

# CHURCH NOTES – April 20, 2025

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**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Sven and Rebecca Cann Wadensten on the birth of their son, Oslo Theodore Wadensten, born on April 10, 2025. Jill and Simon Cann are the grandparents.

**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.

**NANCY NUTTER RETIREMENT** Nancy has served as the Director of Christian Education for SAPC's children and their families for almost five years, and her service to the greater Church and the PC(USA) spans decades. We are grateful she has shared her gifts and talents with us. We wish the best for Nancy and her family. Please join us for a reception on the front lawn after worship on Sunday, April 27 to celebrate her.

**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

**CONCERT ON THE QUAIL CAMPUS** The UNC Charlotte Music Department will present a concert, *Today I Will*, on Sunday, April 27 at 3pm. The concert will be presented by the University Chorale on the Quail Hollow Campus.

**MAY 8 SPRING FLING** Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade families are invited to join us on the Selwyn playgrounds from 4-5:30pm. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, a balloon artist, music, crafts and activities.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATES

- *VBS for Preschool Children*, ages 4 -5 years old, will meet June 23 -26 from 9:30– 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child. Andrea DePhillips will be the leader. Volunteers are needed. Please fill out the registration form found in the weekly email link, the Spire newsletter, and on the website. Return the form, along with your check made out to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, to the church by June 1.
- *VBS for Elementary Children*, completed Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will not meet the week of June 23-26 as previously indicated. Due to low enrollment, along with Nancy Nutter's retirement, this Vacation Bible School will be shifted to August 5-7 and be offered on the Quail Hollow Campus. It will meet from 9am– 1pm. Cost is \$50 per child. The curriculum will still be Group's True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. Registration information will be available soon.



**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.

**MONTCLAIRE FOOD PACKING AND DELIVERY** Join us on May 1, 15, and 29 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall to pack and deliver pantry items for Montclair Elementary School families before the school’s summer break.

**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 \$277,252.
- 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.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God as we rejoice in Christ’s resurrection.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, April 20</b> 8:30 Early Easter Sunday Worship (QH) 9:00 Chancel Choir 10:30 Easter Sunday Worship (SA)</p> <p><b>Monday, April 21</b> The Church Office and CDC are closed. 7:00 PW Daughters of Faith II (Pifer)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, April 28 by 9am</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 22</b> 6:15 Session Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 23</b> 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)</p> <p><b>Friday, April 25</b> 7:00 Morning Men’s Group (BH)</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 26</b> 8:00 Habitat Workday</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 27</b> 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Visitors’ Orientation (L) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 11:30 Reception for Nancy Nutter 3:00 Quail Hollow Campus Concert 5:00 Youth/Parent Program/Dinner (FH)</p> <div></div> <div>Montclair ElementaryGive to SAPC</div>

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