



THE SELWYN SPIRE

May 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
2929 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte, NC 28209, Tel: 704-372-6836, www.selwynpres.org



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN, completed K-5th grade, will meet June 24– 27, from 9am– 3pm. Cost is \$150 per child. We will partner with Bethelwoods Camp this year to explore our theme of Grace Filled Tales: Parables about Grace through Bible study, art, and games. We will also spend time outside enjoying God's world.

VBS FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN, ages 4 and five, will meet June 17, 18, and 20, from 9:30– 11:30am. Cost is \$40 per child. Nancy Nutter and Andrea DePhillips will be the leaders.

The registration form can be found on the next page.

SAPC STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Nancy Nutter, *Director of Children/Family Ministries*
Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*
Allyson Anderson, *Seminary Intern/Membership*

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 - Sam Phifer
Christian Education & Formation - Charlie Harris/Jodie Bolewitz
Congregational Life - Ginny Burgin/Lori Burbank
Mission - Christy Horne/Denise Pineno
Worship - Dick Metzler

Vacation Bible School 2024

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VBS

This year we are offering two different Vacation Bible Schools, one for Elementary Age children, the other for Preschoolers, age 4 and 5. Volunteers are needed for both weeks.

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Cost is \$40 per child.
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Please fill out and return this registration form, along with your check made out to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, to Nancy Nutter by May 30, choosing the appropriate VBS for your child/children. Questions or to volunteer, contact Nancy Nutter, nancyn@selwynpres.org.



Please return your completed registration form and check to Nancy Nutter by May 30 to secure your child's/children's place.

Child's Name _____
 Age _____ Current School Grade _____
 Preschool VBS _____ OR Elementary VBS _____
 Special needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

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Parent(s) Name(s) _____
 Cell phone numbers _____
 Email Addresses _____
 Emergency Contacts (Names and Numbers) _____

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Craig and Hunter Aulebach

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
 JOINED ON APRIL 21.
 PLEASE PROVIDE A
 WARM WELCOME TO ALL.



Chris and Kate Beam



Gay Curtin



Jill Eilenberger

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SALT SHAKERS

Dick Metzler will host on Sunday, May 5, 6pm.



Remember to bring a covered dish to share. Questions, contact [Malyn Pratt](#).

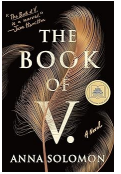
COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES

If you or an immediate family member will graduate from college or graduate school this spring please contact [Marsha](#) in the office or 704-372-6836 by May 20 with your name, college, and your degree for the information to be included in the June *Spire* newsletter.



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet on May 21, 6:30pm at Sir Edmonds Halley's Restaurant to discuss *The Book of V* by Anna Solomon. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 12

The Session has called a short congregational meeting following Worship.

The purpose is for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to present the Associate Pastor for Mission and Youth candidate.

We hope you will make every effort to attend.



Join us this Spring & Summer at Selwyn!

"I Walked to Church" Movement

- ✓ Walk, run, bike, and don't worry about wearing casual clothing to church.
- ✓ Walking to church is good for ourselves, our family, and our environment.
- ✓ Address many family goals all at once with a walk to church: screen-free time together, reduce our carbon footprint and exercise together.

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

Non-Member Deaths

- Althenia Frances Hawkins, mother of Kim McGirt, on March 22, 2024
- Tawes DeWyngaert, former member, on April 12, 2024
- Gary Bromberger, father of Ross Bromberger, on April 15, 2024

Non-Member Birth

- Seth Edward Barefoot, grandson of Robert and Mary Reynolds, on April 16

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.



Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord, Always! Again I say, Rejoice!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| <p>1 Bailey King</p> <p>2 Pam Brownlee
Margo Fraga
Connor Simmons</p> <p>3 Tate Arrington</p> <p>4 Lorelie Moorefield</p> <p>6 Jodie Bolewitz</p> <p>7 Max Bourg
Meg Dewey
TJ Milewski</p> <p>8 Jackie Rich
Matthew Sontag</p> <p>9 Caroline Elliott</p> | <p>10 David Hall
Harrison Rea
Matt Turner</p> <p>11 Stratford Kiger
Luke Martin
Blake Partridge
Hank Thrasher</p> <p>12 Lindsay Craig
Katie Gualtieri
Lawson Simmons</p> <p>13 Kit Daily
Carolyn Miller
Nancy Nutter
Samantha Salton
Charles Wakefield</p> | <p>14 Lorraine Camp
Jack Martin
Billy Nauman
Colleen Williams</p> <p>15 Hannah Bromberger
Brian Hackman
Sarah Rea</p> <p>16 Grey McLennan
Tonya Moore</p> <p>17 Steele Dewey</p> <p>18 Nancy Bobbitt</p> <p>19 Andrea DePhillips</p> <p>20 Matt Baskerville
Jim Sanders</p> | <p>22 Mills Roush
Jennings Trotter</p> <p>23 Mary Skibinski</p> <p>24 Mark Northan</p> <p>25 Ethan Astroth
Quentin Cooper
Nan Howard</p> <p>26 Dwight Jones
Adam Piacentino
Alex Russell
John Tibe</p> <p>27 Ginny Burgin
Ben Muldrew</p> <p>28 Kitty Young
Barbara Yurkutat</p> | <p>29 Colin Caskey</p> <p>30 Chris Bahr
Liza Horne
Marsha Thrasher</p> <p>31 Georgia Aaron
Holden Bolewitz
Kipp Kiger
Drew Thrasher</p> |
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30AM

