

# CHURCH NOTES - April 6, 2025

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**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Tim and Sarah Palmer on the birth of their daughter, Trula Victoria Palmer, born on March 14, 2025.

**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM** are Amelia and Owen Sauda, children of Evan and Jenny Sauda. Present today are grandparents Eric and Georgette Sauda and Jim and Kathy Williams. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, from age four through the fifth grade are invited to participate. They will rehearse following worship today and on April 10, 5:30pm. They 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. 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, 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.

- Adult Bible Study and Education Opportunities for Lent through April 13

Rev. Greg Jarrell, April 13 - *Our Trespases* Rev. Jarrell will teach at 9:30am and preach at 10:30am. 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 for our Second Sunday Service, then travel 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.

- 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. Wednesday Afternoons at 1pm- Quail Hollow Campus

**INVITATION TO THE MEN OF SELWYN** On April 27, music for the service will be provided by the Selwyn Men's Choir (tenor-bass choir). We can use new singers to join us, singing an introit, an anthem, and a response. Practice parts and aids are available to help you prepare. The anthem will be, "I Am That Man" composed by Mark Hayes. See the weekly email for a link to this inspiring piece. If interested, please contact Fred Spano.

**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, and on the website. 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- 5<sup>th</sup> 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 for Preschool Children, ages 4 -5 years old, will meet from 9:30- 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child.

**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.




**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** has 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. Please keep the workers and those impacted in your prayers. Financial support 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.


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

**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 \$196,293. Total deficit is \$6,525.

- 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		
<b>Sunday, April 6</b> 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, Confirmation 11:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PFLAG Adult and Youth Meetings 6:00 Salt Shakers (Metzler)  <b>Monday, April 7</b> 12:30 PW Women of Wonder (P) 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) 7:30 Evening Men's Group (P)  Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, April 28 by 9am	<b>Tuesday, April 8</b> 7:00 Mission Group (P) 7:15 PW Peace I (L)  <b>Wednesday, April 9</b> 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 1:00 Pastor's Bible Study (QHPC) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)  <b>Thursday, April 10</b> 5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel) 7:00 Incoming Elder Training (Zoom)  <b>Friday, April 11</b> 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)	<b>Saturday, April 12</b> 10:00 Chancel Choir (S)  <b>Sunday, April 13</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 12:00 Second Sunday Service: Walking Tour of Uptown Charlotte with Rev. Greg Jarrell   Second Sunday Walking Tour  Montclair Elementary  Give to SAPC

 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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