



THE SELWYN SPIRE

September 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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A FALL SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

CHARTING THE COURSE IN A CONFLICTED WORLD

SEPTEMBER 8 - OCTOBER 27

There's a place for everyone. Join us on September 8 at 9:30am as we start our new programming year.

Adults can choose from two class series.

- Faith Forward Class (Intergenerational Class, Chapel) Do you ever feel powerless? The people of the early church discovered what true power looks like. Jesus transformed their lives—and they changed the world. Acts is the extraordinary record of what these early Christian disciples did. In the book *Acts 1-12: Traditional Bible Study Curriculum on the book of Acts*, as Phyllis J. Le Peau leads us through the Acts, you will begin to understand what the Holy Spirit can do in you and in the world. The power that you see in action in this book is the same power that can transform your life.
- Conversations on Faith Class (Parlor) Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Through the I Am statements Jesus describes himself with rich images, showing us he is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers. In *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection.
- Confirmation class will be offered for 7th and 8th graders starting September 8.
- Milestone, Worship Readiness 1.0 (five-year-olds to second grade, Bowman building) – A five week class for non-readers and early readers listen to Bible stories, tour the sanctuary, and answer big questions about worship. Why and how do we worship? What is baptism and communion? This class is designed to help children participate and enjoy worship. This milestone will be celebrated on October 6 as children and their parents celebrate the Lord's Supper in worship.
- Sunday School (four-year-olds to fifth grade, Bowman building) - At Selwyn, a child's faith formation is marked by appropriate milestones along the way. Children not participating in a specific milestone class are invited to discover a new story through stations that include a book corner, prayer table, story time, crafts and building. Children are invited to engage in stories about God's love through intentional, planned lessons and Montessori style learning.
- Nursery Care (for infants to three-years old) - At this stage, your children need love and care, and you need to know they are safe and happy. While children are always welcomed in worship, experienced nursery caregivers welcome our youngest members between 9:15am and 11:45am each Sunday in two rooms - Crib/Toddlers and Three/Fours.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

JOIN US FOR A BISCUIT FELLOWSHIP September 1, 9:30AM

We will have biscuits,
coffee, and fellowship.

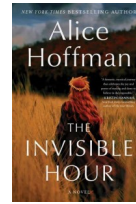
Sunday School classes
will not meet.



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet September 17,
6:30pm at Sir Edmond
Halley's Restaurant
to discuss *The Invisible
Hour* by Alice Hoffman.

Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



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,
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,
Bobbie Linn, Sally Moore
- Summit Place - Willa May Young
- TerraBella Cramer Mountain -
John McCarter
- The Pines on Carmel - Beth Carter

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.



CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS

The Thriving Congregations team will lead two upcoming meetings. The first one will be offered in-person on Sunday, September 15 following worship. On Monday, September 16 the meeting will be held at 7pm on Zoom. You can find the link in the weekly email.
Please make plans to attend one of these meetings.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Josh Canter | 10 Courtney McLellan | 17 Davis Long | 22 Christy Horne | 26 Addie Bahr |
| Hank Hankins | Vicky Windell | Frank Spencer | Lucy Stark | Emma Grace Coble |
| Teddy Sutton | 11 Lori Burbank | 18 David Caldwell | Mark Swartz | Miles Marth |
| Clark Walton | David Finnie | Theo Jeffries | 23 Ellen Byrum | Marshall Pifer |
| 2 Toby Arnheim | Jeff Muth | Judy Lonetti | Richard Guinan | 27 Kim Claxton |
| Chris Pettiglio | Julia White | 19 Peaches Deal | Laura Widmer | Sebastian Hackman |
| 3 Anna Cronmiller | Kelly Wolf | Anne Harris | 24 Tara Cameron | Michael Oberg |
| John Simmons | 12 Darren Price | Lindsey Price | Perry Liles | 28 Lily Hart |
| Penelope Curtin | Matt Roper | 20 Mike DeAmicis | Michael Trotter | Rob Raible |
| 5 Suzanne Phillips | 13 Rae DePhillips | 21 Ollie Astroth | Bob Walker | Andrew Winkenwerder |
| 6 Chris Pineno | Sara Howard | Andrea Barkley | Becky Muth | 29 James Cronmiller |
| William Rossi | Annie LeBouton | Jonah Cameron | 25 Eliza Cann | |
| 7 Mattie Coble | Rich Newbegin | Janice Finein | Beth Carter | |
| Patrice Northrup | 14 Brody Elliott | Mary Howard Haynie | | |
| Karey Tom | Lara Nauman | Andy Sontag | | |
| 9 Sally Shoaf | Melanie Spencer | Nicolas Vera | | |
| | 15 Allison Warner | | | |



SAPC STAFF

- Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
- Margo 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION



BAPTISM CLASSES Selwyn will offer a two week class on Sunday, September 8 and 15 at 9:30am in the library. The class is designed for parents interested in learning more about the sacrament and wanting to schedule their child's baptism.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Join Lori Raible starting Wednesday, September 11, 1pm on Zoom. Look for the link in an upcoming weekly email. The study will continue through November 13.



