

CHURCH NOTES - April 13, 2025

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Mai-Lis and Chris Bahr, and their children Carson and Addison, following the death of Mai-Lis' mother, Tiina Early, on April 4, 2025. Our condolences are extended to Sally and Sebastian Marth, and their children Miles and Milly, following the death of Sally's uncle, Richard Barry Hendrix, on March 30, 2025.

NEW BABY Congratulations to Ted and Janette Zimmer on the birth of their son, Alexander Theodore Tucker Zimmer V, born on April 3, 2025. His big brother is Theo.

WE WELCOME REV. GREG JARRELL to Selwyn today as our guest preacher. Rev. Jarrell is a cultural organizer with QC Family Tree in Charlotte's Enderly Park neighborhood. He writes about theology and history and works with words and music to impact housing and neighborhood justice issues. He will lead our Second Sunday Service today. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We will 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. Please stay and join us.

SAPC BOOK CLUB, for both campuses, will meet on 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.

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.

FRUITFUL LIVING SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES Fruitfulness takes many forms – the growing care for one another in a congregation, the deepening faith of a group that matures in Christ together, the increasing effectiveness of a mission initiative that changes lives. Even in these contexts, growth in love, faith and service does not justify neglecting the God-given task to invite and involve others and to share with them the good news that God has met our highest hopes and deepest needs in Christ. Using the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase, we will search together for what it means to be a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

April 27 - Being a Fruitful Congregation and Radical Hospitality - Chapters 1 & 2

May 4- Passionate Worship - Chapter 3

May 11- Risk-Taking Mission & Service - Chapter 4

May 18- Intentional Faith Development - Chapter 5

May 25- Extravagant Generosity - Chapters 6 & 7

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 the church 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 for Preschool Children, ages 4 -5 years old, will meet from 9:30– 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child.


NEW DATE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT In order to achieve our respective goals and due to low registration numbers for the Spring Retreat, a decision has been made to postpone the Weekend Retreat until Fall 2025. All women are invited to join us at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center on November 15 – 16 for a transformative weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and community connection. The retreat will remain overnight Saturday – Sunday, with a day option, to honor everyone's schedules and allow as many women of the church to gather as possible. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be our retreat leader. Registration information will be available soon.

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 \$811,272. Goal for pledge receipts through April Year to Date (YTD) are \$270,424. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$235,951. Total deficit is \$34,473.
- 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>Palm Sunday, April 13 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Palm Sunday Worship 12:00 Second Sunday Service - Walking Tour of Uptown</p> <p>Monday, April 14 7:30 Evening Men's Group (P)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, April 28 by 9am</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 15 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmond's)</p> <p>Wednesday, April 16 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)</p> <p>Thursday, April 17 5:30 Maundy Thursday Dinner (FH) 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30 Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, April 18 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)</p>	<p>Sunday, April 20 8:30 Early Easter Sunday Worship (QH) 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:30 Easter Sunday Worship (SA)</p> <p>Please Note: The Church Office and CDC will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21.</p> <div>   </div> <p>Montclair Elementary Give to SAPC</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.

HOLY WEEK at SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

5:30pm Dinner, Selwyn Avenue Campus
 6:30pm Worship with Communion, Selwyn Avenue Campus Sanctuary
 Special Music, *Colors of Grace: Lessons for Lent* and Chancel Choirs
 Childcare will be available. The offering will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing, a Presbyterian and ecumenical response toward alleviating hunger, providing medical care, and reaching out to victims of disasters and wars.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:30am Easter Sunday Worship, Quail Hollow Campus
 Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet.
 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship, Selwyn Avenue Campus
 Dean Ferguson Sacred Music Series, String Quartet and Chancel Choirs
 Childcare will be available.