

CHURCH NOTES - February 23, 2025

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CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, MARCH 2 Join us at 9:30am in the Chapel for fellowship and light refreshments. Sunday School classes will not meet.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCH, MARCH 2 This joint congregational meeting between Selwyn and Quail Hollow will be held following worship. Purposes include a 2024 year-end-review, adopting new by-laws for our merged church, electing the incoming class of elders for 2028, and voting on terms of call changes for the installed pastors.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 As we mark our turn toward the cross, for those with early morning commutes we will offer Prayer and Imposition of Ashes from 7:30-9am in the Selwyn columbarium. In the evening, join us on the Quail Hollow campus for a joint 5:30pm dinner and 6:30pm service. Childcare will be available.

OUR TRESPASSES: A LENTEN JOURNEY FROM SIN TO GRACE Lent, the 40-day liturgical season leading to Easter, invites believers to reflect on their need for God's grace, acknowledging sin and seeking transformation. Join us on a journey through the cross toward Easter resurrection.

Bible Study and Educational Opportunities, March 5-April 13

- Greg Jarrell's, Our Trespases provides a compelling lens for understanding the communal and systemic nature of sin, emphasizing how broken relationships—personal and societal—call for reconciliation. His exploration of sin as something woven into the fabric of our shared lives aligns with Lent's call to repentance, not just as individual confession but as a reorientation toward justice and healing in the world. 'Greg's book uncovers how race, geography, policy and religion have created haunted landscapes in Charlotte, and calls us to consider how we value our lands, livelihoods, and communities.' You are invited to purchase the book online or from the church office for \$20.
- Sundays at 9:30am Our Trespases Guided Book Discussions, learners will discuss Jarrell's book. (Parlor)
- Sundays at 9:30am A Theological Journey from Sin to Grace. All questions, doubts, and curiosities welcomed as we approach the biblical themes of sin and grace in preparation of Easter. (Chapel)
 - o Wednesdays, Pastor's Bible Study at 1pm starting March 5 - Quail Hollow Campus

Lenten Guest Scholars and Preachers at Selwyn Avenue

Gather in the Selwyn Chapel at 9:30am to hear our guest scholars and preachers. They will lead us in worship at 10:30am.

- o Sunday, March 16: From Sin to Grace, Dr. Rich Voelz, Union Presbyterian Seminary
- o Sunday, April 20: Our Trespases, Rev. Greg Jarrell

Serving, Gathering, and Worshipping Through Lent

- o Sunday, March 9: Communion will be served during the 10:30 worship service. Following worship on the Selwyn campus, all ages are invited to participate in Second Sunday Service as we learn and engage in the support and care of the Montclair Elementary School community.
- o Sunday, April 13: Following Palm Sunday worship, all are invited to participate in Second Sunday Service at 12pm. We will travel uptown for a walking tour of the historic Brooklyn neighborhood led by Rev. Greg Jarrell.
- o Thursday, April 17: Combined Maundy Thursday Dinner (5:30pm) and Worship (6:30pm) on the Selwyn Avenue Campus. Childcare will be available.
- o Sunday, April 20: Easter Morning Worship - 8:30am- Worship on the Quail Hollow Campus
10:30am- Worship on the Selwyn Avenue Campus

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL We encourage anyone who has wanted to sing to join Fred Spano and members of the Chancel Choir for Thursday night rehearsals from 7-8:15pm in the Chapel.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Children from the age of four through the fifth grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 5:30pm from March 20 through April 10. The children's choir will sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. Questions, contact Nancy Nutter.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT, APRIL 26 -27 All women are invited for a transformative weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and community connection at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be the speaker. The theme is *Ruth, Naomi, God, and Us: Together on the Journey*. Come ponder the ways God met their needs and wonder about the ways God is meeting our needs. Come expecting God will meet us as we move forward together. Find additional details and the registration link in the weekly email. Registration ends April 11.

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH AFFORDS US THE OPPORTUNITY to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have not returned your stewardship commitment card, 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. Please return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.

BUDGET UPDATE For 2025 Selwyn member Pledges total \$825,000. Goal for pledge receipts through February Year to Date (YTD) are \$137,500. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$128,770. Total deficit is \$8,730.

- 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: 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, or 704-996-5504, so she is aware and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

ROOM IN THE INN Selwyn hosts Roof Above homeless neighbors on Mondays through March 31, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. There are opportunities to help with set up, food, overnight hosting, and driving the church van. Please sign up through the weekly email link.



MONTCLAIRE FOOD PANTRY 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 on March 6, 9am in the Fellowship Hall to pack pantry items for Montclair Elementary.

OPERATION SANDWICH, MARCH 15 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 March 15 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

SELWYN SERVES MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY There are a variety of ways to assist. Sign up to help through the weekly email link, visit the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Karey Tom. You can learn more by scanning the Montclair Elementary QR Code.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Our next workday will be April 26. Look for details and the signup link in the weekly email.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Roy Koppelman from Katie, Casey, Caroline, and Carter.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, February 23 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 11:30 Worship Group (P) 5:30 Tweens and Youth Groups (FH)</p> <p>Monday, February 24 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) 7:30 Evening Men's Group (P)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, March 24 by 9am</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 26 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)</p> <p>Thursday, February 27 7:00 Chancel Choir (Chapel)</p> <p>Friday, February 28 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 2 9:30 Congregational Fellowship (Chapel) 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch (FH) 5:30 PFLAG Adult and Youth Meetings 6:30 Salt Shakers (Bobbitt's)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Montclair Elementary </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Give </div> </div>