



THE SELWYN SPIRE

October 2025

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Selwyn campus: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Quail campus: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Planting Seeds of Faith

This fall, our Selwyn and Quail Hollow campuses are embracing the parable of the mustard seed. Just as a small seed grows into something far greater, our community is built on small acts of faith—words of encouragement, gifts of time, offerings of welcome.

At **Quail Hollow**, your courage in embracing a new 9:00am worship rhythm has opened space for creativity, strengthened hospitality toward preschool families, and nurtured vibrant worship with dynamic music. Seeds of welcome and fellowship planted here are already bearing fruit in new relationships.

At **Selwyn**, God's Spirit is alive in intergenerational ministry. Worship and music ground us each week, Christian education nurtures faith across generations, our Child Development Center thrives, and our mission work changes lives near and far. Together we are growing a community where God's love is palpable.

This month members of our congregation will be inviting you into their testimonies of faith and into conversations about our commitment to hospitality, faithful mission in the world, and our bold vision for the future.

As we enter our 2026 Stewardship season, our goal is simple: **full participation from every household.**

Each commitment, no matter the size, strengthens the roots of our shared ministry and helps God's love grow in and through us. Your gift to the church will benefit the campus on which you worship. Please bring your 2026 estimate of giving to worship on October 26. You may also place your pledge commitment online by filling out the form through [this link](#). Your information will go directly to Tonya Moore, church accountant.

Join us on the Selwyn campus for **Dedication Sunday, October 26**, for a joyful jazz worship service at 10:30am, followed by a reception.

Let us plant and tend these seeds together, trusting that God will make them flourish.

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." Luke 13:18-19



Seeds of Hope
Branches of Love

STEWARDSHIP 2026



SELWYN CAMPUS STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*

Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*

Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Karley Wilke-Nadler, *Director of Children and Families*

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 - Mike DeAmicis

Child Development Center - Jeremy Caskey

Christian Education & Formation - Todd Muldrew

Congregational Life - Lori Burbank

Mission - Karey Tom

Worship - Catherine Miller

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Dempwolf Olmstead

September 24, 1929 –
September 15, 2025

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Howard Hormberg, Sr.

January 6, 1939 –
September 30, 2025ALL CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL,
OCTOBER 16, 4:30 - 6PM

Join us on the front lawn for this annual event! All children, age birth - fifth grade are invited.

In addition to yard games and activities, there will be games and a balloon artist. A food truck will be available to purchase food.

Tickets for raffle baskets, to benefit the Selwyn Child Development Center, are available for purchase at the event and through the Child Development Center office.



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,
 Olen and Nancy Smith, Bob Walker
 Huntersville Oaks - Pat Ferguson
 Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
 Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
 Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
 Southminster - Emily Cox, Kathy Dickson,
 Kay Hastings, Bobbye Linn, Sally Moore
 Summit Place - Willa May Young
 TerraBella Cramer Mountain - John McCarter

SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING INFORMATION We appreciate every effort being made in keeping your current pledge commitment up-to-date in this last quarter of the year. To make a confidential pledge, you can 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 phone number. You do not need a keyword if giving to the annual fund.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

September 7,
we welcomed
Ryan and Katie
Ferraoli.

Please provide a warm welcome.

BOOK CLUB

October 21, 6:30pm at
Sir Edmond Halley's to
discuss *Station Eleven*
by Emily St. John Mandel.Questions, [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

PARKING LOT REMINDER



The small parking lot is a one-way drive, from the Selwyn Avenue entrance, down the hill, exiting onto Glendale. There are stop signs at the bottom of the hill and a speed bump to remind drivers to exit slowly and carefully. Please do not exit onto Selwyn Avenue from the small parking lot, or enter from Glendale and drive up the hill.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Keller Bentley Davis Hahn | 8 Mary Watterson Arnheim Kimber Arrington Nancy Cooke Madison Horton Bettye Sue Newsom Betsey Macholz | 14 Pete Halstead Mary Peyton Harner Milly Marth Jack McClane Aaron Roper Joe Rossi | 23 Matt Claxton |
| 2 Burt Arrington Charlie Beam Caroline Green Carlin Kirk | 9 Emily Kincade Morgan Liles Anne McMackin Matthew Shekletski Rebecca Wadensten | 15 Kate Beam Madeline Pettiglio Melanie Vise | 25 Heather Oberg |
| 3 Karen Price Stuart Thomas | 10 Ashley Armistead Bea McLellan Heather Risko Margaret Shekletski Damon Turner | 16 Luke Martin Mary Reynolds Ted Zimmer | 26 Lori Raible |
| 4 Mike Ferguson | 11 Elias Fraga Joy Vickers | 17 Cooper Cumbus | 27 Allyson Anderson Simon Cann Maren Deal Kyle Finn |
| 5 Mary Carver Deal Ben Ellis Johnny Vera Anna Warner | 12 Kurt Parbst | 18 Katie Horton | 28 Campbell Burbank |
| 6 Rob Brown Jim Cooper Alissa Green Jordan Tallent | 13 Stevee Baskerville Karen Edinger Townes Short | 19 Jackson Burbank | 29 Brad Barbee Reece Bromberger Nathan Phifer |
| 7 Quinn LeBouton Allison Malloy Ann Royal McLennan Ted Northrup Kristen Tan Frances Walker | | 20 James Anderson Avery Bourg | 30 Alexandra Pappayliou Henry Parbst |
| | | 21 Grant Armistead Patrick Madigan Graham Murray | 31 Ryan Ferraoli Braxton McLennan Gardiner Roddey Alyssa Sharpe Grace Walton Miller Walton |
| | | 22 Ellen Harris | |



