

CHURCH NOTES - March 16, 2025

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Max and Caroline Stein on the birth of their daughter, Martha “Molly” Stein, born on March 8, 2025. Her big brother is Jack.

WE WELCOME DR. RICH VOELZ back to Selwyn today as our guest scholar. Dr. Voelz is a graduate of Vanderbilt University’s Graduate Department of Religion with a doctorate in homiletics and liturgics. He is an ordained minister and currently serves as an Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA.

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 Trespases: guided book discussions of *Our Trespases* 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
- Rev. Greg Jarrell, April 13 - *Our Trespases*, Rev. Greg Jarrell will teach at 9:30am, preach at 10:30am, then lead us in our Second Sunday Service. 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. 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 for 2nd – 4th grades will meet Sundays through March 30, at 9:30am in the Bowman Tween Room. Children will explore how and why we worship, engage in scripture, and learn essential prayers and creeds used in worship.

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.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR for age four through fifth grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 5:30pm, March 20 through April 10. The children will sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 13. Questions, contact Nancy Nutter.

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.

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. Please fill out 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.

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. If you would like to help, please sign up through the weekly email link.

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

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE released emergency grants to meet urgent needs of communities impacted by California wildfires, along with providing emotional and spiritual care. The event requires development of long-term assistance for physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Please keep workers and those impacted in your prayers. Financial support can be designated to DR000165, via www.pcusa.org (Give Now), by phone 800-728-7228 ext. 5885, or by check to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264 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** Pledges for 2025 total \$811,272. Actual pledge receipts YTD are \$149,577. Total deficit is \$53,241.
- 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 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> <p>Monday, March 17 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:00 Daughters of Faith II (Pifer) 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 18 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmond’s) 7:15 PW Peace I (L)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 19 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (L) 1:00 Pastor’s Bible Study (QHPC) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC) 7:00 Incoming Elder Training (Zoom)</p> <p>Thursday, March 20 9:00 Montclair Food Packing (FH) 5:30 Children’s Choir (Chapel) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Chapel)</p>	<p>Friday, March 21 7:00 Morning Men’s Group (BH)</p> <p>Sunday, March 23 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Baptism 5:30 Tween Bible Study (FH) 5:30 Youth Group (FH)</p> <div>   </div> <div> <p>Montclair Elementary</p> <p>Give</p> </div>