



THE SELWYN SPIRE

November 2024

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
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As Fred Buechner once wrote, "Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need." Each Sunday in November, Selwyn will host thought leaders and change-makers who, by listening to God's whisper, are impacting their communities in meaningful ways. This series is inspired by Charlottean Kathy Izzard's book, *Trust the Whisper*. As a gesture of gratitude, you are invited to pick up a copy of her book at the church while supplies last.



Kathy Izzard
Author
"Trust the Whisper"
November 3



Melisa Winburn
CEO of ASP
November 10

Trust the Whisper Speaker Series



Patrick Balsley
Founder SANA Counseling
& SANA Recovery
November 17



Ana Rey
CEO of Charlotte
Bilingual Preschool
November 24



Stewardship

Our community of faith affords us the opportunity to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have returned your commitment card, thank you. If you have not, we hope you will turn to Acts 4:31-35 in the spirit of faithfulness and generosity as you consider filling out your 2025 estimate of giving.

You can return your commitment card to the church office, email [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore@selwynpres.org) church accountant, or enter your commitment via the [church website](http://www.selwynpres.org).



STEWARDSHIP 2025

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,
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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We welcome



Elias Stephen Fraga, son of Margo and Steve Fraga, born on October 11, 2024

SALT SHAKERS

will meet on Sunday, November 3, 6:30pm at the home of Jill Eilenberger, 6614 Lynne Avenue. Remember to bring a covered dish to share. Questions, contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be in the Parlor on November 17 after worship.

Please contact [Susan Lohr](#), 704-582-3314 with questions.



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, Bob Walker

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 Birth

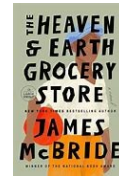
Juliette Marie Bell, on October 9, 2024, granddaughter of Gay Pappin

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Remember to fall back one hour on November 2, 2024 before you go to bed.

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet November 19, 6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant to discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).



GIVING INFORMATION

We appreciate every effort being made in keeping your current pledge commitment up-to-date as we near the end of 2024. To make a confidential pledge use this link, email church accountant, Tonya Moore or return your completed pledge card to the church.

Giving Stock: Our account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: 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 of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

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 key word if giving to the annual fund.

Scan the Giving QR code:



MECKLENBURG

INTERFAITH FRIENDSGIVING

Join us as we celebrate different **faiths, cultures,** and **traditions** in a spirit of thanksgiving.

- Family-friendly
- FREE event - open to all
- Donations accepted

FEAST | PRAYERS | MUSIC

NOV 21 | 6 - 8:30 PM

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

International Food Sampling

Faith Performances

Engaging Interfaith Conversations

REGISTER HERE



meckmin.org/meckmin-interfaith-thanksgiving

SAPC NEW MEMBERS

On October 27, 2024 we welcomed Ben and Hannah Cook, Jessica Daoust, Vincent Deckard, Zach and Mary Peyton Harner, Cam and Lindsay Muldrow, and Matt and Margaret Skeletski to the Selwyn family.

Please provide a warm welcome.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Addison Roper
- Lily Kincade
- Jacqueline Black Jay Pfeifer
- Kate Claxton Will Nauman Jack Stien Ed Thomas
- Mike Hinshaw Robert Reynolds
- Avery Ellis Susan Flynn Bryan Kincade Naomi Randall

- Reese Horton Fletcher Moore Olen Smith
- Fred Cooke Millie Johnston Patricia McLellan Hattie Walton Janet Williams
- Amanda Barkley Jeremy Caskey David Harris Susan Lemmon
- Grant Armistead Mitchell Cooper Tate Hackman Allison Lindsey

- Liza Macholz
- Camille Cumbus Meredith Northan H Lucas
- Riley Battle Sharon Raines Karah Ramsey Karey Vera



- Barbara Hall Katelyn Price
- Bob Cole Katie Cumbus Debbie Pott Rebecca Thompson
- Harrison Liles Andrew Sontag Libby Stuart
- Tracie Northan
- Maddie Parbst Bruce Walker
- Charlene McDermott Joe Raible

