



THE SELWYN SPIRE

August 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Dear Selwyn Friends,

The demands our culture places on parents today are overwhelming, and after a long week of work, carpool, and laundry, it is a miracle any of us make it to church on Sunday! Honestly, families who wait until Saturday night to decide about Sunday worship, tend to sleep in (including mine)! However, growing young disciples requires as much intention and commitment as any other discipline.

Sometime in August, while you still have a moment to breathe, consider your own spiritual needs and the hopes you carry for your family regarding faith formation. What patterns for worship and faith formation will you establish during the busy-ness of work, learning, and after school activities?

If a household has two parents, sometimes your approaches to faith (and church) are different. Honor those, compromise, and remember that God meets each of us in God's time. Then, without guilt or obligation, pull out your calendars and consider what might be possible for each member of your household (including you). How will you prioritize your own faith? When will your children hear bible stories? How will your tween or teen build relationships within the church?

SAPC takes our baptismal vows very seriously. We are blessed with close to 200 children and youth. Can you imagine if they (along with their parents) all showed up on the same day Sunday? With Selwyn's Christian Educator, Nancy Nutter, leading the way we hope to grow and transform our children's programming by building momentum and teams of adult leaders to inspire and equip our children to live lives of joy and faith.

Parents, you are invited to participate in a [short survey](#) about children and tween faith formation at SAPC, or you can access the survey by using the QR Code. We need to hear from you.



Lastly, if you feel called to serve on Selwyn's children's council this year, we welcome your leadership. Please let Nancy or me know. To learn more about SAPC's offerings for children and tweens, please see Nancy's summary on page 3 of this newsletter.

Rally Day and Education Sunday is August, 25th, see you then!

In the Hope and Promises,

SAPC STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Margo Fraga, *Associate Pastor*
Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*
Allyson Anderson,
Pastoral Director of Worship/Care at QHPC

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Debbie Pott, *Administrative Assistant*
Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*
Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Dixon Remsen, *Communications*
Dwight Jones, *Weekend Facilities*
Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Grant Armistead
Child Development Center - Jeremy Caskey
Christian Education & Formation -
Jodie Bolewitz / Todd Muldrew
Congregational Life - Lori Burbank
Mission - Christy Horne
Worship - Susan Lemmon

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We welcome



Eleanor Faith Dodsworth,
daughter of Tommy III and Laura
Dodsworth, born on June 26, 2024

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Stephen Byrum

July 30, 1941 – July 29, 2024



SAPC BOOK CLUB
will meet August 20,
6:30pm at Sir Edmond
Halley's Restaurant
to discuss
Demon Copperhead
by Barbara Kingsolver.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

YOU'RE INVITED!

Baby Shower



HONORING

Margo & Steve Fraga

Sunday, August 18 | 11:30am
Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

See the weekly email for more details

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be in the Library
on August 11 after worship.
Please contact Susan Lohr, 704-582-3314,
with any questions.



In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
Carmel Hills - Marie Pressley
Carriage Club - Herman Thomas
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Ellen Byrum, Bob and Joe Anne Cole,
Mike and Frankie Hinshaw,
Robert Shore, Olen and Nancy Smith
Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
Merrywood - Pat Ferguson
Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
Southminster - Kathy Dixon, Kay Hastings,
Bobbie Linn, Sally Moore
Summit Place - Willa May Young
TerraBella Cramer Mountain -
John McCarter
The Pines on Carmel - Beth Carter
Non-Member Death
Angela Brewer McGonagil, mother of
Erin Miller on July 20, 2024

SERVE, WORSHIP, GROW, AND GIVE WITH JOY!

To make a confidential pledge visit the church website, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or return your completed pledge card to the church. Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. A key word is not needed if giving to the annual fund. You may also give by scanning this QR code.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Katie Koppelman Olivia Martin John McCormick Billy Wilson	8 Raines Craig Mary Faye Proctor Joseph Vickers	18 Michael Bolewitz Everett Burgin Eleanor Finein	24 Becky Barbee Aidan Cameron Maisie Macholz Raleigh Shoemaker
2 Marion Buchanan Callan Pettiglio	9 Nora Piacentino Ledare Roush	19 Quinn Russell-Broadie Caroline Stein	25 Fay Aaron Sophia Hatlem Trey Jeffries Cindi Moore
3 AG Yurkutat Zephyr Yurkutat	10 Adam Tan	20 Kim Darnell Terry Glen	26 Amelia Sauda Owen Sauda George Sutton
4 Emery Korch Nora Korch	11 Emmett Ackerly Anna Ellison Collins Potter	21 Tommy Dodsworth III	27 Lisa Halstead Nelson Waple
5 Lee Bobbitt Polly Durham	13 Shelby Flowers Brandon Tallent Stuart Windell	22 Bobby Yurkutat	29 Emily Battle Todd Burbank Olivia Madigan Michael Warner Anna Widmer
6 Karen DeAmicis Olivia DeAmicis	14 Calli Klinker Ann Miller	23 Brad Cheek Peyton Green	30 Olivia Madigan
7 John Amon Andy Johnston Bobbie Linn Kim Tallent	15 Erin Miller Channing Pfeifer		
	17 Jody Davison Kim McGirt		



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

As we turn to the final weeks of summer, SAPC has been busy planning for another year of faith formation for infants and children through fifth grade. We fulfill our baptismal vows each Sunday mornings by nurturing our children through love, care and fun!

Sunday Mornings and Evenings:

Sunday School- 9:30am (four-year-olds to fifth grade) - At Selwyn, a child's faith formation is marked by appropriate milestones along the way. Children not participating in a specific milestone class are invited to discover a new story each week through stations that include a book corner, prayer table, story time, crafts and building. Every Sunday at 9:30am children are invited to engage stories about God's love through intentional, planned lessons and Montessori style learning.

