



# THE SELWYN SPIRE

March 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## A JOURNEY OF HOPE TO THE CROSS

### **PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24**

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship at Selwyn with  
the Procession of Palms and  
guest instrumentalists.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28**

Combined 6pm Table Worship  
at Quail Hollow Presbyterian  
Church. Dinner and communion,  
along with music presentation of  
Gabriel Fauré's Requiem will be  
integrated into the service.  
To help plan for dinner and  
communion, please RSVP  
through [this link](#).

### **EASTER SUNDAY AT SELWYN MARCH 31**

No Sunday School classes.  
8:30am Outdoor Easter  
Service 10:30am Traditional  
Easter Service- Guest musicians  
and special music.



### **SAPC STAFF**

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*

Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*

Hillary Cheek, *Parish Associate for Mission*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

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*

Allyson Anderson, *Seminary Intern/Membership*

### **GROUP CHAIRS**

*Administration* - Grant Armistead

*Child Development Center* - Sam Phifer

*Christian Education & Formation*-  
Charlie Harris/Jodie Bolewitz

*Congregational Life* - Ginny Burgin/Lori Burbank

*Mission* - Christy Horne/Denise Pineno

*Worship* - Dick Metzler

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## IN MEMORIAM

Roy Koppelman

December 21, 1975 – February 22, 2024



### We welcome

Reese Collins Klinker,  
daughter of Ben and Calli Klinker,  
born on March 4, 2024.

## SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet on March 19, 6:30pm  
at Sir Edmonds Halley's  
Restaurant to discuss  
Trust by Hernan Diaz.



## NEW MEMBERS– JANUARY 28

Please provide a warm welcome to  
Mike Ferguson and Lorraine Camp,  
Ben and Calli Klinker,  
Cody and Lauren Lynn,  
Ted and Patrice Northrup, and  
Chris and Madeline Pettiglio.

## 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  
Peak Cherryville - Sue McCarter  
Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foad  
Southminster - Kathy Dixon, Kay Hastings,  
Bobbie Linn, Sally Moore  
Summit Place - Willa May Young  
TerraBella Cramer Mountain - John McCarter  
The Pines on Carmel - Beth Carter

## Non-Member Death

Mollie Buxton McGirt, mother of John McGirt,  
on February 24, 2024



## SERVE, WORSHIP, GROW, AND GIVE WITH JOY!

We hope to inspire every member to share in blessings of stewardship  
as we support the annual budget.

To make a confidential pledge visit the church website, email church  
accountant, Tonya Moore, or return your completed pledge card.

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.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Daylight Saving  
Time  
Spring forward



March 10, 2024

1 Debbie Haruta  
Gabriela Sanders  
2 Alecia Hatlem  
Susie Hoskins  
4 Asher Riley  
John Tibe  
5 William Flynn  
Graham Martin  
6 Holly Goodman  
John McCarter  
Cole Salton  
7 Becky Wilson  
Bradley Kemp

8 Tommy Dodsworth  
Jack Malloy  
Britta McCorduck  
Adam Ramsey  
9 Beth Long  
Matt Wakefield  
10 Charlie Harris  
Helen Jones  
Cacky Newitt  
Del Turner  
11 Chuck Ellison  
12 Daniel Daily  
Michelle Potter

13 Sam Ryburn  
14 Todd Muldrew  
16 Lucas Halstead  
Jim Williams  
17 Jack Mills  
18 Grier Patterson  
Enid Randall  
Joe Salinas



20 Katy Shoemaker  
Heather Smith  
Katie Sontag  
19 John Lonetti  
Rush Otey  
21 Erin Mills  
22 Tate DePhillips  
Libby Guinan  
Drayton Thrasher  
23 Charles Horne  
Maria Skibinski  
25 Lucas Haines  
Alice Watson

26 Brian Halstead  
Sutton Howard  
27 Lily Coble  
Caroline Koppelman  
Althea Muldrew  
28 Maeve Raible  
29 Milo Gibson  
30 Tyler Hall  
Shelley Waple  
31 Lindsay Haynie

## Easter 2024

This Easter you are invited to make a contribution to the Agnes and Matt Lyle Flower Memorial Fund in memory or honor of a friend  
or loved one. For each \$10.00 donation the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, March 31.

Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line  
of your check. **The deadline is Sunday, March 17.**

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and email address \_\_\_\_\_.

Name(s) of giver(s) to be printed in the bulletin \_\_\_\_\_.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_.



## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 10

There will be a brief meeting held at the beginning of worship to approve the slate of Elders Elect. Please make plans to attend.

