

# CHURCH NOTES - November 3, 2024

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**CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT AND A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** In October, the Sessions of SAPC and QHPC voted to merge into one church. There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24 at 11:30am to vote on the merger. Many members of our church have been a part of the discernment process over the summer, identifying benefits, risks, and envisioning our future. Supporting documentation can be found on our website, [www.selwynpres.org/vision](http://www.selwynpres.org/vision). Please contact a member of the Planning Committee (Co-chairs Ed Thomas and Hannah King) or Rev. Raible if you have any questions or would like to connect with someone on the committee.

**SPEAKER SERIES AND ALL CHURCH READ** We are excited to share author Kathy IZARD is here today. She kicked off our new intergenerational Sunday School series at 9:30am. In this season of stewardship, you are invited to read her book *Trust the Whisper*. As our gift to you, each family is invited to pick up a book in the narthex after worship.

- Our November 10, 9:30am speaker will be Melisa Winburn, CEO of Appalachia Service Project, who will be speaking on homelessness.

There's a place for everyone on Sundays at 9:30am.

- Confirmation class is offered for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (Bowman building).
- Milestone – How to Use Your Bible – (third to fifth grade, Bowman) – The class will continue through November 10.
- Sunday School (four-year-olds to fifth grade, Bowman building) - Children not participating in a milestone class are invited to discover a Bible story through Montessori style learning stations.
- Nursery Care (infants to three-years old) - While children are always welcomed in worship, experienced nursery caregivers welcome our Crib/Toddlers and Three/Fours between 9:15am and 11:45am each Sunday.

**TODAY IS FIRST FOOD SUNDAY** Help stock the shelves by purchasing and returning requested grocery items (canned fruits and vegetables and 1 lb. bags of rice and beans). No glass items please. Join us November 6, 3pm and November 21, 9am in the Fellowship Hall to pack pantry items for Montclair Elementary.

**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE** Join us after worship on November 10 for a cookie project. Contact Brian Daoust for details.

**OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 16** 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 November 16 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

**FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR, DR. FRED SPANO** Anyone who has ever wanted to sing is invited to our “*How Firm a Foundation*” singing rehearsals on Thursdays, 7-8:15pm. It is not mandatory to come every week, but I hope you come to as many as possible. This limited series is meant to encourage individuals to participate. No singing experience necessary! Rehearsals will continue until November 21, culminating in singing “*How Firm a Foundation*” in worship on November 24.

**STEWARDSHIP** Our community of faith affords us the opportunity to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have returned your commitment card, thank you. If you have not, we hope you will turn to Acts 4:31-35 in the spirit of faithfulness and generosity as you consider filling out your 2025 estimate of giving. You can return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.

**BUDGET UPDATE** We ask members to please consider keeping your pledge commitments up to date as we near the end of 2024. Selwyn member Pledges total \$766,600. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$581,639. Total deficit is \$57,194.

- 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.
- Giving Stock: Our account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer \_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40. When calling your broker, also contact church accountant [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore), or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

**NORTH CAROLINA DISASTER RESPONSE** Our Selwyn community has responded with help for those impacted in the mountains of North Carolina. If you would like to continue support you can contribute financially. Please write a check to Selwyn with the word FLOOD, give online, or text to give through 704-734-9818 (keyword FLOOD). There is an opportunity to assist ASP in building portable showers. Look for information in the weekly email.

**TRUE BLESSINGS ROOF ABOVE LUNCHEON** The annual fundraiser will be on Thursday, November 14, 12 - 1pm at the Charlotte Convention Center. You will learn how this organization works to "unite the community to end homelessness one life at a time." Sign up through the weekly email link or contact Susan Lohr, SAPC's table captain, via email or 704-582-3314.

**INTERFAITH FRIENDSGIVING** Join MeckMin on Thursday, November 21, 6pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving and faith diversity through prayer, music, and food. This is a free family friendly event. Register for the event through the link in the weekly email.




**MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY** There are a variety of ways to assist in the new school year. Volunteer through the Montclaire QR Code, weekly email link, church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Karey Tom.

**PASTORS BIBLE STUDY** Join Lori Raible and Allyson Anderson for a study on the book of Acts in partnership with Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays at 1pm at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church.

**PW CIRCLES** Women are invited to participate in a Presbyterian Women's Circle, September through May, for Bible study, topics of interest, and service. Contact Moderator Pam Brownlee or a Circle leader for more information (Ann Copeland, Cacky Newitt, Catherine Miller, Ann Caskey, Bobbie Hankins, Nancy Bobbitt, Tracie Northan, Deni Pifer).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and 11 from 5:30 – 6pm in the Chapel. The children will sing in worship on December 15 as part of the Christmas pageant. Questions contact Nancy Nutter.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Raymond Parbst from Kurt Parbst.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, November 3</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Milestone – How to Use Your Bible            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 All Saints Worship and Communion            5:00 PFLAG Adult and Youth Meetings            6:30 Salt Shakers (Eilenberger)</p> <p><b>Monday, November 4</b>            10:30 PW Women of Wonder (P)            6:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, October 28, 9am</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 5</b>            10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L)            7:00 PW Evening Grace (L)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 6</b>            11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P)            1:00 Pastor's Bible Study (QHPC)            3:00 Montclaire Food Packing (FH)            6:15 Handbell Choir (QHPC)            7:30 PW Peace II (L)</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 7</b>            7:00 Choir Singing Series (S)</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 8</b>            7:00 Men's Group (BH)            6:00 Youth Game Night</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 10</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Milestone – How to Use Your Bible            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:10 Called Session (Chapel)            10:30 Worship with Baptism            11:30 Second Sunday Service</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Usher           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Montclaire Elementary           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Give           </div> </div>