

CHURCH NOTES - October 18, 2026

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SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING For 2026 Selwyn member Pledges total \$840,000. Goal for pledge receipts through Year to Date (YTD) is \$630,000. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$450,288. Total deficit is \$179,712.

- 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. 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 can credit the amount and member.

STEWARDSHIP 2027 "GOOD TO GROW" The 2027 campaign info has been mailed to members. Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving to support Selwyn's ministries. Dedication Sunday for the Selwyn Campus is October 25.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER food packing event is after worship today. We're packing meals for neighbors around the world who are experiencing hunger. Participants will share a quick lunch, and receive assignments to begin packing right away.

SELWYN FALL FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 22 Join us from 4:30- 6pm for this annual event on the Selwyn campus front lawn. There will be games, face painting, a balloon artist, and music. Pizza and Kona Ice will be available for purchase from food trucks. A silent online auction will be held. Tickets for a few raffle baskets will also be available for purchase.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE, OCTOBER 25 Join us at 10:30am for a joyful morning of worship as our choirs and guest musicians present Robert Ray's vibrant *Gospel Mass*. This special service is offered as a Dean Ferguson Special Music Program, celebrating the gift of music and the joy of worshipping together. This is also Dedication Sunday for the Selwyn Campus, as we celebrate all that *God is Growing* among us. Members are invited to dedicate their 2027 Estimate of Giving to our *Good to Grow* stewardship campaign as we look ahead with gratitude and hope. The celebration will continue after worship with outdoor fall fellowship that includes pumpkins, cider, and doughnuts with our church family from both campuses! Come worship and make a joyful noise!

NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Names of church members and relatives of members who died since November 2, 2025 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 contact Marsha via email or 704-372-6836 by October 25. Communion will be served during the service.

NURSERY STAFF As we begin to re-imagine our nursery and formation programs at Selwyn, we invite you to share your hopes and ideas. We continue to enjoy excellent care through our nursery program. Each caregiver is vetted through a care service and most of the weekly team are regulars. We hope to be able to share photos and bios of them next month.

- We are celebrating a couple of adult milestones for our Nursery Staff. Ms. Teresa Mora will be retiring at the end of October. We are thankful for the loving care she has provided for more than twenty years. Olga Parra and Patricia Parra, who have also served our congregation for many years completed their service in the spring.
- We will celebrate all three women in worship on November 1, and a reception after worship. We are collecting cards for Teresa, Olga, and Patricia to present to them on November 1. We invite all of our families to write a note/card to any/all to express the impact each has had on your child(ren). Please give those to René Prager by October 25.
- Our Nursery Coordinator, Alex, is also stepping away for a season. She is expecting her third child (and first boy) in November. If you would like to help shower the new baby with love, please connect with René to pass along a card, book, or small gift, also by October 25, for those items to be given to her.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES There is a place for everyone at 9:30am on Sundays, from nursery through adults.

- **Worship Readiness Milestone Class** - 9:30am, October 25 (Chapel) A combined class for 5 year olds - 2nd graders and their parents.
- **Adult Classes** - "Faith In 30" - 9:30am (Fellowship Hall); Conversations on Faith - 9:30am (Parlor)
- **Nursery Rooms**- 9:30-11:30am • Newborns: Birth - pre-walkers • Toddlers: Walkers - Age 2 • Preschool: Ages 3-4

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is an opportunity for our children, age 5 through 2nd grade, to embody worship education through practice. Children leave the sanctuary following the "Message for Young Disciples" and gather in the Chapel. Children return to the sanctuary during the Offering (or prior to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on days when Communion is served).

- We need a dedicated 2nd adult to accompany the leader each week. We ask parents to each take one date each season. A few fall dates remain open. Members who do not have children in the program are also invited to serve as the 2nd adult. Please contact René Prager for more information or use the link in the weekly news to sign-up.
- If your child is younger than five years old, you are welcome to come forward with them for the "Message for Young Disciples". After the prayer, those younger than five may choose to return to the pew to worship, or parents may opt to take them to the Nursery or join with their child in Children's Church.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY All are invited to participate on Wednesdays, 1pm on the Quail campus through November 18. Using Don McKim's 13 Themes of Presbyterian Theology, the framework follows the three-part theological movement. The God who reveals, creates, and guides; the Christ who saves people like us; and the church where faith begins, is nourished, and grows.

HABITAT WORKDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Selwyn will host the build as we join with others through Charlotte Church Partners. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. Look for the signup link in the weekly email.

RESTOCK THE FOOD PANTRY You can help by purchasing one-pound bags of rice and dry beans, and 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits, and protein. Bring to the church during office hours or on Sunday. No glass jars please. Join the team on November 9, 10am to pack bags for delivery to Montclair Elementary. Questions, contact Nancy Bobbitt.

OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 21 Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Sign up in increments of ten lunches through the weekly email link. Bring prepared lunches to the church on November 21 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

ROOM IN THE INN OVERNIGHT HOSTS ARE NEEDED Selwyn wants to host each Monday evening through Tuesday morning, December through March. This requires the Mission Group to procure two overnight hosts ahead of time for each week, starting with the December dates. You can sign up through the link in the weekly email.

BECOME AN ALP LITERACY TUTOR AT MONTCLAIRE Would you or someone you know love to make a meaningful difference in a student's life? ALP Tutors receive the training, curriculum and ongoing support they need to confidently provide one-on-one literacy instruction to a student who needs it. To learn more, see the link in the weekly email.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our church family from DJ and Emily Harrison.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, October 18 9:00 Worship (Quail) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:50 Anderson Reception (Quail) 10:30 Worship 11:30 Rise Against Hunger (FH) 11:30 Worship Group (P) Monday, October 19 6:00 Mission Group (P) 6:30 BSA Quail Troop 7:00 PW Daughters of Faith II (Pifer) 7:30 BSA Selwyn Troop (SH) 7:30 Men's Group Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am. Spire Deadline Monday, October 26 by 9am.	Tuesday, October 20 6:00 Quail Coordinating Team 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmond Halley's) 7:00 Administration Group (Zoom) Wednesday, October 21 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 12:00 Congregational Life Group (L) 1:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Quail) 5:00 CHIRP at (Quail) 6:30 Handbell Choir (Quail) 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Quail) 7:30 PW Peace Thursday, October 22 4:30 Fall Festival (Lawn) Friday, October 23 7:00 Men's Group (BH)	Sunday, October 25 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Worship Readiness 5yrs – 2nd Grade 10:30 All Church Gospel Mass & Dedication Sunday 11:30 All Church Fellowship Event (Lawn) 11:30 Christian Education Group (L) 5:30 Youth Group (FH) Give to SAPC Selwyn Campus  Selwyn Campus Facebook  Montclair Elementary  Selwyn Campus Instagram 

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