Milestone, Worship Readiness 1.0 (five-year-olds to second grade) - Non-readers and early readers listen to Bible stories, tour the sanctuary, and answer big questions about worship! Why and how do we worship? What is baptism and communion? This class is designed to help children participate and enjoy worship. WR 1.0 classes gather in the Bowman building at 9:30am for five weeks (9/8-10/6). This milestone will be celebrated on October 6th as children and their parents celebrate the Lord's Supper in worship.

Milestone, How to Use Your Bible (third to fifth grades) - How do we find the stories we love or look up scripture? What are the major themes and stories of God and God's people? Who wrote the Bible? How is it organized? Why does the Bible matter? Classes meet in the Bowman building at 9:30am for five weeks (10/20- 11/17). This milestone will be celebrated in worship as children will be recognized for completing the class, and those who have not yet received a Bible will do so November 17th.

Milestone, Worship Readiness 2.0 (second and third grades) - Readers, deepen their understanding of worship by exploring essential scriptures, creeds, and prayer like the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. Children learn the elements of worship and how to use a hymnal with confidence. WR 2.0 classes are held in the Spring of each year, dates TBD. This milestone will be celebrated in worship as learners explore various ways they can lead in worship.

Tween Bible Study (third to fifth grades) - An intentional time of learning and community building for our oldest children, tweens will gather Sunday evenings this fall at 5:30pm for dinner and study. This fall, learners will explore the book of Acts. Gathering dates are 9/15, 9/22, 10/20, 10/27, and 11/17.

Children in Worship:

Nursery Care (for infants to three-years old) - At this stage, your children need love and care, and you need to know they are safe and happy. While children are always welcomed in worship, experienced nursery caregivers welcome our youngest members between 9:15am and 11:45am each Sunday in two rooms (Crib/Toddlers and Three/Fours).

Four-years olds - In this transitional year, your child is encouraged to attend worship and Children's Chapel. Age-appropriate worship bags await them each week in the Narthex as they begin practicing worship and coming forward for the children's message. During the sermon, Children's Chapel is offered for fours through second grade children. This time includes a Bible story, snack, arts, games, and/or free play. Children return to the sanctuary before worship ends.

Elementary Aged Children - Children's Chapel is designed for children, fours through second grade. Although it takes practice, children who worship are more likely to become adults who worship. Selwyn celebrates wiggles and welcomes whispers in worship. Each week, worship bags (reader and non-reader bags) await your child in the narthex. These bags are prepared as tools to help guide your children during worship.

Children's Choir (four-years old and up) - SAPC's children's choir is co-led by Fred Spano and Nancy Nutter. The choir practices on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6pm in the Chapel. Fall practice dates are 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 12/4 and 12/11. The choir will sing in worship on Sunday, October 20th, and on December 15th as part of the Christmas pageant.

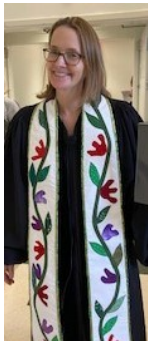
Children's Christmas Pageant (all children 3 years old and up) - Children lead worship and tell the Christmas story in this special Selwyn tradition. Practices will be Saturdays, December 7th and 14th at 10am. The pageant is Sunday, December 15th in worship, with the annual all church Christmas luncheon to follow.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of our programming for Children. May God bless you this season. Nancy Nutter, DCE

nancyn@selwynpres.org

WORSHIP

On July 28, 2024 the congregation honored The Rev. Dr. Lori Raible in worship on earning her Doctorate of Ministry. A reception was held after worship to celebrate.



Communion will be served on August 25 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 Susan Lemmon or contact the church office, 704-372-6836.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS



You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a date. Once the date is confirmed, online payments or checks for \$78 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".

DAOUST INSTALLATION WORSHIP SERVICE

Please plan to attend the worship service on September 22 at 5pm.

AUGUST 11, 2024 - CHARLOTTE INTERFAITH WORSHIP FOR PRIDE

4pm at Sacred Souls Community Church, 2127 Eastway Drive

The theme is "The Intersection of Faith and Queerness" with speakers from different spiritual backgrounds reflecting on what it means to be a person of faith within the LGBTQIA+ community. The Sacred Souls Community Mass Choir will provide the music, and a dinner will follow service.

SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP SERVICES

Scan the QR Code with your mobile app or contact Jill Cann.



Join us weekly for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am.

If you cannot attend worship in the sanctuary an email is sent at 10:15am with the [Facebook link](#).



MISSION



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

We need 1-pound bags of rice or beans; 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits or canned meats; 16 ounce or smaller plastic jars of peanut butter.

Please DO NOT bring glass jars!

Bring items to the church the first Sunday of each month or during the week.



OPERATION SANDWICH- AUGUST 17

Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors.

[Sign up here.](#)

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Presbyterian Church USA continues to provide assistance and support to partners in Israel and Palestine who are responding to the needs of those in their midst, no matter their religious beliefs, political views or nationality. We are called to care for all of God's children. Please pray for peace, safe passage, and relief.

To offer support give [online](#), call 800-872-3283, text PDAIP to 41444, or mail a check made payable to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. with "DR000081-Israel/Palestine" on the memo line.



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

There are a variety of ways to assist in the new school year. Volunteer through the Montclair QR Code, [this link](#), the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Denise Pineno.



Second Harvest Food Bank

A food distribution event was held on Thursday, July 25, at Montclair Elementary.



SAPC had several volunteers help pack bags of food to be given to GEP families.



Montclair's GEP Wizard of Oz Performance

The Drama Club staged a production of The Wizard of Oz on July 25.

We had SAPC volunteers to help with rehearsals and at the performance.

