

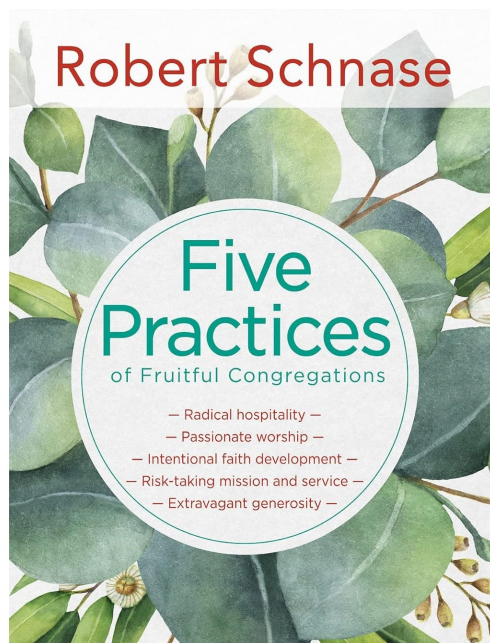


THE SELWYN SPIRE

May 2025

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

FRUITFUL LIVING SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES NOW THROUGH MAY 25



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 and Service - Chapter 4
May 18	Intentional Faith Development - Chapter 5
May 25	Extravagant Generosity - Chapters 6 and 7

GOALS FOR THIS SERIES

- Everyone would grow in their relationships - with God and each other.
- Everyone will have the opportunity to discuss the various themes in the book.
- Exploring the book, with a study guide and questions on each of the *Five Practices*, will be informative, thought-provoking, and helpful as we discern God's direction for our church and our individual faith journey.
- God will reveal through study, prayer, and dialogue His vision, core values, and strategic goals for Selwyn Avenue.

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, *Resident Pastor at QHPC*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Kris Seek, *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/ Karey Tom
Worship - Catherine Miller

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We Welcome



Trula Victoria Palmer,
daughter of Tim and Sarah Palmer
born on March 14, 2025

We Welcome



Alexander Theodore Tucker Zimmer V,
son of Ted and Janette Zimmer,
born on April 3, 2025

SALT SHAKERS will meet on Sunday, May 4,
6:30pm at the home of Vince and Malyn Pratt.
Remember to bring a covered dish to share.
Questions, contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



We Welcome



Oslo Theodore Wadensten,
son of Sven and Rebecca Wadensten
born on April 10, 2025

We Welcome



Abigail Jane Holt,
daughter of Claire Kane and Alex Holt
born on April 18, 2025

**At first, green things and yellow things popped up.
Next came purple things, followed by white things,
and finally pink things.**

Spring peepers began harmonizing with the birds.

Puddles teemed with tadpoles

And turtles sunned themselves on fallen logs.

Each new day brings a celebration.

"Let all that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

Psalms 150:6, NRSV

Come and celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's creation.

We Welcome



Anne Chaires Cronmiller,
daughter of Anna and Matthew Cronmiller
born on April 21, 2025

We Welcome



Millie Kathryn Cook,
daughter of Megan Lavery and Ryan Cook
born on April 22, 2025

THURSDAY, MAY 8 SPRINGFLING

Preschool through 5th grade families are invited to join us on
May 8, 4-5:30pm on the Selwyn playground and
courtyard. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, a balloon artist,
face painting, nature crafts, and more. This event is for the
families of Selwyn Avenue Church and the Selwyn CDC.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
Brighton Gardens - Beth Carter
Carriage Club - Herman Thomas
Cypress—Bill and Nancy Budd,
Ellen Byrum, Bob and Joe
Anne Cole, Mike and Frankie
Hinshaw, Robert Shore,
Olen and Nancy Smith,
Bob Walker

Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford

Merrywood - Pat Ferguson
Sharon Towers -

Richard and Joan Foard
Southminster - Emily Cox,
Kathy Dickson, Kay Hastings,
Bobbie Linn, Sally Moore
Summit Place - Willa May Young
TerraBella Cramer Mountain -
John McCarter

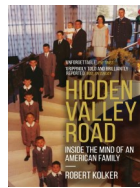
Non-Member Deaths

Richard Barry Hendrix, uncle of
Sally Marth on March 30
Tiina Early, mother of Mai-Lis Bahr
on April 4
Edwin Evan Keelen, father of
Kim Claxton on April 17

New Address

John and Susan Lemmon
501 Skygrove Lane
Holly Springs, NC 28540

SAPC BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is
on Tuesday, May 20,
6:30pm at Sir Edmond
Halley's to discuss
Hidden Valley Road
by Robert Kolker.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN at Selwyn

Join us after
worship on Sundays!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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





COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES

If you or an immediate family member will graduate from a college, university, or graduate school this spring, please email [Kris Seek](#) or contact the church office at 704-372-6836 by May 18 with the graduate's name, the school's name, and the academic degree conferred to be included in June's *Spire* newsletter. Congratulations to all college graduates and their families!



