

April 2017

# THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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**Palm Sunday, April 9, 10:30am**  
**Procession of Palms**  
***Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, a Lenten musical offering by the Chancel Choir.**

**Maundy Thursday Worship, April 13**  
**Meaningful and powerful,**  
**this service centers our hearts**  
**on Christ and the Cross...**  
**Dinner: 5:30pm**  
**Worship and Communion: 6:30pm**

**Easter, April 16**  
**Worship: 8:30am,**  
**dramatic influences**  
**Fellowship: 9:30am,**  
**no Sunday School**  
**other than nursery.**  
**Traditional Worship: 10:30am**

## SAPC STAFF

Rush Otey, *Pastor*

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Mary Bowman, *Associate Pastor for Mission*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Kim Lee, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*

Erin Mills, *Youth Director*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

John Siler, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*

Lawson Caldwell, *Administrative Assistant*

Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

## GROUP CHAIRS

*Worship* - Joy Vickers

*Christian Education and Formation* -  
Todd Muldrew/Connie Gagnani

*Administration* - Bill St. George

*Congregational Life* - Peggy Hornberg/Christy Parbst

*Mission* - Sara Moreau/Ellen Harris

*Child Development Center* - Jodie Bolewitz

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## In Nursing or Retirement Home

Clarity Pointe, Pensacola - Jewel White  
 Carolina House, Chapel Hill - Louise Callaghan  
 Carriage Club - Margaret Cunningham,  
 Mary Faye Proctor, Herman Thomas  
 Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty  
 Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin,  
 Cara Munday, Martha St. George,  
 Joe Welch  
 Sunrise - Virginia Bratton  
 Southminster - Art Jones, Bobbye Linn  
 The Cypress - Bobby Davis, Jean Rea

## Deaths

Charles Roy Russell Sr., grandfather of  
 Alex Russell on March 21, 2017

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian for allowing me to experience my student internship with you! I have grown to love this church family and the completion of this portion of my journey is bittersweet. I have been most fortunate not only to have been under the tutelage of Rush, a true sage, but to have benefitted from Lori's creative gifts, wisdom, and direction. Mary, Kim, Erin, Marsha, and Lawson have supported me in every way throughout my tenure. I was blessed with the most loyal and encouraging Mentoring Team imaginable. Beth Carter, Charles Harris, David Harris, John McGirt, and Tracie Northan took me under their wings and nurtured me every step of the way. I can easily say that Selwyn provided me with the Dream Team! And Dream Congregation! I leave having acquired the Selwyn Spirit, a force that will bring me back! God's Grace, Peace, and Love be with you. **Sally**



## NEW MEMBERS

Brittany Bagnato and Josh Guffey  
 2510 E. Providence Drive  
 Charlotte, NC 28270  
 229-291-3588

Jon and Mandy Byers, son Dean  
 1613 Runnymede Lane  
 Charlotte, NC 28211  
 404-861-4448

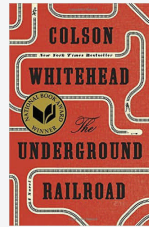
Alex Russell  
 1716 Colin Creek Lane  
 Charlotte, NC 28214-7633  
 980-229-3126

### SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet at 6:30pm on April 18  
 at Sir Edmond Halley's.

This month's book selection is  
The Underground Railroad  
 by Colson Whitehead.

Questions, contact Beth Ramsey,  
 704-554-8089.



### AA MEETINGS

Selwyn is the host site for two weekly  
 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The times are  
 Mondays from noon-1pm in the Bates House and  
 Wednesdays from 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to attend. Please direct  
 questions to Metrolina AA Intergroup,  
 704- 377-0244 or 704-332-4387.

### SAPC MEN'S SOFTBALL

Church members interested in  
 playing should contact  
 Brian Halstead,  
 bghalstead@gmail.com,  
 or 704-534-9832. Games will start soon.



