

CHURCH NOTES - March 30, 2025

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SELWYN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP Women are invited to nominate another woman to receive an Honorary Life Membership, honoring her faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. She will receive a silver membership pin and personalized certificate in worship on May 4. When making a nomination, please include a brief statement of why this person should receive the honor. All nominations are welcome and need to be submitted by March 30 to Pam Brownlee. The Selwyn women previously awarded an Honorary Life Membership will choose the 2025 recipient from the nominations. A reception will be held following the May 4 service.

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. Registration ends April 11. 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, wonder about the ways God is meeting our needs, and expecting God will meet us as we move forward together. Find additional details and the registration link in the weekly email.

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
- Rev. Greg Jarrell, April 13 - *Our Trespasses*. We will gather with Rev. Jarrell at 9:30am in the Selwyn Campus chapel. The 9:30am hour will be live streamed for those on the Quail Campus. He will preach at 10:30am. 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 or sign up in the narthex following worship.

TWO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS are being offered 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 in emails from Nancy Nutter. Please fill out and return the form, along with your check made out to SAPC, and return 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.




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.


SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet at April 15, 6:30 pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant to discuss *Dogland: Passion, Glory and Lots of Slobber at the Westminster Dog Show* by Tommy Tomlinson. Questions, contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356.

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 March Year to Date (YTD) are \$202,818. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$192,397. Total deficit is \$10,421.

- 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 30 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Baptism Class (L) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship and Tween Sunday 12:00 Incoming Elder Training (QH) 5:30 ASP Participants Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Monday, March 31 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) 7:30 Evening Men's Group (P)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 1 10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L) 7:00 PW Evening Grace (P)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 2 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, April 3 9:00 Montclair Food Packing (FH) 5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel) 7:00 Incoming Elder Training (Zoom)</p> <p>Friday, April 4 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH) 6:00 Youth Game Night (Selwyn)</p> <p>Saturday, April 5 10:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>Sunday, April 6 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Baptism Class (L) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 12:00 Incoming Elder Training (QH) 5:00 PFLAG Adult and Youth Meetings 6:30 Salt Shakers (Metzler)</p> <div>    </div> <p>Second Sunday Walking Tour Montclair Elementary Give</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, April 28 by 9am</p>

 Hearing assistance directions are available in the narthex. Download the app for use with earbuds or to connect a hearing aid to your cell phone.

Easter 2025

This Easter you are invited to make a contribution to the Agnes and Matt Lyle Flower Memorial Fund in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. For each \$10.00 donation the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, April 20.

Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. **The deadline is Friday, April 11.**

Your phone # _____ and email address _____.

Name(s) of giver(s) to be printed in the bulletin _____.

In memory of _____.

In honor of _____.