

CHURCH NOTES - April 21, 2024

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Susan DeWyngaert, one of Selwyn's former pastors, and her family in the death of her husband Tawes DeWyngaert, on April 12, 2024. Prayers and sympathy are also extended for Ross and Hannah Bromberger and family in the death of Ross' father, Gary Bromberger, on April 15, 2024.

REV. DR. FRANK SPENCER Frank grew up in Davidson, North Carolina and has been a member of Selwyn since 2005. Having earned his Doctor of Ministry and a Master of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary Charlotte, he was ordained here at Selwyn in 2015. His undergraduate degree is from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, where he was a Morehead Scholar, and earned a B.A. with honors in German. He was named a Baker Scholar at Harvard Business School. Frank has been the president of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. since July 1, 2014. Previously, he served as President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, and in healthcare real estate as CEO of Cogdell Spencer Inc. Copies of the book he authored in 2013, *The Benefit of the Doubt: Claiming Faith in an Uncertain World*, are available after worship today.

THE SELWYN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will recognize one of its members with the Honorary Life Membership during the service today. All are invited to an outdoor reception following worship. Join us in recognition of this faithful disciple.

ASP APRIL 21 PARTICIPANTS MEETING The information and trip training meeting will be held today at Providence Presbyterian Church from 5 - 7pm. Questions, contact Margo Fraga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL NOT MEET ON APRIL 28 Due to the Church Retreat in Montreat no programming is scheduled for the 9:30am hour on Sunday, April 28. Worship will be held at 10:30am in the sanctuary.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES Please join us on May 5 for one of the two studies being offered at 9:30am.

- Conversations on Faith Class will discuss "Science & Faith" using the book *Stars Beneath Us: Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos*, by astrophysicist and minister Paul Wallace. (parlor)
- Life Changing Encounters with Christ will be stories reflecting how Jesus changes individuals and communities. This will be a study on how the Risen Christ transforms, disrupts, uproots and changes everything. (Chapel)

YOUTH MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE Register through the link in the weekly email. The conference is for rising 9th - 12th grade, July 7-13. Cost: \$400; \$100 deposit at registration; \$300 due April 30.

MAY 12, HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION Selwyn will celebrate and offer blessings for our graduating High School seniors in 10:30am worship. Parents are asked to see Margo's email for additional information.

COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES If you or an immediate family member will graduate from college or graduate school this spring we would like to hear from you. Please contact Marsha in the church office by May 20 with your name, college, and your degree. The information will be printed in the June Spire newsletter.

JOIN US THIS SPRING AND SUMMER in what we call our "I walked to Church Movement". Walk, run, bike, and don't worry about wearing casual clothing to church. Walking to church is good for ourselves, our family, and our environment. Address many family goals all at once with a walk to church: screen-free time together, reduce our carbon footprint and exercise together.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. To reserve a date contact Marsha in the church office. After the date is confirmed, online payments or checks for \$78 should be made to the church indicating sanctuary flowers".

QHPC COMMUNITY GARDEN Quail Hollow Presbyterian has three open 10 x 4 plots in their community garden. The cost is \$35. a year. The rules and application form are available at www.qhpc.org/community-garden. Email QHPC member Nancy Gottschalk with any questions, nancegott@gmail.com.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED There are a variety of ways to assist. Volunteer through the Montclair QR Code, weekly email link, the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Denise Pineno.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY FOOD PACKING AND DELIVERY You are invited to help with our May 2, 9am food packing and delivery date. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Help is also needed in purchasing requested grocery items and return them to the church. Needs include canned fruits and vegetables and 1 lb. bags of rice and beans.




OPERATION SANDWICH, MAY 18 Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Please sign up in increments of ten lunches through the weekly email link. Prepared lunches should be brought to the church on May 18 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE A dire humanitarian crisis resulted from the October 7, 2023 deadly attacks in Israel and the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. Presbyterian Church USA is providing assistance, and supporting 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 for those needing medical attention and help. 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.

BUDGET UPDATE Selwyn member Pledges total \$766,600. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$226,772. Total deficit is \$28,761. We hope to inspire every member to serve, worship, grow and give with joy – sharing blessings of stewardship in support of the annual budget.

- 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. You do not need a key word if giving to the annual fund. You may also give by scanning the Giving QR code.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by the Presbyterian Women and in honor of the new Honorary Life Member recipient and all other Honorary Life Members.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, April 21 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (L) 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship 11:30 PW All Church Reception 11:30 Worship Group (P) 12:00 Fifth Grade Move Up Lunch (Midwood Smokehouse Park Road) 5:00 ASP Participants Training Meeting (Providence Presbyterian Church)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, April 22, 9am</p>	<p>Monday, April 22 6:00 BSA Troop Court of Honor (FH)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 23 6:15 Session Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Wednesday, April 24 11:00 PW – Daughters of Faith (L) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B)</p>	<p>Friday, April 26 7:00 Men's Group (BH) Church Retreat in Montreat</p> <p>Sunday, April 28 9:00 Chancel Choir Sunday School Classes will not meet. 10:30 Worship</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Usher Montclair Elementary Give</p>

Hearing assistance directions are available in the narthex to download the app for use with earbuds or connecting a hearing aid to your cell phone.