### SALT SHAKERS

will meet on April 2, 6:30pm, at the  
 home of Dick and Dottie Metzler,  
 4310 Town and Country Drive,  
 Charlotte NC 28226-6309.  
 Contact Malyn Pratt, malynwp@gmail.com  
 or 704-661-8549 with any questions.



## Easter 2017



This Easter 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. For each \$10.00 donation the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, April 16.

Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. **The deadline is Monday, April 3.**

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of giver(s) as you would like it printed in the bulletin.  
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In memory of  
 \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

## CROSSING THE BRIDGE: STORIES OF FORGIVENESS

9:30 –10:15am in the Fellowship Hall through April 9, 2017

Each Sunday a unique perspective or character will be presented from Passion week, leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. A personal story of forgiveness will also be shared. Please join us.



## DAUGHTERS OF FAITH

Lori Raible

Young adult women are invited to gather Wednesdays at 11am as we continue reading Brene' Brown's book, Rising Strong. Childcare is available on Wednesday with advance RSVP to [lraible@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lraible@carolina.rr.com). Bring a friend, come as you are.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year our Vacation Bible School theme is God's all-encompassing love. Through art, music, storytelling, recreation, science, and mission, our children will learn that God creates, God helps, God loves, God calms and God sends.

**Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23**

9am–12pm Rising Three-Year Olds through rising Kindergarteners at Selwyn

9am–3:30pm Rising First through Fifth Grades at Fellowship Point, Lake Norman

Click here to download the registration forms:

[www.selwynpres.org/publications.php](http://www.selwynpres.org/publications.php)

It takes a minimum of 10 adult volunteers each day to make VBS a success. We cannot do it without you.

Please note: Childcare for preschoolers attending VBS is provided while you are serving at the lake with our elementary children.



Let all that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6 NRSV)  
Come celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's creation with our Annual



# SPRING FLING



Thursday, April 20, 5 - 6:30pm on the Front Lawn of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian

Live Music with Liz, Holly & the Jolly Lollies • Food Trucks • Nature Crafts • Planting Pots • Giant Bubbles • Face Painting  
• Beekeeper • Popsicles

Rain cancels the event.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### PROJECT FOR APRIL

This month, Presbyterian Women are contributing to Montclair Freedom School. This summer program helps low income children from falling behind in school. Research tells us that if a poor child is not in school then they are not learning. Freedom School helps the students continue to learn and to improve their reading levels. The cost of each child is around \$1200 (less than \$6/hour), and the greatest need is additional funds. Can you give the change in your purse or a dollar or more and make a change in a child's life?



All ladies are invited to the

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH LUNCHEON SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Please gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service. The speaker for the luncheon is Kristan Seaford. She is a stay at home mom of five children who has overcome significant health issues to carry on her busy life of parenting, volunteering, and teaching exercise classes. She is also a triple amputee.

For more information on Kristan visit [www.kristanseaford.com](http://www.kristanseaford.com).

You do not have to be a member of a circle to attend.

# WORSHIP



## COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

on April 13 during the 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service. If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Joy Vickers, 704-301-5656 or the church office, 704-372-6836.

## SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

We are pleased to announce we are using The Blossom Shop. Please note the price is \$65 for the weekly arrangement. Individuals, families, classes and groups are encouraged to sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Spire hallway.

This is a lovely way to honor special people, occasions, committees or groups and provide this inherently meaningful



# MISSION



- Lenten Giving: Freedom School and HousingFirst Welcome Kits — Through April 16
- Book Drive: April 2 - May 10
- CDC Book Fair: April 3 - 7. You may purchase selected books for Montclair children, if interested.
- Food Drive: May 14 - June 4
- Freedom School: June 19 - July 28

## ROOM IN THE INN THANK YOU



This year we again hosted about 200 guests through our Room in the Inn program.

A BIG thank you to the Room in the Inn team and to all who shared their gifts of time, food, cooking, listening, bed making, clothing and toiletry donations, foot washing, visiting, making cards, caring, piano playing, dishwashing, overnighting, and offering a home away from home for our guests.