FALL BACK, NOVEMBER 2

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2.
Don't forget to set clocks back an hour.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 9:30AM-10:20AM

Sunday mornings at 9:30am are a primary time of formation for SAPC children and their families! During this time, children engage in faith teaching by vetted and trusted adults through play, Bible instruction, song, prayer, art, science and more! It is a time where children are invited into community with their peers and safe adults to belong and ask questions and explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus! Sunday School is offered for ages 5-5th grade upstairs in the Bowman building.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP DURING 10:30 AM WORSHIP

This is a short and sweet time for children ages 5-2nd grade to learn what it means to worship God through the many facets of worship. Often, this brief time (from after the Children's Sermon to after the adult sermon- approximately 20-25 minutes) includes singing, storytelling, dancing, playing instruments, engaging in games, and a brief activity. Children are invited to join for the beginning part of worship in the sanctuary, follow their teachers out following the Children's Message to head to the chapel, and rejoin their parents/guardians in the sanctuary following Children's Worship.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for ages 4 through 5th grade, will be on Wednesdays, October 8 – 29 starting at 5:15pm.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

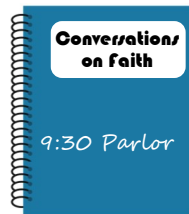
Children, ages five – 5th grade, meet in the Bowman building. The Biggest Story leads learners through the Bible, teaching 104 Bible stories. On October 26 and November 2, the 3rd - 5th graders will engage in *Reading Your Bible* as their parents focus on the same subject in the Adult Milestone Class in the Library.

FALL PROGRAMING: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



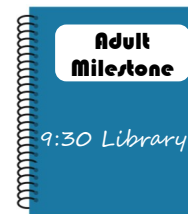
This intergenerational class welcomes everyone from 6th graders to adults.

Guided by a teaching team committed to deep Bible study, we will explore God's Word, ask questions, share insights across generations, and prepare our hearts and minds for worship as one community of faith. We are walking through the Gospel of Luke by "Living the Story Together," studying the same scriptures and themes in our weekly worship and sermons. This curriculum is also offered at 9:50am on the Quail Campus (Quail Lambeth Parlor).



On October 5 and 12, this class will wrap up their study of *The Big Relief* by David Zahl.

October 19 - November 23
The Bible Tells Me So by Peter Enns:
Join us for a new six-week study based on the spiritual odyssey of evangelical scholar Peter Enns. The more he studied the Bible, the more he wrestled with questions like "Is this what God really requires?" and "Does divine inspiration mean ignoring the Bible?" Discover how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God's Word as it is actually written.

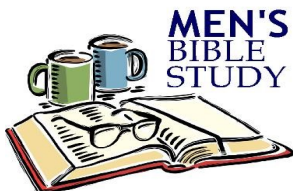


This new adult milestone class is for parents of all ages and stages. Classes run in a two to three week series.

October 12 and 19
What is Baptism and Why Do We Do It?
This class is for parents interested in learning about the sacrament and would like to schedule their child's baptism.
October 26 and November 2
How to Read Your Bible as a Family
Gain practical tools and creative ideas for reading the Word with children in age-appropriate, spiritually enriching ways.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Join us in the Quail Hollow Parlor, Wednesdays through November 19, 11:30am - 12:30pm.

MEN'S MORNING GROUPS



Monday Evening Men's Group: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30pm - offsite, typically at People's Market. Led by Ted Zimmer and Curtis Corell - Open to men of all ages, the group meets for discussion, prayer, and encouragement. To join the group chat, click [this link](#) from your phone.

Friday Morning Men's Group: Every Friday, 7am in the SAPC Bates House. Led by Roger Mills and Joe Bentley - This all-ages group of men walk through life and faith with honesty, trust, and accountability.