Our current Sunday School series will continue through June 2.

Please note — Sunday School classes will not meet on April 28 due to the All Church Retreat at Montreat.

- ◇ **Conversations on Faith Class** will discuss "Science & Faith" using the book *Stars Beneath Us: Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos* by astrophysicist and minister Paul Wallace. The class meets in the parlor.



- ◇ **Life Changing Encounters with Christ** will be a series of stories reflecting how Jesus changes individuals and communities. This will be a study on how the Risen Christ transforms, disrupts, uproots and changes everything. The class will meet in the Chapel.

- ◇ **Middle and High School Youth** are invited to join our intergenerational Sunday School Class Life Changing Encounters with Christ at 9:30am in the Chapel.

- ◇ **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. Children will be led by Nancy Nutter and a team of adult volunteers.

- ◇ **During 10:30am worship**, age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers, 4 years old—5th grade, can be found in Worship Bags. These are provided to encourage participation in following along in worship. The bags are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.



- ◇ **Nursery** with our skilled nursery workers will be downstairs for children ages 0 through 3 years old.

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

YOUTH NEWS



Sunday Mornings—Youth are encouraged to attend the intergenerational Sunday School class, "Life Changing Encounters with Christ", meeting in the Chapel at 9:30am.

Youth First Friday Game Night—May 3, 6-9pm @ Providence Presbyterian Church.

PFLAG Support Meetings for Youth and Adults—May 5, 5-6:30pm

Graduating Seniors—On May 12 Selwyn will celebrate and offer blessings for our graduating High School seniors in 10:30am worship. Please see Margo's email for additional information.



Montreat Youth Conference—Rising 9th—12th grade may register for the July 7-13 trip. Total trip cost \$400; \$100 deposit due upon [registration](#); \$300 due April 30, 2024. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Questions, [contact Margo](#).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CONGRATULATIONS to Bobbie Hankins on receiving the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership during worship on Sunday, April 21. Bobbie has been a Selwyn member for almost 50 years and has a history of service and serving on committees.

As an Elder she was the Child Development Center Group chair. She has served on the Elder nominating committee. A Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, she currently serves as a Circle Chair. She is a long time Montclair Elementary volunteer, including working with the food pantry packing team.



A member of a Care Team for many years, Bobbie also served as the Casserole Care Team chair, helping to provide casseroles for the ministers to take to people undergoing difficult times. The matriarch of three generations of very active Selwyn members, Bobbie is always thinking of others and is quick to check on friends and bring meals during an illness.

A member of Salt Shakers, Bobbie has also been a nursery worker, a Vacation Bible School teacher, an active member in Sunday School, a Doorstep Visitor, and a Room in the Inn volunteer.

WORSHIP

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

on May 19 during the 10:30am Worship Service.

If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Dick Metzler or contact the church office, 704-372-6836.



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".



Join us weekly for 10:30am Worship in the sanctuary. If you cannot attend worship in person an email is sent to members 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.

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), small bags of rice and dry beans. 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.

[Sign up here](#) to help with our remaining food packing and delivery dates of May 2, 16, and 30 at 9am.



MAY 18 - OPERATION SANDWICH

Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Please [sign up](#) in increments of 10 lunches and drop prepared lunches at the church on May 18 between 9-10am for lunches to be delivered to Roof Above.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE

A dire humanitarian crisis resulted from the October 7, 2023 deadly attacks in Israel and the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. Due to tremendous loss of lives, forced evacuations, and suffering of people without access to basic necessities, Presbyterian Church (USA) is providing assistance and supporting 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 by responding to the urgent needs of those directly affected. Please pray for peace, safe **passage, and relief for those needing medical attention and help.** To offer financial support you can give [online](#), call (800) 872-3283, text PDAIP to 41444, or mail a check to Presbyterian Church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700, made payable to Presbyterian Church (USA) please write "DR000081-Israel/Palestine" on the memo line.



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY 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](#).