Thank you, Selwyn, for the beautiful ways you care for our neighbors.

**THE ANNUAL YOUTH BOOK DRIVE** will run from April 2 through May 10. Time to clear off your bookshelves.

The youth will be collecting children's books for Freedom School at Montclair and books for young adults and adults for Habitat for Humanity.



Bins will be in the Spire hallway starting April 2.

## LENTEN GIVING

A traditional Lenten discipline is to fast and to give the money we would have spent on a meal to the care of our neighbor as a way of reflecting God's mercy. This year Selwyn is offering three avenues for Lenten giving:

1. Please consider setting aside monies to sponsor a child at the Montclair Freedom School. The cost of one child is \$1200 for the summer. Pick up a fish box labeled "Freedom School" in the Spire hall to help you collect coins or send a check to the Church designating Montclair's Freedom School.
2. You may contribute to Welcome Kits for our neighbors through HousingFirst. You can use this link to get more information: [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ea8a82ba75-welcome14](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ea8a82ba75-welcome14).
3. There will also be "One Great Hour of Sharing" envelopes available on Easter morning during worship.



## FREEDOM SCHOOL - CAN YOU HELP?

Freedom School is just a couple of months away and there are lots of ways for everyone of every age to help.

Please use this VolunteerHub link [vhub.at/montclair](http://vhub.at/montclair) or via the Selwyn YES page [www.selwynpres.org/serve.php](http://www.selwynpres.org/serve.php) to help purchase supplies, provide snacks, chaperone field trips, help with onsite enrichment activities, provide treats for the staff, or be an active reading partner through DEAR (Drop Everything and Read).

Or contact John Lemmon at [jlemmon@jlf.com](mailto:jlemmon@jlf.com).



