



THE SELWYN SPIRE

July 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Dear Selwyn Friends,

The early church was no stranger to change. Perhaps the Gospel's message of love, hope and unity seemed more radical, yet more essential, as they were pulled 'to and fro' by cultural demands and societal threats. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian Christians church this way,

"Respect those who labor among you, esteem them very highly in love... Be at peace among yourselves. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all with a holy kiss. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you". (1 Thessalonians 5:12-22)

I hope you are transformed every time you enter our sanctuary doors or join us online for worship, but as you come and go over these summer weeks, I also pray you are encouraged. I invite you to pray for and encourage those who are leading us toward the future.

Life at Selwyn has been a vibrant reflection of God's faithfulness which continues to encourage, accept, comfort, and challenge us in our togetherness. New Elders have been ordained and installed, worship has been meaningful with the gathering of our congregation and several baptisms. More than thirty youth and adults repaired homes in rural Appalachia with ASP, Vacation Bible School has wrapped up, and Summer Sizzlers at Montclair Elementary School is under way! On July 7th, we will welcome Brian Daoust, Selwyn's new Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth, and together with the choir and congregation of Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church we will worship with a theme of freedom.

SAPC continues to discern an opportunity to merge with QHPC, as one church with two distinct campuses. With great intention and care, we have entered a season of study and discovery. Together with QHPC leaders we met with Charlotte Presbytery representatives, as we organize ourselves for the work ahead. Last month the Planning Group (of the Session) designated several 'workgroups' representing the breadth of SAPC's ministries; finance, property and building, congregational life, mission, CDC/pre-school, worship and music, Christian education and formation, and organizational structure and polity. Over 40 members volunteered to serve on these teams. QHPC created similar groups. At present, workgroups are assessing the 'current state' of operations at SAPC; what we do and how we do them at Selwyn, now.

Later in July SAPC workgroups will join the QHPC teams to compare, then begin to assess what the first few years might look like if we were to merge. They will consider barriers, opportunities, similarities and differences through the lens of our vision and mission. Also, they will be assessing risks, limitations and capacities as we imagine what God might be calling us to pursue. These combined groups will be making reports and recommendations to the Planning Group by mid-August. Early this fall, the Planning Groups of each congregation should be prepared to make a recommendation and report to the Session(s) for consideration. Along the way, your prayers, questions, ideas and input are coveted.

If you would like to learn more, please visit [SAPC's FAQ Sheet](#). Also, the Thriving Congregations team will be hosting listening sessions for the congregation on Sunday, July 14th after worship in the Chapel and Monday, July 15th at 7:00pm on ZOOM where leaders from the Planning team will share their findings and answer questions.

In the meantime, please contact Elders Hannah King, Ed Thomas, Denise Pineno, or me if you have specific questions.

In the Hope and Promises,

SAPC STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*
Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*
Allyson Anderson,
Pastoral Director of Worship/Care at QHPC

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Debbie Pott, *Administrative Assistant*
Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*
Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Dixon Remsen, *Communications*
Dwight Jones, *Weekend Facilities*
Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Grant Armistead
Child Development Center - Jeremy Caskey
Christian Education & Formation -
Jodie Bolewitz / Todd Muldrew
Congregational Life - Lori Burbank
Mission - Christy Horne
Worship - Susan Lemmon

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SAPC AND QUAIL HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN WILL FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP TOGETHER ON JULY 7

Join us at 9:30am for a time of fellowship in the SAPC Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes will not meet. We will gather at 10:30am in the SAPC sanctuary for worship. Please make plans to attend.



In Nursing or Retirement Homes

- Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
- Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
- Carmel Hills - Marie Pressley
- Carriage Club - Herman Thomas
- Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Steve and Ellen Byrum, Bob and Joe Anne Cole, Mike and Frankie Hinshaw, Robert Shore, Olen and Nancy Smith
- Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin, Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
- Merrywood - Pat Ferguson
- Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
- Southminster - Kathy Dixon, Kay Hastings, Bobbye Linn, Sally Moore
- Summit Place - Willa May Young
- TerraBella Cramer Mountain - John McCarter
- The Pines on Carmel - Beth Carter



We welcome

Parks Soule Bromberger, son of Ross and Hannah Bromberger, born on June 25, 2024

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet July 16, 6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant to discuss *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#)



RALLY DAY IS AUGUST 25. Please mark your calendar.

SERVE, WORSHIP, GROW, AND GIVE WITH JOY!

To make a confidential pledge visit the church website, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or return your completed pledge card to the church. Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. A key word is not needed if giving to the annual fund. You may also give by scanning this QR code.



