have already had tremendous interest in our program. We are currently conducting in-person tours and accepting registration applications. Tuition will increase by \$5 per day for each class to help cover the increased cost of rising teacher salaries.

We continue to evaluate building and grounds needs and capital improvements alongside merger progress. Areas of concern are constant repair of HVAC units, parking lot surface and striping and the health of large trees on the playground. In an effort to ensure the safety of the children while playing and the long-term health of the trees, the preschool contributed 50% of the cost to have them trimmed and fertilized. Other projects completed in 2025 include playground shed refurbishment and new playground benches to replace broken benches. Both projects were completed by Eagle Scouts at no expense to the preschool. Additionally, the preschool partnered with The Charlotte Woodworkers Association to provide 3 new toddler picnic tables. Quail Hollow Preschool is blessed to have the support of caring parents, wonderful, children, a dedicated staff and a church session representative.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

In 2025, the Christian Education and Formation (CEF) committee developed engaging, intergenerational programming and enhanced educational opportunities for adults, children and youth.

SELWYN CAMPUS

Sunday School: 9:30 Sunday morning classes provided curriculum for ages four through adults.

- ***Faith Forward:*** Our intergenerational class, covered a variety of topics: “Sin and Grace” during Lent; a summer series on the book of Jeremiah; and a regular focus on the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. This class worked to align class with the preaching series in worship that day.
- ***Conversations on Faith:*** The class studied the following books: *Relationship Principals of Jesus* by Tom Holliday; *Our Trespasses* by Greg Jarrell; *Rembrandt is in the Wind* by Russ Ramsey Zondervon; *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*; *The Big Relief* by David Zahl; and *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Ens. During Advent the two classes joined together to study *Calling All Angels*.
- ***Milestone Ministry Class:*** A new class in 2025; this class gathered for three short series focused around parenting and navigating faith and Christian education as a family.

Youth: Youth Sunday was a tremendous event with 4 youth preaching about justice and advocacy, and 4 offering their musical gifts. Guest speakers from FOR: Youth visited twice to discuss mental health content for youth and their parents. SAPC joined Providence Presbyterian to send 23 youth and 15 adults to Appalachia Service Project in Shady Valley, TN. Five youth went to the summer Montreat Youth Conference in July. Youth hosted monthly events for mission and fellowship.

Children: Sunday School for elementary-aged children offered learning through exploratory play in our “stations room” where children built biblical foundations through stories, prayer exploration and crafts. Children also attended milestone classes Worship Readiness 1.0 and 2.0 and How to Use Your Bible. Nursery staff provided safe and loving childcare from 9:15am to 11:45am. Vacation Bible School for preschool was led by Andrea DePhillips. Children also participated in the Christmas pageant.

Wednesday night programming: New in 2025, we offered a series of six Wednesday nights in a row for children and families to gather for programming focused on the Bible, music and art.

Children's Worship: Children attend Children's Worship after the Children's Message for age-appropriate activities, singing and story time. Worship Bags were utilized to encourage engagement during worship.

Men's Groups: Selwyn Campus has two men's groups: Monday Mates and Friday Men's Group. The Friday group meets weekly on Friday mornings. This group is primarily men in a season of mentoring, leadership and legacy, navigating life with older children. The Monday Mates gather on first and third Monday Nights. This group is primarily men navigating the early years of parenting and professional life.

QUAIL CAMPUS:

The Quail Campus is home to our seasonal Pastors bible study, which gathers on Wednesday afternoons. Early in 2025, one adult class gathered for Sunday study. Children met for Sunday School after the Children's Message during worship. After the change in worship time to 9:00, children remained in worship, except on Second Sundays when children's programming for preschool-aged children is offered. In August, Quail hosted 40 children for three days of Vacation Bible School, using the curriculum “True North” where we explored how easy is it to lose sight of what is True in our wild world.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Congregational Life team focused on continuing key events and supporting our members in getting to know one another across both our campuses. This combined Congregational Life and In-Reach group sought ways to come together as one congregation.

The Membership Committee, led by Zach Houston, continued membership Orientation Classes throughout the year. We had 27 new adult members and 13 youth confirmands join on the Selwyn campus and two new adult members on the Quail campus. We continued to follow with members after they joined and intentionally invited all new members from the last year to gather with us for various events.

The Fellowship Committee hosted its annual Spring Picnic, Rally Day, and Christmas luncheon. Each of these events was well-attended— the Spring Picnic and Rally Day were potluck lunches where fried chicken was provided. The Christmas luncheon headed by Lori Burbank, Mary Skibinski, and Michelle Bentley, served traditional items to a packed Fellowship Hall on the Selwyn campus.