Selwyn hosted 14 volunteers from East Connecticut University for a week in March. The group worked during their mid-winter break on Habitat houses in Charlotte while staying in the Bowman building. Pictured is the group after a chili dinner hosted by the Mission Group.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Jack McCormick	11 Alex Dewey	20 Kim Lee	28 Jill Cann
2 Marsha Cooper	Josh Ollek	21 Leah Lowe	Julie Harris
3 Joe Bentley	Evie Tom	Ray Tom	Chuck Martin
Tom Moore	12 Ann Venable	22 Jon Byers	Charlie Pfeifer
Meg Peebles	14 Sam Howard	George Dewey	Traver Stuart
4 John Barkley	Roger Mills	Ashley Ellis	29 Graham Cooper
Faith Gibson	Curtis Scott	Joyce Greene	Charles Harris
Rachel Walker	15 Dean Byers	Jen Johnson	30 Mary Bowman
6 Jonathan Haruta	Meredith McCormick	24 Sutton Stark	Will Hoskins
7 John Lemmon	16 Will Harris	Elizabeth Stearns	Ben Phillips
8 Carly Arrington	Sarah Skibinski	Helen Whitesides	
April Gibson	Carol Yarbrough	26 Bill Davison	
Sally Moore	17 Jo Caldwell	Jean Rea	
Ford Smith	Travis Parsons	Clark Spencer	
9 Joe Darsey	19 Jane Elrod	27 Norah Bolewitz	
	Alex Flowers	Henry Ohmstede	
	Daniel Smith	Vivian Randall	
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# CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, April 1</b> 10:00 Chancel Choir (S)	<b>Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Lenten Series Combined Sunday School (FH) 9:30 Faith Lab for Parents of 3's (Science Room) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship Service (S) 2:45 GSA Juniors (SH)	<b>Tuesday, April 18</b> 6:30 SAPC Book Club (Sir Edmond Halley's)	<b>Friday, April 28</b> 7:00 Men's Group (BH)
<b>Sunday, April 2</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Lenten Series Combined Sunday School (FH) 9:30 Faith Lab for Parents of 3's (Science Room) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship Service (S) 11:30 Administration Group Meeting (P) 11:45 Mission Group Meeting (Nolen's Kitchen) 3:30 Youth Group-Kickball Tournament (Sharon Presbyterian) 4:00 Youth Director Search Committee (P) 6:30 Salt Shakers (Metzler's)	<b>Monday, April 10</b> 9:00 Church Notes Deadline 12:00 AA Meeting (BH)	<b>Wednesday, April 19</b> 11:00 Daughters of Faith (OS) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B) 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)	<b>Sunday, April 30</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:15 Elder Training (SH) 9:30 Newcomer's Orientation Class (Chapel) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship Service (S) 11:30 PW Spring Luncheon (FH) 4:00 Youth Director Search Committee (P) 4:30 Youth Group (FH)
<b>Monday, April 3</b> 9:00 Church Notes Deadline 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 12:30 PW Circle 1 (P) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)	<b>Tuesday, April 11</b> 5:30 GSA Brownie Troop (SH)	<b>Thursday, April 20</b> 5:00 Spring Fling (Front Lawn)	
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b> 10:30 PW Circle 2 (P) 10:30 PW Circle 3 (OS) 7:00 PW Circle 4 (P) 7:15 BSA Committee Meeting (SH)	<b>Wednesday, April 12</b> 6:15 Handbell Choir (B) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)	<b>Saturday, April 22</b> 6:30 Just Friends (Lohr's)	
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b> 11:00 Daughters of Faith (OS) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B) 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)	<b>Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday</b> 5:30 Maundy Thursday Dinner (FH) 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship (S)	<b>Sunday, April 23</b> 9:00 Chancel and Handbell Choirs (S) 9:15 Elder Training (SH) 9:30 Newcomer's Orientation Class (Chapel) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:15 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship Service with Baptism (S) 11:30 Session Meeting 2:45 GSA Juniors (SH) 4:30 Youth - Montreat Meeting (FH) 5:00 Youth - ASP Mission Meeting (FH)	<b>Church Office Hours:</b> 9am-5pm Mon.-Thurs., 9am-1pm Fri.
<b>Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 Worship Service (S) 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Fellowship (FH) 10:15 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship Service with Baptism (S)	<b>Friday, April 14</b> Child Development Center Closed 7:00 Men's Group (BH)	<b>Monday, April 24</b> 9:00 Church Notes Deadline 9:00 Spire Deadline 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 6:30 BSA Court of Honor (FH)	
<b>Monday, April 17</b> Church Office Closed 9:00 Church Notes Deadline 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)	<b>Tuesday, April 25</b> 4:30 CDC Parent Meeting (Chapel)	<b>Wednesday, April 26</b> 6:15 Handbell Choir (B) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)	



# YOUTH NEWS

Date	Sunday School 9:30-10:20am	Youth Group			
		What?	Where?	When?	Parent volunteers needed?
Sunday, April 2	All youth Sunday School in Bates House	Charlotte Youth Kickball Tournament Sharon Presbyterian 3:30-5pm (Be on the lookout for team signups!)			No
Sunday, April 9 (CMS off April 7-April 14)	All youth Sunday School in Bates House	Spring Break! No youth group!			
Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday	No Sunday School	Happy Easter!	No youth group!		
Sunday, April 23	All youth Sunday School in Bates House	Mission Trip and Montreat Preparation	Fellowship Hall	Montreat meeting- 4:30-5pm Mission trip meeting- 5-6pm	No, but parents of youth going on trips will need to attend
Sunday, April 30	All youth Sunday School in Bates House	Youth Sunday Practice and Pizza	Meet in the sanctuary	4:30-6pm	

**JOIN THE SELWYN COMMUNITY ONLINE** Visit us on Facebook for information about our church, photos, announcements and updates about our 75th anniversary. Log onto Facebook, search for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, typing <http://blck.by/2cWheeo> into your browser, or use the QR code shown. (QR Code Reader app or tech-savvy child required!)



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