**SAPC  
YOUNG  
ADULTS**



Young adults are invited to join for a night of fun, fellowship, and trivia on Thursday, March 21. Join us at Suffolk Punch Southpark (next to the food Court) from 7—9pm. Get to know your fellow Selwyn young adults beyond the sanctuary.

## ALL CHURCH RETREAT - APRIL 26-28, 2024

The retreat will be held at Montreat Conference Center.

Reading Jonah— A Sea of Stories is the theme.

We will welcome Anna Carter Florence as our retreat leader. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister, preaching professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, and author.

Click [here](#) to register. Registration will close March 22.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

### Sunday Mornings 9:30am

Our Lenten Sunday School series continues through March 24, 9:30am. Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter, March 31.

- ◇ The Social Gospel. The Conversations on Faith class will discuss. Triggered by working conditions in the late 19th century that included child labor, this movement sought to expand Christian practice beyond personal salvation toward improving the lives of all.
  - ◇ A Journey of Hope through the Tears. Lent marks the forty days leading up to Jesus' execution and surprising return to life three days later. The practice began in the fourth century as a way to prepare Christians for the holiest, hardest days of our story. The cross isn't the end of the story but this season of grief is carved out to acknowledge the reality of Jesus' sacrifice. Our Savior knew pain, grief, and despair, and so do we. Easter is coming, but for now we sit in the ashes of our broken dreams and broken hearts, knowing God sits here with us. This class is an invitation to join others in community and bless whatever this season is bringing you.
  - ◇ Middle and High School Youth are invited to join our Intergenerational Sunday School Class at 9:30am.
  - ◇ K-5 Sunday School children will explore scripture and story through an adult guided 'Montessori style' of learning using hands on stations, crafts, reading and group interaction.
  - ◇ Our skilled nursery workers are downstairs for children ages 0 through 3 years old.
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- ◇ **Pastors Lenten Bible Study** The study will take place on Thursdays through March 28, at 1pm on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 543 318 2363.
  - ◇ **Men's Group**, at 7am each Friday morning. (Bates House)
  - ◇ **Children's Choir** Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us. The choir will meet on Wednesdays through March 13, 5:30–6pm in the Chapel. The children will participate in worship on March 17. Questions, contact [Nancy Nutter](#).
  - ◇ **The Tweens**, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, will meet at 5pm on March 17 and 24, and April 21. The class will also participate in Second Sunday Service opportunities. (Bowman Building)

## YOUTH NEWS

- Youth are encouraged to attend the intergenerational Lenten Sunday School series A Journey of Hope through the Tears. The class meets in the Chapel at 9:30am.
- July 7-13 Montreat Youth Conference for Rising 9th-12th Grade. Total trip cost \$400; \$100 deposit due upon [registration](#); \$300 due April 30, 2024. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Two adults are needed. Questions, please [contact Margo](#).

# WORSHIP

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Join us weekly for Worship in the sanctuary at 10:30am. If you cannot attend worship in person an email is sent at 10:15am with the [Facebook link](#).

Sign up to Usher in Worship.  
Scan the QR Code with  
your mobile app or  
contact Jill Cann.



## 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

## FOOD FIRST SUNDAY FOR MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

We need one pound plastic jars of peanut butter, 16 ounce or smaller cans of fruits and protein items (tuna or canned meat). Anything larger is difficult for the students to carry.

No glass jars, please!

Bring items to the church on Sundays or during weekday office hours Monday through Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-1pm.

Our March food packing and delivery dates are March 7 and March 21, 9am. [Sign up here](#) to help.



## MARCH 10, SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE

Join us after worship in a time of community and preparation. After a light lunch we will prepare casseroles, baked goods, supply kits, and cards for use in congregational care.

## MONTCLAIRE NEEDS YOU!



There are a variety of opportunities and commitment levels to assist Montclair. Scan the QR Code or contact [Ellen Harris](#) or [Denise Pineno](#). Check out the GEP [March newsletter here](#).

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE



A dire humanitarian crisis has resulted from the October 7, 2023 deadly attacks in Israel and the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. Due to the tremendous loss of lives, forced evacuations, and suffering of people without access to basic necessities, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable, and supporting partners in Israel and Palestine who are responding to the needs of neighbors and strangers in their midst, no matter their religious beliefs, political views or nationality. We are called to care for all of God's children by responding to the urgent needs of those directly affected. Please pray for peace, safe passage, and relief for those needing medical attention and seeking help. To offer financial support you can give [online](#), call (800) 872-3283, text PDAIP to 41444, or send a check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR000081-Israel/Palestine" on the memo line. Mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



Selwyn participates in the Room in the Inn program through Roof Above from December through March each year, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep.

Thank you volunteers  
for giving me and my  
mom a warm place  
to sleep Thank you for  
the warm welcome  
and smiles Thank you  
for passing the blessing