Congregational Care, led by Sally Moore, continued to support our members through six Care Teams. The teams provided six funeral receptions and support for bereaved families. Baby blankets, handmade by Sally Moore, were provided along with a meal for new parents (20 provided this year). Helping Hands, led by Elizabeth Stearns set up and provided meal trains for members needing extended care and support. The Prayer Shawl Ministry led by Susan Lohr continued to knit and bless shawls, which are distributed to those undergoing difficult times. The group has approximately seven members, five actively knitting, who share their knitting talents and provided ten shawls this year.

Mike Ferguson and Lorraine Camp, along with seven dedicated church members began a new care ministry, "The Soup Group", by preparing and stocking soup for the freezer. The soup was shared with members in need across both campuses. It was also given as a tangible expression of gratitude to teachers at the Selwyn CDC and Quail Preschool. Through the care and generosity of this new initiative more than 70 individuals were served.

On the Quail Hollow campus, the In-Reach Committee hosted receptions for Allyson Anderson's ordination, a new member family, and several funerals. The committee also cared for shut-ins and families with serious illness or bereavement with meals, cards, phone calls, and visits.

As we look to 2026, we hope to continue to provide church-wide events and intergenerational socials.

MISSION GROUP

Mission Focus

Selwyn's Mission Group is active and thriving in service to our community through three core pillars: **Children in Need, Neighbors Experiencing Hunger, and Unhoused Neighbors**. Volunteer opportunities foster meaningful, multigenerational engagement and strong community partnerships.

Children in Need/Experiencing Hunger

Primary Partner: Montclair Elementary School

Academic Support

- Heart Math: 5 tutors provided 79.5 tutoring hours to 11 students.
- Augustine Literacy Program: 5 tutors met with students twice weekly.
- Bus Stop Buddies (Nov 2025): Selwyn staffed all 8 bus stops morning and afternoon for two weeks, raising attendance from 35% to over 70% during a period of historic absences.

Teacher & Staff Support

- Classroom gifts through Mission Christmas Tree.
- Teacher appreciation breakfasts (May & November) and ongoing treats for 85 staff.
- \$100 Christmas gifts for 10 bus drivers.
- Emergency administrative support during November 2025.

After-School Partnership: Greater Enrichment Program (GEP)

- Free daily after-school care for 60 students.
- Two summer Field Days at the Quail campus.
- \$15,000 financial support from the 2025 Annual Budget.
- Field trips, clubs, special activities, and Christmas gifts for 6 GEP teachers.

Food Security

- Second Harvest Food Bank: \$3,500 donation and 15 volunteers supported a July mobile pantry serving 200 families.
- Ongoing grocery gift card collection and distribution.
- November Emergency Response: Over 100 large food and hygiene bins delivered to homebound families.
- December Holiday Food Drive: Church-funded holiday food distribution hosted at Montclair.

Unhoused Neighbors, Hungry Neighbors & Community Outreach

Room in the Inn (RITI) 17 Mondays (Dec–Mar), serving 8 guests weekly.

- Weekly dinners, overnight hosts, van drivers, and regular volunteers.
- Laundry services fully operational.
- Ongoing challenge: securing dinner volunteers.

Additional Outreach

- Rise Against Hunger: Successful September event.
- Roof Above: Home-setup deliveries for neighbors transitioning to permanent housing.
- Operation Sandwich: 400 people served (800 sandwiches).
- Habitat for Humanity: 4 workdays with 25+ volunteers.
- Appalachia Service Project: One week in June; ~40 youth and adults; scripture-based lessons planned.

WORSHIP GROUP

Members: Catherine Miller (Chair), Rebecca Thompson (Co-Chair), Pam Brownlee, Tracie Northan, David Harris, Julie Harris, Dick Metzler, Suzanne Newsom, Sam Ryburn, Erin Salzlein (Quail Campus) and Staff, Rev. Dr. Lori Raible, and Fred Spano

Worship at SAPC is engaging, thought provoking, and recentering, with an emphasis on living out our faith. Hospitality, especially for first time visitors and new members, is a central focus of worship and there is an emphasis on participation by members of all ages in leading worship. The Worship Committee is responsible for supporting the plans our clergy make for all our worship services and enhancing the experiences of worshipers. This committee directly coordinates the following: ushers, special services support, Communion logistics (including providing gluten-free bread elements), music for worship, and audio-visual technology for services and streaming. The committee also decorates the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter and keeps the sanctuary pew racks supplied. New efforts for 2026 include exploring serving Communion on request to homebound members and helping members better access hearing assistance devices in worship.

