

CHURCH NOTES – March 17, 2019

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TODAY

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Doug and Paula Parks and friends of Val Jean Parks following her death on March 5, 2019. Our prayers and sympathy are also extended to Todd and Lori and Jackson and Campbell Burbank and Matt and Meredith and Davis and Molly Burbank and their families in the death of Todd and Matt's father, Colby Burbank, on March 10, 2019. The memorial service is tomorrow, March 18, at 2pm at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

THANK YOU to DiAnne Cordell, Ivey Cherry, and our Chancel Choir for leading us in worship as Fred Spano is away today.

TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION are adapted from the prayers of Walter Brueggemann and can be found in his book, [Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth](#).

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 through April 14, from 5 - 6pm in the Bates House. Tonight's focus is Prayer and March 24 the focus is Lectio Divina. Contact Mary, maryselwyn@gmail.com, with any questions.

NOTES OF INTEREST

ROOM IN THE INN Please volunteer through www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aba723a20-room5 or contact Michelle Bentley, mleebentley@gmail.com.

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH Young women are invited to meet at 11am on Wednesdays in the Grace Room. The next nighttime meeting will be held on March 18, 7pm at Deni Pifer's.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday at 11am in the Nell Bates House. The study on Ecclesiastes concludes this Wednesday, March 20. All are welcome.

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL: UNDERSTANDING AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS ON THE JOURNEY

All adults are invited to join us at 9:30am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

- March 24 - Tony Dick and Carol Pearsall, Myers Park Baptist Church, Pilgrimage to a Deportation Site
- March 31 - Immigration Advocate Jeff Richardson, Walking Beside Our Immigrant Neighbors
- April 7 - Erin Mills and Keller Bentley, Welcoming and Supporting Refugees
- April 14 - Elizabeth Trotman, Charlotte Resiliency Project, Trauma of Poverty on Children

YOUTH FAITH LAB The second in the series on Belonging: Adolescent Development and Identity will be on March 24 from 5-7pm with dinner. RSVP to jaym@selwynpres.org. The separate tracks for adults and youth will run simultaneously. Hosted by SAPC staff and clinicians from Presbyterian Psychological Services. The final session will take place on April 7.

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!

COUPLES SOCIAL ON APRIL 10 All couples are invited to a casual evening social and discussion on marriage with special guest Jeannie DuBose. She is the author of the book [Tending the Fire](#). Copies of her book will be available in the Spire hall. Look for more information to be available soon, including a link to RSVP.

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.

THE FORMER FRONT OFFICE DOOR has been closed during Phase Two of construction. If coming to the church during weekday office hours please call 704-372-6836 for entry. The Spire door remains accessible on Sundays during Phase Two.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 17 - JUNE 21 Registration deadline is April 14. 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 forms are available, www.selwynpres.org or contact Kim Lee, kiml@selwynpres.org.

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, please contact Mary, maryselwyn@gmail.com or 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 or pledge online: www.selwynpres.org/about-us/giving-growing/

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, March 17 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship (S) 11:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry (FH) 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>	<p>Monday, March 18 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 5:00 Room in the Inn (FH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH) 7:00 Daughters of Faith (Pifer's)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 19 6:30 SAPC Book Club (Sir Edmond Halley's)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 20 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH) 11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR) 6:15 Handbells (B) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>Saturday, March 23 10:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>Sunday, March 24 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship (S) 11:30 Session Meeting (FH) 5:00 Journeying through Lent (BHB) 5:00 Youth "Belonging" Faith Lab (GR and FH)</p>

Easter 2019

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 21.

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 Sunday, April 7.**

Your phone # _____ and email address _____

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

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