- Melanie Ackerly
- Brian Daoust
- Jake Canter Georgine Jeffries Megan Tibe
- Jim Glen Reba Hardaway Madeline Lindsey
- Leo Miller Robert Salton Grant Sharpe
- Maggie Houston
- Steve Randall



Congregational Discernment and Called Congregational Meeting

After several months of discernment and research, the Sessions of SAPC and QHPC voted unanimously to merge into one church with two campuses. Now, you are invited into a season of discernment as the congregation will vote on the recommendation Sunday, November 24. Over the next several weeks, the Planning team will address the biggest question, "Why Merge?". Supporting details faithfully uncovered during the discernment process are available, [here](#). The documentation includes the reasons for the merger,

FAQs, administrative details (such as staffing and financial plans) and Risks/Mitigation strategies. Please contact a member of the Planning committee or Rev. Raible if you have any questions or would like to speak directly with someone on the Planning committee. Co-Chairs for Planning are Ed Thomas and Hannah King.

Why merge? As a result of three years of discernment and strategic planning, Selwyn's identity was reaffirmed and its 'North Star Vision' vision was cast and adopted by the Session in 2023. This vision, in part, states, "... we seek to impact the lives of children, youth and their families through community building, worship, early childhood development, and the deep care of those suffering from despair (mental, spiritual and emotional wellness)." A merger allows Selwyn the potential to realize its vision by expanding engaging partnerships and leadership beyond the SAPC community to include those on the QHPC campus and other organizations within the city.

Congregational Listening Sessions The Thriving Congregations team will lead two upcoming meetings. Please make plans to attend one of these meetings for updates on the possibility of the merger: In-person, following worship on Sunday, November 17, in the Chapel. Monday, November 18 the meeting will be held on Zoom at 7pm. Please see the weekly email for the link.

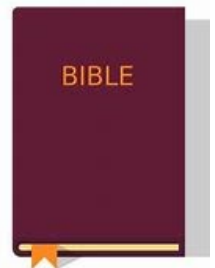
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP— DECEMBER 1, 11:30am

All ages, children through adults, are invited. We will meet on the lawn from 11:30am-1pm to make Advent wreaths, crafts, and enjoy light refreshments of cookies and hot cocoa. Wreath kits are \$10 per kit. Please contact [Brian Daoust](#) or [Nancy Nutter](#) to RSVP and reserve one or more kits. Payment for kits can be made via text to give, online, by check, or in person at the event.



- ◇ **Speaker Series and All Church Read** We are excited to share author Kathy Izard will kick off our new intergenerational Sunday School on November 3, at 9:30am. In this season of stewardship, you are invited to read her book *Trust the Whisper*. As our gift to you, each family is invited to pick up a book at the church as long as supplies last.
- ◇ **Confirmation Class** is offered for 7th and 8th graders (Bowman building).
- ◇ **Milestone Class—How To Use Your Bible** will conclude on Sunday, November 10. Third to fifth grade students will meet in the Bowman building at 9:30am to learn more about the Bible. How do we find stories we love or look up scripture? What are the major themes and stories of God and God's people? Who wrote the Bible and how is it organized? Why does the Bible matter? Class participants will be recognized in worship on November 10 for completing the class. Contact [Nancy Nutter](#) with any questions.
- ◇ **Children four-year-olds through fifth grade**, not participating in a milestone class are invited to the Bowman building to discover a Bible story through Montessori style learning stations.
- ◇ **Nursery Care** (infants to three-years old) - While children are always welcomed in worship, experienced nursery caregivers welcome our Crib/Toddlers and Three/Fours between 9:15am and 11:45am each Sunday.



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 December 4 and 11. The children will sing in worship on December 15 as part of the Christmas pageant. Questions contact [Nancy Nutter](#).



