

CHURCH NOTES – May 12, 2024

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Craig and Hunter Aulebach on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Aulebach, born on May 4, 2024.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Ghazale and Andy Johnston, and their children Alex and Millie, in the death of Ghazale's mother, Golnar Sharifi-Mehr, on May 5, 2024.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY The Session has called a short congregational meeting following Worship. The purpose is for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to present the Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth candidate.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES Please join us 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)

COMMUNION will be served during the worship service on Sunday, May 19.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN Please complete and return the registration form, along with your check, to Nancy Nutter by May 30 to secure your child's/children's place.

- VBS for elementary children, completed K-5th grade, will meet June 24– 27, from 9am– 3pm. Cost is \$150 per child. We will partner with Bethelwoods Camp this year to explore our theme of Grace Filled Tales: Parables about Grace through Bible study, art, and games. We will also spend time outside enjoying God's world.
- VBS for preschool children, ages 4 and five, will meet June 17, 18, and 20, from 9:30– 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child. Nancy Nutter and Andrea DePhillips will be the leaders.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR The ordination and installation of the incoming Elders, Class of 2027, will be Sunday, June 2 during worship. The Annual Spring Picnic will be held following the service. Please make plans to attend.

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".

BUDGET UPDATE Selwyn member Pledges total \$766,600. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$245,517. Total deficit is \$10,016. 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](mailto:Tonya.Moore@selwynpres.org) 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.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY FOOD PACKING AND DELIVERY You are invited to help with our 9am, May 16 and May 30, food packing and delivery dates. 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.

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.

- Proctors are needed for end of the year testing on Friday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 29 from approximately 7:30-11:45am. Proctors walk the room during testing to monitor students. You can sign up for one or both days by scanning the QR code, or go to <https://qrco.de/MESEOG2024>. Questions, please contact Jennifer Moore, jenniferk.moore@cms.k12.nc.us.

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Eric Winkenwerder from the Newsom/Winkenwerder family.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, May 12 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with High School Senior Recognition Called Congregational Meeting</p> <p>Monday, May 13 11:30 PW Women of Wonder (Copeland's) 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, May 27, 9am</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 14 7:00 Mission Group</p> <p>Wednesday, May 15 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith (L) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B) 7:00 Incoming Elder Training (Zoom)</p> <p>Thursday, May 16 9:00 Montclair Food Packing (FH)</p> <p>Friday, May 17 7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, May 18 10:00 Operation Sandwich Delivery</p>	<p>Sunday, May 19 9:00 Handbells (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P) 11:30 Christian Education Group (L) 11:30 Worship Group Meeting 12:00 Youth End of Year Party (Bowlero)</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.

