

CHURCH NOTES - April 27, 2025

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Kim and Matt Claxton, and their children Reed and Kate, following the death of Kim's father, Edwin Evan Keelen, on April 17, 2025.

NEW BABY Congratulations to Claire Kane and Alex Holt on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Jane Holt, born on April 18, 2025.

NANCY NUTTER RETIREMENT RECEPTION TODAY 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 to celebrate with Nancy.

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.

YOUTH AND PARENT SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND DINNER We will host on April 27 and May 4, from 5 – 7pm. On April 27, Ed Williams from For Students will talk about identity, empathy, and communication. On May 4 Patrick Balsley, Executive Director of Sana Counseling and Sana House, will talk with us about substance abuse and addiction.

VISITOR ORIENTATION CLASSES Welcome to Selwyn Avenue! We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Selwyn and its ministries, we invite you to complete the visitor's card in your pew rack and join us on May 4 and 11 at 9:30am in the library to explore what it means to belong.

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.

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

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- 5th 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.

MAY 8 SPRING FLING We invite preschool through 5th grade families to join us on the Selwyn playgrounds from 4-5:30pm. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, a balloon artist, music, crafts and activities.

MAY 11, HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION Selwyn will celebrate and offer blessings for our graduating High School seniors in 10:30am worship. Parents are asked to see Brian's email for additional information.

COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES If you or an immediate family member will graduate from college or graduate school this spring we would like to hear from you. Please contact Kris in the church office by May 18 with your name, college, and your degree. The information will be printed in the June *Spire* newsletter.



NEW DATE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT A decision was 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 be overnight Saturday – Sunday, with a day option, to honor everyone's schedules and allow as many women to gather as possible. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be our retreat leader. Registration information will be available at a later date.

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 \$285,296.

- 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, April 27</p> <p>9:00 Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (L)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>11:30 Nancy Nutter Reception</p> <p>3:00 Quail Hollow Campus Concert</p> <p>5:00 Youth/Parent Program/Dinner (FH)</p> <p>Monday, April 28</p> <p>7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>7:30 Evening Men’s Group (P)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am</p> <p>Spire Deadline is Monday, April 28 by 9am</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 30</p> <p>11:00 Daughters of Faith I (P)</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)</p> <p>Thursday, May 1</p> <p>9:00 Montclair Food Packing (FH)</p> <p>Friday, May 2</p> <p>7:00 Morning Men’s Group (BH)</p> <p>6:00 Youth Game Night</p> <p>Saturday, May 3</p> <p>9:00 Session Retreat (FH)</p>	<p>Sunday, May 4</p> <p>9:00 Handbell Choir</p> <p>9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (L)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>11:30 PW All Church Reception</p> <p>5:00 PFLAG Adult Meeting</p> <p>5:00 Youth/Parent Program/Dinner (FH)</p> <p>6:30 Salt Shakers (Pratt)</p> <div>   </div> <p>Montclair Elementary Give to SAPC</p>