- ◇ **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** will conclude on Wednesday, November 13 at 1pm at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church.
- ◇ **MEN'S GROUP I** meets at 7am each Friday morning at the Bates House.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GAME NIGHT— November 1, 6pm. See [Brian](#) for details regarding dinner and laser tag.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Please attend the new 9:30am intergenerational Speaker Series Sunday School in the Chapel.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.

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 - First Monday of the month, 12:30pm - Ann Copeland, Cacky Newitt
- Peace Seekers I - Every other Tuesday evening, 7:15pm, November 12 and 26 - Catherine Miller, Ann Caskey
- Peace Seekers II - First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm - Caroline Thompson
- Our Spiritual Journey - First Tuesday of the month, 10:30am - Bobbie Hankins
- Evening Grace – First Tuesday of the month, 7pm - Nancy Bobbitt
- Daughters of Faith I - Weekly on Wednesdays, 11am - Tracie Northan
- Daughters of Faith Evening II- Third Monday of the month, 7pm - Deni Pifer

WORSHIP

Communion will be served on All Saints Sunday, November 3 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.



How Firm a Foundation Singing Series on Thursdays, 7pm

Anyone who has ever wanted to sing is invited to our "How Firm a Foundation" singing rehearsals on Thursdays, 7-8:15pm. This limited series is meant to encourage individuals to participate. No singing experience necessary! Rehearsals will continue until November 21, culminating in singing in worship on November 24.

Service of Comfort and Hope Join us Wednesday, December 4, 11:30am for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. RSVP to 704-372-6836 or office@selwynpres.org by 9am Monday, December 2 for the fellowship lunch which will follow.

SIGN UP TO USHER IN WORSHIP SERVICES

Scan the QR Code with your mobile app or contact [Jill Cann](#).



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](#).

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".



CHRISTMAS 2024 — FLOWER FUND

This Advent/Christmas season 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. Your donation will go towards the Flower Memorial Fund and sanctuary flowers. For each donation of \$12.00 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22. Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office. Please designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check.

The deadline is Sunday, December 8. Please print neatly.

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

Name(s) of giver(s) as you would like it printed in the bulletin. _____

In memory _____

In honor of _____

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.

Our upcoming food packing and delivery dates are November 6 at 3pm and November 21 at 9am. Sign up through [this link](#).

NOVEMBER 10 SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE

All ages are invited to participate following worship to make, package and deliver cookies. A light lunch will be served for participants
Questions contact [Brian Daoust](#).

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.

ROOM IN THE INN

Selwyn will host Roof Above homeless neighbors on Mondays from December 2 through March 31, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Look for more information coming soon. There will be opportunities to help with set up, food, overnight foods hosting, and driving the church van.



ROOF ABOVE TRUE BLESSINGS LUNCHEON

Please join us for the annual fundraising luncheon on Thursday, November 14, 12 - 1pm at the Charlotte Convention Center.



You will be nourished physically and spiritually as you learn how this organization works to "unite the community to end homelessness one life at a time". Sign up [here](#) or contact Selwyn's table captain [Susan Lohr](#) or 704-582-3314.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCHEON



Selwyn's table at the Habitat for Humanity Charlotte Region Homegrown at The Fillmore Thursday, October 24, 2024

ASP - Appalachia Shower Project needs YOU!

We have plenty of shifts at the warehouse that still need volunteers to build portable showers for our friends and neighbors in western NC. The first shower is already in full use by first responders in the mountains. Click [the link](#) below for the schedule and to volunteer. Join us! OR, you can support the work financially through [this link](#).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Charlotte Church Partner Build

Nine Selwyn volunteers, bolstered by four workers from SEVA and a couple of future homeowners worked on the Charlotte Church Partners Habitat house on October 19. We finished the exterior cladding and erected the interior framing on the second floor. Thanks to all who came out to work this year.

We would like to work four Saturdays again next year. Watch for dates in an upcoming issue of the Spire.

John Amon



Susan Flynn