After merging with Quail Hollow Presbyterian, our two congregations examined worship practices in both locations. After much consideration, it was decided that we would offer an earlier, blended music service at the Quail Hollow campus. The 9am service is followed by fellowship and education opportunities for worshippers there. Selwyn continues to hold the traditional 10:30am service. These changes were made to offer a variety of worship options for members on both campuses, as well as to best utilize our resources. While we enjoy worship options across our two campuses week to week, we also come together as a church for special combined services. Attendance at worship improved again this year on both campuses. SAPC even added a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 3:30pm, and we hosted over 640 congregants between three services.

The Music Ministries of SAPC consist of two Directors of Music, Fred Spano at SAPC and Dareion Malone at QHPC, organist Gay Pappin, and three paid choral scholars at SAPC. Musicians provide music weekly and guest musicians have facilitated special services such as Rally Day, Jazz Service, Advent, and Easter. Our music program has greatly benefitted from the generous bequeathment of the Dean Ferguson Sacred Music Fund. These funds have enhanced our services with more guest musicians throughout the year. The merged Handbell Choir performs at worship services for both congregations, and choir members presented solos and small ensemble works. Participation by more members is seen as a challenge for the growth of the Chancel Choir. The Children's Choir met during Lent, the Fall, and Advent to present in worship services.

As part of SAPC's 2025 Lenten Preaching series we welcomed guest preachers, Dr. Rich Voelz from Union Presbyterian Seminary and Rev. Greg Jarrell of Charlotte, NC.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women organization within both campuses of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church is comprised of Circles which meet to explore issues of faith and to enjoy fellowship. Women choose which Circle they want to join depending on times of meetings, study material, and common interests. There are seven Circles on the Selwyn campus and two on the Quail Hollow campus. The PW on both campuses have contributed to and are involved in a number of organizations.

The Selwyn campus of PW has contributed to: A Child's Place, Alexander Youth Network, Charlotte Family Housing, Communities in Schools, Crisis Assistance Ministries, Loaves and Fishes, Charlotte Rescue Mission (Dove's Nest). Circles may choose to support these organizations with projects and collections. Members have also reached out to support the Roof Above meals, Montclair School Pantry, Montclair Elementary School and the Christmas Mission Tree.

The teachers of Montclair Elementary were treated by women of the Selwyn campus to a much welcomed breakfast at the end of the school year.

The Quail Hollow campus of PW supported Quail Hollow Middle School teachers with an Appreciation Fund which was targeted for special events for the teachers and staff, as well as collecting funds to help fill classrooms with much needed basic school supplies. They raised funds for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and donated to the PW annual Thanks Offering as well as the Birthday offering. In December they donated funds to NAMI Charlotte.

The women of the Quail Hollow campus gathered after Worship during the summer for lunch and a movie about Fanny Crosby, who was a part of the learning in their book study. They included the women of the Selwyn campus as well.

The women of the Selwyn campus were invited to attend the annual Christmas Gathering put together by the women of the Quail Hollow campus. This memorable event featured Lea Slaton, Executive Director for Wall of Mercy as Special Speaker, and included refreshments, a Silent Auction and a Raffle. All proceeds went to the National Alliance of Mental Illness.

In November the women of both campuses participated in the first Women's Retreat Selwyn has held in 10 years. The Retreat was held at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, SC. Some women participated in the portion of the Retreat that was held on Saturday and some spent the night and worshipped together on Sunday morning. The program was beautifully led by Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito and was entitled "Ruth, Naomi, God and Us; Together on the Journey". It was a wonderful opportunity for the women of both campuses to be together as we are working to blend them.

The 2025 PW Honorary Life Membership for the Selwyn campus was awarded to Libby Guinan on May 4, 2025. This award is conferred upon a woman for recognition of faithful service in the work of Presbyterian Women and Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. Women who receive this award inspire us to go beyond ourselves to serve others. A reception followed which provided a congregational congratulatory social time for our newest honoree.

GROUPS AND COMMITTEES 2025

ADMINISTRATION GROUP

Moderator: Mike DeAmicis

Committees: Communications, Finance and Stewardship, Endowments, Planned Giving, Planning North Star and Thriving Congregations), Personnel, Property and Maintenance, Quail Hollow Coordinating Team

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER GROUP AND QUAIL HOLLOW PRESCHOOL

Moderator: Jeremy Caskey and Martha Rand

Committees: Building and Grounds, Communications, Events, Finance, Personnel, Policy and Program

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION GROUP

Moderator: Todd Muldrew

Committees: Nursery, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Men's Group

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE GROUP

Moderator: Lori Burbank

Committees: Congregational Care, Care Teams, Fellowship, Membership and Hospitality, Small Groups

MISSION GROUP

Moderator: Karey Tom

Committees: Homelessness, Hunger, Children in Need

WORSHIP GROUP

Moderator: Catherine Miller

Committees: Congregational Worship, Sacraments, Music, Host Elders