

CHURCH NOTES - September 13, 2026

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Zach and Maggie Houston, and their children Coley and Jones, in the death of Zach's grandmother, Gearl Dean Coley Yow, on August 11, 2026.

TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIAN Eric Millard is the Assistant Professor of Trumpet at UNC Charlotte and principal trumpet of the South Carolina Philharmonic. He has performed with the Charlotte Symphony, Asheville Symphony, Opera Carolina, Boise Philharmonic, and the Tallahassee Symphony, among others. Eric is a founding member of Palisade Trumpet Collective, leading commissions and recording projects of numerous new works for trumpet ensemble. As a soloist, he has won prizes at competitions such as the International Trumpet Guild Solo Competition, National Trumpet Competition, the American Prize, and more. Eric received his doctorate and master's degrees in trumpet performance from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree in trumpet performance from the University of Kentucky. He serves as the Rules Coordinator for the National Trumpet Competition and as the Book Reviews Column Editor for the ITG Journal.

RALLY DAY PICNIC after service today. The church will provide pork and chicken barbeque and buns. All are invited.

SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING For 2026 Selwyn member Pledges total \$840,000. Goal for pledge receipts through Year to Date (YTD) is \$560,000. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$447,838. Total deficit is \$112,162.

- Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. You do not need a key word if giving to the annual fund. You may also give by scanning the Giving QR code.
- 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 Amy Read, amyread@carolina.rr.com, or 704-819-5390, so she is aware and can credit the amount and member.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER IS BACK On October 18, we are excited to host a Rise Against Hunger food packing event. We're committed to packing meals for neighbors around the world who are experiencing hunger. After worship, those participating in the event will share a quick lunch, check in, and receive assignments to begin packing meals right away. A Rise Against Hunger team member will be present to instruct and lead us through the process. All volunteers must register through Rise Against Hunger. Look for the link in the weekly email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES There is a place for everyone at 9:30am on Sundays.

- **Adult Sunday School Parlor Class - Conversations on Faith - 9:30am Every Sunday (Parlor)** Gather to read, reflect, and explore together. Focusing on Bible study—not having all the answers, but diving into scripture together to explore God's Word, ask questions, share insights across generations, and prepare our hearts and minds for worship as one community of faith.
- **Adult "Faith In 30"- 9:30am Every Sunday (Fellowship Hall)** A new class designed for those who want to connect, learn, and grow—even when time is limited. Whether a parent of a confirmand, raising young children, or you simply haven't fit a traditional Sunday School class into your schedule, this class is for you! Join us for coffee and fellowship, followed by a 30-minute discussion or teaching. Each week will feature a casual, engaging conversation led by a lay facilitator or a thought-provoking presentation from a pastor/educator. No preparation is required— come as you are to build community, explore your faith, and leave encouraged for the week ahead.
- **Adult Milestone Baptism Class 9:30am, September 20 and 27 (Library)** Designed for parents of all ages and stages. Led by our pastoral team and lay leaders. Conversation-based, creating space to share wisdom, challenges, and encouragement. Other Milestone Class offerings are typically short 2–3 week series and focus on topics like reading the Bible as a family, worshiping together, and finding space for prayer in the midst of busy lives. Whether parenting little ones, teens, or grown children, we invite you to come learn, grow, and be encouraged.

- **Confirmation Class- 9:30am Select Sundays (Upstairs Grace Room)** A special time for students in 7th and 8th grade to explore what it means to follow Jesus Christ and become active members of the church. Students study the Bible, learn about the foundations of the Christian faith, explore Presbyterian beliefs and practices, and discuss how faith shapes everyday life.
- **Middle School Sunday School- 9:30am Every Sunday (Bowman Building, first room on the right)** Designed for students in 5th-8th grade who are ready to explore their faith more deeply. Students study the Bible, ask thoughtful questions, and discover how God's Word applies to their everyday lives. Through discussions, interactive lessons, and fellowship, students are encouraged to grow in their relationship with Christ and build a strong foundation of faith in a supportive environment.
- **K-4 Sunday School- 9:30am Every Week (Bowman Building Big Room)** A fun and engaging place where children grow in their faith through Bible stories, music, crafts, and hands-on activities. Children explore God's love in age-appropriate ways, build friendships and learn together. Dedicated teachers create a welcoming environment for children to ask questions, participate, and discover how God's Word connects to their everyday lives.
- **3s/4s Class** Ages 3 and 4 are invited each Sunday for fun and faith, to learn about God's love in an engaging, age-appropriate way. Important: Drop children in the nursery, where they will enjoy free play. Teachers will bring children upstairs for a short lesson and return them to the nursery for worship.
- **Nursery- 9:30-11:30am Every Week (Downstairs in the CDC)** Providing a safe, loving, and welcoming environment for children from birth through age 4, giving parents the opportunity to participate in Sunday School and worship with peace of mind. Children are grouped by age to ensure they receive developmentally appropriate care:
 - Newborn Room: Birth through walkers
 - Toddler Room: Ages 1-2
 - Preschool Room: Ages 3-4
 Each room is staffed by two caring adults, trained in our Children's Protection Policy, have completed background checks, and are CPR certified.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people. To reserve and confirm the date, contact the church office. Online payments or checks for \$65 can be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers."

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, September 13 9:00 Worship (Quail) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:45 Chancel Choir 9:50 Formation and Fellowship (Quail) 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:30 Rally Day Picnic (Front Lawn) 5:00 Youth Group Kickoff (Front Lawn) Monday, September 14 12:30 PW Women of Wonder (P) 6:30 BSA Quail Troops 7:30 BSA Selwyn Troop (FH) Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire Deadline Monday, August 24 by 9am.	Tuesday, September 15 6:00 Quail Coordinating Team (Zoom) 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmnd Halley's) 7:00 Administration Group (Zoom) Wednesday, September 16 12:00 Congregational Life Group (L) 5:00 CHIRP at Quail 6:30 Handbell Choir (Quail) 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Quail) Friday, September 18 7:00 Men's Group (BH)	Sunday, September 20 9:00 Worship (Quail) 9:30 Confirmation Class Kickoff (Chapel) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:50 Formation and Fellowship (Quail) 10:30 Worship 5:00 Youth Group (FH) Give to SAPC Selwyn Campus  Montclair Elementary 