MEMBER NAME TAGS

As we gather for worship, classes, and events, it is helpful for church members to wear their name tags. Members can take their name tag home if they prefer or find it on the rack in the Welcome Center as they arrive to the church. If you have lost or damaged your name tag, contact [Kris Seek](#) or call the SAPC Office at 704-372-6836. The cost for a replacement name tag is five dollars.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

BAPTISM CLASSES

Selwyn will offer a two-week Baptism class on Sunday, June 22 and June 29 at 9:30am in the library. This class is designed for parents interested in learning more about the sacrament and wanting to schedule their child's baptism. Contact [Margo Fraga](#).

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 payable to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, to the church office 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Members have selected a recipient for an Honorary Life Membership, honoring her faithful service to the Presbyterian Women's organization and to the church. The honoree will receive a silver membership pin and personalized certificate in worship on May 4.

A churchwide reception will be held following the worship service.



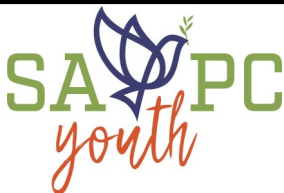
SAVE THE DATE - PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

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 and allow as many women of the church to gather as possible. Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will be our retreat leader.

Registration information will be available at a later date.

Morning Men's Group– Every Friday at 7am - Bates House
Evening Men's Group– Every Monday at 7:30pm - Parlor

YOUTH NEWS



GRADUATING SENIORS On May 11, Selwyn will celebrate and offer blessings for our graduating High School seniors in 10:30 worship. Please use [this link](#) to provide your student's information.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Please attend the 9:30am intergenerational Sunday School class in the Parlor.

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS JOINED ON APRIL 6 Norah Bolewitz, Camille Cumbus, Tate DePhillips, Patrick Finein, Lucas Halstead, Alan Kincade, Jack Mills, Charlie Pfeifer, Amelia Sauda, Owen Sauda, Isabella Vera, Cassidy Wolf, and Stella Wolf

MISSION

OPERATION SANDWICH, MAY 17

Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors.

Please sign up in increments of ten lunches through [this link](#).

Prepared lunches should be brought to the church on Saturday, May 17 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROOM IN THE INN

Thank you to everyone that participated in helping make Room in the Inn a success this season for our Roof Above neighbors.

A big thank you to RITI coordinators Michelle Bentley, Jen Daily, and Christy Parbst.



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

We need 1 lb. bags of rice or beans, 16 oz. or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits or canned meats, and 16 oz. or smaller plastic jars of peanut butter. Please **DO NOT** bring glass jars!

Donate these items at church on the first Sunday of each month or during the week.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our next workdays are July 18 and October 18.

[Click here](#) to sign up.



HELP PACK FOOD BAGS FOR FAMILIES AT MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY

Our upcoming food packing and delivery dates are:

May 1, 15, and 29 in the Fellowship Hall at 9am.

Sign up to help on one or more days through [this link](#).



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP

There are still a variety of ways to assist the Montclair Elementary community. Sign up through [this link](#), visit the church website, or contact [Ellen Harris](#) or [Karey Tom](#).

You may also learn more by scanning the "Selwyn Serves Montclair Elementary" QR Code.



WORSHIP



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](#).

SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP If you can help in May, please contact [Tracie Northan](#).



COMMUNION, JUNE 8

Communion will be served on June 8 during the 10:30am worship service.

If you are unable to attend the service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Catherine Miller.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You are encouraged to sign up in honor or remembrance 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."

GIVING INFORMATION



To make a confidential pledge, use this [link](#), email church accountant [Tonya Moore](#), scan the Giving QR code, or return your pledge card to the church office.

Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. Then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You do not need a keyword if giving to the annual fund.