

CHURCH NOTES - March 9, 2025

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SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: HIGHLIGHTING MONTCLAIRE PARTNERSHIP Want to learn about all the ways SAPC partners with Montclaire Elementary School? Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a brief presentation and hands-on activities after worship today. You will not want to miss hearing a Montclaire parent tell her story about our impact on her family.

LENTEN SERIES Lent, the 40-day liturgical season leading to Easter, is a time of repentance, self-examination, and spiritual renewal. Lent invites believers to reflect on their need for God's grace, acknowledging sin and seeking transformation. Whether attending worship, serving alongside our mission partners, committing to a Lenten Bible study on the themes of sin and grace, you are invited to join us on a journey toward Easter resurrection.

- Adult Bible Study and Education Opportunities for Lent through April 13
 - Guided Book Discussions on Our Trespasses: guided book discussions of *Our Trespasses* by Greg Jarrell. The book 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, calling us to consider how we value our lands, livelihoods, and communities.' You are invited to purchase the book online or pick one up at the church for \$20.
Sunday Mornings at 9:30am- Both campuses, Selwyn Avenue Parlor and Quail Hollow Parlor
 - 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.
Sunday Mornings at 9:30am- Selwyn Avenue Chapel
Wednesday Afternoons at 1pm- Quail Hollow Campus
- Lenten Guest Scholars and Preachers - We will gather at 9:30am in the Selwyn Campus chapel. The 9:30am hour will be live streamed for those on the Quail Campus. Our guest preachers will then lead us in worship at 10:30am.
 - Sunday, March 16- From Sin to Grace, Dr. Rich Voelz, Union Presbyterian Seminary Professor
 - Sunday, April 13 - Our Trespasses, Rev. Greg Jarrell will teach at 9:30am, preach at 10:30am, then lead us in our Second Sunday Service. We will gather at 12pm on the Selwyn Campus prior to traveling uptown to participate in a walking tour, from 1-3:30pm, including time for lunch. Participants will explore uptown Charlotte searching for stories of 'exclusions and invisibilities' and looking for the untold stories built into our cityscape that continue to determine our future. 'Charlotte's Haunted Future' covers two miles with several stops for rest. Space is limited and registration is required. See the weekly email for the registration link.

WORSHIP READINESS 2.0 for 2nd - 4th grades will meet Sundays through March 30, at 9:30am in the Bowman building Tween Room. The children will explore how and why we worship, engage in the scripture, investigate the bulletin, and learn the essential prayers and creeds we use in worship. This class culminates with participants helping lead March 30 worship as we recognize their commitment to deepen their understanding of faith.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL We are offering two different Vacation Bible Schools the week of June 23-26. Volunteers are needed for both. The registration form can be found in the weekly email link, the Spire newsletter, on the website, and emails from Nancy Nutter. Please fill out and return the form, along with your check made out to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, to Nancy Nutter by June 1.

- *VBS for Elementary Children*, completed Kindergarten- 5th grade, will meet from 9am- 3pm. Cost is \$150 per child. We will be using Group's True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World curriculum, integrating Bible study, art, games, and more. We will spend time outside and enjoy God's world as much as possible. VBS team led by Nancy Nutter.
- *VBS for Preschool Children*, ages 4 -5 years old, will meet from 9:30- 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child. Andrea DePhillips will be the leader.

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.

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. On March 24 we are in need of set up help and two overnight hosts. Please sign up through the weekly email link.

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 (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.

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 \$141,472.

- 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, March 9 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:30 Second Sunday Service (FH)</p> <p>Monday, March 10 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>Tuesday, March 11 4:00 Child Development Center Group 7:00 Mission Group (P)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 12 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 1:00 Pastor's Bible Study (QHPC) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC) 7:30 PW Peace II (L)</p> <p>Thursday, March 13 7:00 Chancel Choir (Chapel)</p> <p>Friday, March 14 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)</p>	<p>Sunday, March 16 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christian Education Group (L) 12:00 Incoming Elder Training 5:30 Tween Bible Study (FH) 5:30 Youth Group (FH)</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>