MEN'S GROUP, meets at 7am each Friday morning at the Bates House.

TWEENS BIBLE STUDY September 15, 5:30pm for third through fifth grades. The group will start with dinner combined with the Youth Group. The Bible class will follow as we begin our study on the book of Acts.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to be part of the choir. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6pm in the Chapel. Fall practice dates are September 25, October 2, 9, and 16 and December 4 and 11. The children will sing in worship on October 20 and on December 15 as part of the Christmas pageant. Questions contact [Nancy Nutter](#).

YOUTH NEWS

September 6, 6 - 9pm – Youth Friday Game Night at Providence Presbyterian Church.

September 15, 5:30pm – Youth Group for Middle and High School students.

September 29, 9:30am – Confirmation Class Pancake Breakfast.

Questions contact [Brian Daoust](#).



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women are invited to participate in a Presbyterian Women's Circle, September through May, for Bible study, topics of interest, and service. Contact a Circle leader, Moderator Pam Brownlee, or the church office for more information.

Women of Wonder - September 9, 12pm, Emily Cox's home. Usually meet first Monday of the month, 12:30pm - Ann Copeland, Cacky Newitt

Peace Seekers I - Every other Tuesday evening, 7:15pm, beginning September 3 - Catherine Miller, Ann Caskey

Peace Seekers II - First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm, beginning September 4 - Caroline Thompso

Our Spiritual Journey - First Tuesday of the month, 10:30am, beginning September 10 - Bobbie Hankins

Evening Grace – First Tuesday of the month, 7pm, beginning September 3 - Nancy Bobbitt

Daughters of Faith I - Weekly on Wednesdays, 11am, beginning September 11 - Tracie Northan

Daughters of Faith Evening II- Third Monday of the month, 7pm - Deni Pifer



WOMEN'S SOCIAL GATHERING, OCTOBER 10

The Presbyterian Women invite all women to a Social Gathering and Speaker on Thursday, October 10, from 6:30 – 8pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Pam Brownlee if transportation is needed to attend.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT All women are invited to participate in the overnight retreat scheduled for April 26 – 27, 2025. The retreat will be held at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, SC. Look for more details to come.

WORSHIP

JAZZ SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15



Please join us for our annual 10:30am Jazz Worship service. We will welcome guest musicians.

REV. BRIAN DAoust INSTALLATION WORSHIP SERVICE



Please join us for this special worship service on September 22 at 5pm in the sanctuary. A dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

OCTOBER 6, WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion will be served 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 Susan Lemmon 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".

SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP SERVICES

Scan the QR Code with your mobile app or contact Jill Cann. Dates are listed until the end of 2024.



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](#).

MISSION



FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

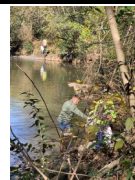
We need 1-pound bags of rice or beans; 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits or canned meats; 16 ounce or smaller plastic jars of peanut butter.

Please DO NOT bring glass jars!

Bring items to the church the first Sunday of each month or during the week.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 8

Join us following worship to participate in a stream clean.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We had a successful Habitat workday in July with ten volunteers doing "framing punch" (odds and ends to finish framing) on a new two-story house.

Our next workday, October 19, coincides with our annual participation as part of Charlotte Church Partners.

We are scheduled to do similar work in a house on James Street in west Charlotte. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up. We need fifteen volunteers and someone to bring lunch.



MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP

There are a variety of ways to assist the Montclair Elementary community in the new school year. Sign up to help through [this link](#), visit the church website, or contact [Ellen Harris](#). You may also learn more by scanning the "Selwyn Serves Montclair Elementary" QR Code. If you would like to join the Montclair Team to help with planning, please contact [Karey Tom](#) or Ellen Harris.

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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCHEON

The annual fundraising luncheon will be held Thursday, October 24, 12 – 1pm, at The Filmore, 820 Hamilton Street, Charlotte, 28206. This is a wonderful way to support Habitat Charlotte and to learn about all the amazing ways Habitat is making affordable homeownership a reality in our area.



Email Selwyn's Table Captain [Nancy Bobbitt](#) or call 252-343-5356 to reserve your place at the table.