APRIL 24-26, 2026, ALL CHURCH RETREAT Members from both campuses are invited to attend the 2026 Congregational Retreat at the Montreat Conference Center. With programming and activities for all generations, there's something for everyone. More details and registration information coming this Winter.

YOUTH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHURCH YOUTH WEEKEND RETREAT IN THE MOUNTAINS



NOVEMBER 8

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS SOON

GAME NIGHT, OCTOBER 3, 6PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us in the Chapel, 9:30am.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

We need a family or two to team up to provide dinner at 5:30pm.

Please click [this link](#) to sign up.

ADULT MENTORS NEEDED to work with our youth. For more information, contact [Brian](#).

ALL CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 16

Youth are encouraged to volunteer.

Click [this link](#) to sign up to assist with games and other activities for the younger children.

[Click here](#) to follow SAPC Youth on Instagram.

[Click here](#) for the Youth Ministry calendar.

Questions, contact [Brian Daoust](#).

FIRST FRIDAY GAME NIGHTS

1st Friday of each month
6-9 pm



SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE PROJECTS

2nd Sunday of each month
after worship • 11:30 am



YOUTH GROUP

3rd & 4th
Sundays of
each month
5:30-7:00 pm



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to join a Presbyterian Women's Circle.

Circles typically meet from September through May for Bible studies, topics of interest, and community service.

Click [this link](#) to learn about PW Circles on both campuses and find the Circle contact.

Women of Wonder - First Mondays, 12:30pm | SAPC Parlor

Our Spiritual Journey - First Tuesdays, 10:30am | SAPC Library

Evening Grace - First Tuesdays, 7pm | SAPC Parlor

Quail Morning Circle - Second Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm | QHPC Parlor

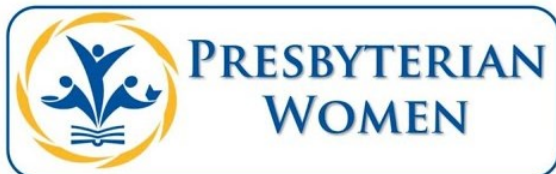
Quail Evening Circle - Second Tuesdays, 7pm - 8pm | QHPC Parlor

Peace I - First and Third Tuesdays, 7:15pm | SAPC Library

Peace II - First Wednesdays, 7:30pm | SAPC Parlor

Daughters of Faith I - Every Wednesday, 11am | SAPC Parlor

Daughters of Faith Evening II - Third Mondays, 7pm | Pifer Home



Questions, contact Moderator [Pam Brownlee](#) or a Circle leader.



Join us!

November 14-16, 2025

Bethelwoods Camp and Conference
Center

922 W Mt Gallant Rd, York, SC

Register online at

<https://form.jotform.com/252174207553151>



Paper registration forms are available on both campuses. For questions regarding registration, please contact Erin Mills or Ann Caskey.

[Click here](#) to register online. The deadline is October 27.

[Click here](#) for all the 2025 PW Retreat details!

[Click here](#) for a brief video introduction to our guest speaker, Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito

[Click here](#) to request a paper registration form.

WORSHIP

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Communion will be served on both campuses:
Quail Hollow at 9am and Selwyn Avenue at 10:30am.



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON QUAIL HOLLOW CAMPUS

Join us in the Quail Hollow Sanctuary at 10:30am for a Communion and Prayer Service on October 8 and November 5.

ALL CHURCH JAZZ WORSHIP AND DEDICATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26



Join us on the Selwyn campus for a special Worship service in the Dean Ferguson Sacred Worship Music Series. Guest jazz musicians will perform during the 10:30am Worship service. Members from both campuses will dedicate their pledge commitments for 2026. A reception will immediately follow.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a Sunday. Once the date is confirmed, an online payment or check can be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".



WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE



Join us weekly for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. If you cannot attend worship in person, an email is sent every Sunday at 10:15am with the [Facebook link](#). You do not need a Facebook account watch the church service.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Names of church members and relatives of members who died since November 3, 2024 will be read during the service and are printed on a bulletin insert. The church office compiles the list based on church records. If you have a relative or friend you would like added, please [email Marsha](#) or call 704-372-6836 by October 20. Communion will be served during the Worship service.

MISSION

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP

There are a variety of ways to assist the Montclair Elementary community during the school year. Sign up to help through this QR Code, [this link](#), the [website](#), or contact [Ellen Harris](#) or [Karey Tom](#).



SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE PROJECT STREAM CLEAN, OCTOBER 12

A light lunch for volunteers will be served following worship before heading to the clean up site. [Click here](#) to sign up.



OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 15



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 November 15 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.