

# CHURCH NOTES - March 2, 2025

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**WE WELCOME DR. AMY HARRIS** to Selwyn today as our pianist and accompanist. Dr. Harris has a doctorate in piano performance from UNC-Greensboro, and is a piano teacher at Southern Park Music School. She frequently substitutes at churches in the area.

**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.

**TODAY IS FOOD FIRST 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 on March 6, 9am in the Fellowship Hall to pack pantry items for Montclaire Elementary.

**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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** Remember to spring forward on March 9.

**COMMUNION** will be served on March 9 during the 10:30am worship service.

**SAPC BOOK CLUB** will meet at 6:30pm on March 18 at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant. This month's selection is *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Please contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356 with any questions.

**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 \$134,547. Total deficit is \$2,953.

- 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.

**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."



**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.

**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: HIGHLIGHTING MONTCLAIRE PARTNERSHIP** Want to learn more about all the ways Selwyn partners with Montclair Elementary School? Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a brief presentation after worship next Sunday, March 9. You will not want to miss hearing from a Montclair parent who will tell her story about our impact on her family. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**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.

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

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of communities impacted by the California wildfires, along with providing emotional and spiritual care. The magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Please keep the workers and those impacted in your prayers. Financial support to U.S. wildfires can be designated to DR000165. Gifts can be made via [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) (Give Now), by phone at 800-728-7228 ext. 5885, or by check payable to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 with "PDA-CF25-E" written on the memo line.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, March 2</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            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> <p><b>Monday, March 3</b>            12:30 PW Women of Wonder (P)            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><b>Tuesday, March 4</b>            10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L)            7:00 Evening Grace (P)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 5</b>            7:30 Prayer and Imposition of Ashes (SAPC Columbarium)            11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P)            1:00 Pastor's Bible Study (QHPC)            5:30 Ash Wednesday Dinner (QHPC)            6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (QHPC)            6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)            7:30 PW Peace II (L)</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 6</b>            9:00 Montclair Food Packing (FH)            7:00 Chancel Choir (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 7</b>            7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)            6:00 Youth Game Night (Providence)</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 9</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 Worship with Communion            11:30 Second Sunday Service</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>

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