WELCOME REV. BRIAN DAoust - ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MISSION AND YOUTH

Brian's first Sunday in Worship will be July 7. A lifelong Presbyterian, Brian grew up in Concord. He received his BA in History from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2006 and his Masters in Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in 2009. Over the past fifteen years he has served churches in North Carolina and Colorado, spending the past eight years as Associate Pastor at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church outside Atlanta. He also served as a fire department chaplain and an interfaith community leader. An Eagle Scout, Brian is also a student of the guitar. Brian and his wife Jessica have three boys, Vincent, Gabriel, and Marshall.



Lemonade on the Lawn!

Join us Following Morning Worship on Sundays.



at Selwyn

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Dan Gibson | 8 Lake Elrod Phillips Trotter | 18 Coleman Kiger | 22 Bobbie Hankins Hazel Hardwick | 28 Ana Baskerville Lynne Wakefield Janette Zimmer |
| 2 Frank Caldwell Caroline Trotter William Prowse | 9 Isabella Vera Annie Yearwood | 19 Ethan Randall Vanessa Riley | 23 Lena Hart | 29 Gale Haruta Saylor Riley |
| 3 John McGirt Fred Spano | 10 Thomas Ellison | 21 Kathy Dixon Lawson Turner Varie Yearwood | 24 Chad Brown | 30 Steve Byrum Emily Cox Roman Piacentino Bobby Pifer Cameron Tan |
| 4 Todd Horton | 11 Lily Cann Matt Elliott Alex Kemp Nancy Smith Kacie Tibe | | 25 Hillary Cheek Jason Coble | 31 Steve Windell |
| 5 Connor Armistead Caroline Oberg Ryan Rea | 12 Ken McLellan | | 26 Ginny Sharpe | |
| 6 Grant Malloy Zachary Pineno | 14 Jackie Salinas | | 27 Carson Bahr Mike Malloy Ali Martin Denise Pineno Peter Reavis Bobby Wakefield | |
| 7 Frances Arnheim Nancy Calhoun Emma Hatlem | 17 Bryce McLellan Marie Pressley Julia Walton | | | |



FLOODS, FIRES & FROGS: OLD TESTAMENT STORIES YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW



**SUMMER SERIES:
JUNE 9TH- AUGUST 18TH**



Selwyn Avenue
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us each Sunday as we continue our summer series - Floods, Fires, and Frogs: Old Testament Stories You Thought You Knew. We start during the 9:30am Sunday School time and continue through 10:30am worship. The series will continue through August 18.

Children's Sunday School for elementary children will gather with Nancy Nutter in the Bowman building. The lessons will correspond with the summer series- Floods, Fires, and Frogs: Old Testament Stories You Thought You Knew.

Sunday Preschool and Nursery — 9:30am, 10:30am The children are cared for by our loving nursery keepers.

Men's Group, meets at 7am each Friday morning at the Bates House.

WORSHIP

SUMMER MUSIC All choir members, children who play, youth, and other musically inclined persons, are invited to share their gifts in July and August. Instrumentalists, Choral Scholars, young pianists, and small groups of Chancel Choir (or other) singers are encouraged to contact [Fred Spano](#) and plan something. The available dates are July 14, 21, and 28 and August 4.



SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP SERVICES

Scan the QR Code with your mobile app or contact Jill Cann.



Join us weekly for
Worship in the Sanctuary
at 10:30am.

If you cannot attend
worship in the sanctuary
an email is sent at
10:15am with the
[Facebook link](#).



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions.

Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a date. Once the date is confirmed, online payments or checks for \$78 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".

MISSION

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT 2024

Four crews of youth and adults from SAPC and Providence Presbyterian Church worked hard and were determined to get as much work done as possible for homeowners in Sullivan County, TN. this year.



JULY 20 HABITAT WORKDAY

We hope to have a full crew of eight volunteers. Lunch for the crew is also needed. [Sign up here.](#)



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY GEP SUMMER SIZZLER

Please consider ways you can support the summer program, running June 17 through July 26. There are opportunities to assist in the morning and/or afternoon, to provide snacks, pizza on Fridays, and teacher treats. In-person help, supplies, and field trip opportunities are needed. [Sign up here,](#) use the QR code, or contact [Ellen Harris,](#) if you would like to help.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Presbyterian Church USA continues to provide assistance and support to partners in Israel and Palestine who are responding to the needs of those in their midst, no matter their religious beliefs, political views or nationality. We are called to care for all of God's children. Please pray for peace, safe passage, and relief. To offer support give [online,](#) call 800-872-3283, text PDAIP to 41444, or mail a check made payable to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. with "DR000081-Israel/Palestine" on the memo line.

