

# CHURCH NOTES - March 3, 2019

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## TODAY

**OUR GUEST ORGANIST** Robert Ivey is Minister of Music Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte where he served as organist and director for twenty-four years, retiring in 2006.

**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM** is Samuel Dewar Stewart, son of Jonathan and Jessica Stewart. Attending are grandparents Angie and Greg Sellers and Carol and Jim Stewart, and great-grandparents Sue and Hub Sellers and Georgia and Gray Boone. Other family and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all on this very special day.

**THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS** The Bible Study meets from 5-6pm in the back room of the Bates House. All are welcome. Next week we will move to six weeks of Lenten activities.

**SALT SHAKERS** will meet at 6:30pm at the home of Nancy and Olen Smith, 2300 Wolfe Ridge Road.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

**MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** A 5:15pm dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall with the worship service in the sanctuary at 6pm.

**DAUGHTERS OF FAITH** Young women are invited to meet at 11am on Wednesdays in the Grace Room. Childcare is available with advanced RSVP to Lori Raible, [loriarabile@gmail.com](mailto:loriarabile@gmail.com). The next nighttime meeting will be held on March 18, 7pm at Deni Pifer's.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesdays at 11am in the Nell Bates House through March 20. The focus this term is Ecclesiastes. All are welcome.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** Remember to set your clock forward one hour this Saturday night, March 9.

**LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL** All adults are invited to gather at 9:30am on Sundays for a special Lenten series with a mission focus beginning March 10. Speakers from the community will join us. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT: DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD** Lent is a time of preparation for Good Friday and Easter and one of the best ways to prepare is to spend time with God through prayer and other spiritual disciplines. Join Mary Bowman on Sunday evenings for the six weeks of Lent, beginning March 10, from 5 - 6pm in the Bates House. Learn more about and practice some of the spiritual "disciplines" like prayer. Contact Mary, [maryselwyn@gmail.com](mailto:maryselwyn@gmail.com), with any questions.

**BUILDING FUTURES -** A Symposium on Affordable Housing is being offered by Habitat Charlotte on March 12, 6- 8pm, at Dale F. Halton Theater – Overcash Building (CPCC), 1206 Elizabeth Avenue. Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, an award winning journalist, will help navigate this important topic including the impact safe and stable housing has on health, education, and equality. The event is free and open to the public. Because of limited space, please register to reserve your seat, <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/OiHT7Q?vid=erce>

**HELP ROOM IN THE INN** Please use the link to volunteer [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aba723a20-room5](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aba723a20-room5) or contact Michelle Bentley, [mleebentley@gmail.com](mailto:mleebentley@gmail.com).

**ADD A MONTCLAIRE CHILD TO YOUR WEEK** If you can add and subtract, you have the skills to be a HEART Math Tutor. For details and more ways to help, visit [www.selwynpres.org/volunteer/](http://www.selwynpres.org/volunteer/) and choose Montclair Elementary School.

**YOUTH FAITH LAB** The second part of the series on Belonging: Adolescent Development and Identity will be on March 24 from 5-7pm with dinner. The separate tracks for parents and youth will run simultaneously. Topics include the nuts-and-bolts of adolescent development, identity formation -including gender and sexual identity, and equipping and trusting our teens. Hosted by SAPC staff and clinicians from Presbyterian Psychological Services and Time Out Youth. There will be time for questions and open discussion. The final session will take place on April 7.

**EMAIL FROM CHURCH STAFF** Due to recent updates in the church's internet and phone system you may find emails from church staff in your spam or junk folder. Please mark us as safe senders so emails are not blocked. Thank you.

**RENOVATION UPDATE** The former front office door has been closed as part of Phase Two of construction. If coming to the church during weekday office hours please call the church office for entry, 704-372-6836. The Spire door will remain accessible on Sundays during Phase Two.

**FROM THE WORSHIP GROUP** If your child truly needs to step out of the worship service, please have them do so during a hymn if at all possible. This will minimize distractions for others. Please refrain from bringing food or drink in the sanctuary, especially during worship. In an effort to streamline the recycling of our church bulletins, we ask that after each service you please drop your bulletins in the basket by the outside doors to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

**GUEST MUSICIANS JUST AHEAD** A generous designated gift has been made to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church to provide more frequent professional guest musicians during 10:30 worship on Sunday mornings. On April 7 we will be joined by an orchestral group and vocal soloists in an offering of Michael Joseph Haydn's *Requiem in C Minor*. We are deeply grateful for this fund, and trust that the entire congregation will want to be present!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** The dates are June 17 through June 21. Three year olds through rising kindergarteners will meet 9am-12pm at Selwyn. Rising first through fifth graders will travel to the Quarry at Carrigan Farms from 9am-3:30pm. Separate registration forms are available at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org). Registration deadline is April 14.

**MARY BOWMAN** recently received her certification as a Spiritual Director. For the past three years, she has been studying and preparing in the program of the Cenacle of Divine Providence in Florida, associated with the Franciscan University of Steubenville. What is Spiritual Direction? One definition is "help given by one Christian to another which enables that individual to pay attention to God's personal communication, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship." (Barry and Connolly). If you are interested in growing in your relationship with God and might like a Spiritual Director, feel free to contact Mary at [maryselwyn@gmail.com](mailto:maryselwyn@gmail.com), 704-372-6836.

**AA MEETINGS** Selwyn is the host site for two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The times are Mondays, noon-1pm in the Bates House and Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS** Please prayerfully consider your 2019 stewardship commitment to Selwyn. You can return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office. Or you may email your commitment to Church Accountant Tonya Moore, [tonya@tmooreaccounting.com](mailto:tonya@tmooreaccounting.com) or pledge online: [www.selwynpres.org/about-us/giving-growing/](http://www.selwynpres.org/about-us/giving-growing/)

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, March 3</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:15 Called Session Meeting (FH)            10:30 Worship with Baptism (S)            5:00 Combined Youth Group (FH)            5:00 Sunday Evening Bible Study (BHB)            6:30 Salt Shakers (Olen/Nancy Smith's)</p> <p><b>Monday, March 4</b>            12:00 AA Meeting (BH)            12:30 PW Circle 1 (Shoemaker's)            5:00 Room in the Inn (FH)            7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 5</b>            10:30 PW Circle 2 (BH)            10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)            7:00 PW Circle 4 (Ramsey's)            7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 6</b>            11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)            11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)            5:15 Ash Wednesday Dinner (FH)            6:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)            8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 10</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 Worship with Communion (S)            11:45 Mission Group Meeting (GR)            5:00 Journeying Through Lent (BHB)            5:00 Middle School Youth Group (BH)            6:00 Youth Dinner (FH)            6:30 High School Youth Group (BH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am.            Next Spire deadline is Monday, March 25 by 9am.</p>