

CHURCH NOTES - May 4, 2025

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NEW BABIES Congratulations to Anna and Matthew Cronmiller on the birth of their daughter, Anne Chaires Cronmiller, born on April 21, 2025. Her big brother is James. Congratulations to Megan Lavery and Ryan Cook on the birth of their daughter, Millie Kathryn Cook, born on April 22, 2025.

SELWYN IS SEARCHING for the next Director of Christian Education for Children and their Families. If you know of someone that may be interested in serving our vibrant, intergenerational community of faith and whose identity and mission is rooted in the sacrament of baptism, please have them contact Lori Archer Raible as soon as possible.

THE SELWYN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will recognize one of its members with the Honorary Life Membership during the service today. All are invited to the reception following worship in recognition of this faithful disciple.

MAY 4, YOUTH AND PARENT SPECIAL PROGRAM AND DINNER We will host Patrick Balsley, Executive Director of Sana Counseling and Sana House, tonight from 5 – 7pm. He will talk with us about substance abuse and addiction.

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 other 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 refer to Brian's email for additional information.

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 11- Risk-Taking Mission & Service - Chapter 4

May 18- Intentional Faith Development - Chapter 5

May 25- Extravagant Generosity - Chapters 6 & 7

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 degree details. The information will be printed in the June *Spire* newsletter.

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.

SAVE THE DATE - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT All women are invited to join us at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center on November 15 – 16 for an overnight transformative weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and community connection. There will also be a day option to honor everyone's schedules. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be our retreat leader. Registration information will be available at a later date.



OPERATION SANDWICH Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Prepared lunches should be brought to the church on May 17, between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above. Sign up link is in the weekly email.

MONTCLAIRE FOOD PACKING AND DELIVERY Join us on May 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 \$289,166.
- 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 by the Presbyterian Women
and in honor of the new Honorary Life Member recipient and all other Honorary Life Members.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<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 All Church Reception</p> <p>5:00 PFLAG Adult Meeting (P)</p> <p>5:00 Youth/Parent Dinner Program (FH)</p> <p>6:30 Salt Shakers (Pratt’s)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am</p> <p>Spire Deadline is Monday, May 26 by 9am</p>	<p>Monday, May 5</p> <p>12:00 PW Women of Wonder (Copeland)</p> <p>7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>7:30 Evening Men’s Group (P)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 6</p> <p>10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L)</p> <p>7:00 PW Evening Grace (P)</p> <p>Wednesday, May 7</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)</p> <p>7:00 PW Peace Circle Social</p> <p>Thursday, May 8</p> <p>4:00 Spring Fling (Playground)</p> <p>7:00 Incoming Elder Training (Zoom)</p>	<p>Friday, May 9</p> <p>7:00 Morning Men’s Group (BH)</p> <p>Sunday, May 11</p> <p>9:30 Chancel Choir</p> <p>9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (L)</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School for All</p> <p>10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>10:30 Worship with High School Senior Recognition</p> <div>   </div> <p>Montclair Elementary Give to SAPC</p>