

CHURCH NOTES – April 21, 2019

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TODAY

LENTEN GIVING Selwyn is offering two avenues for Lenten Giving: (1) Sponsor a child at the Montclaire Freedom School. The cost for one child is \$1200 for the summer. Any monies would be appreciated. When sending a check please designate Montclaire's Freedom School. (2) "One Great Hour of Sharing" envelopes are also available during worship.

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL following the 8:30am service for fellowship. Sunday School classes will not meet.

GUEST MUSICIANS: **Eric Millard** will be playing for both services today. He will permanently join the faculty as Assistant Professor of Trumpet at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Formerly the Third/Associate Principal trumpet with the Tallahassee Symphony, he has performed with the Boise Philharmonic, Ballet Idaho, Pensacola Symphony, Sinfonia Gulf Coast, Northwest Florida Symphony, and Albany Symphony. Millard's interest in chamber music led him to cofound both the Bluegrass Brass and Garnet and Brass quintets. He was a member of the Florida State University Faculty Brass Quintet. Millard has won multiple prizes at the National Trumpet Competition (NTC), as the International Trumpet Guild (ITG) Solo Competition, NTC, Music Teachers National Association Solo Competition. Recently, Eric has been a member of ensembles invited to perform at the Concert Band Directors National Association Conference, the North Sea and Montreux Jazz Festivals, Florida State Music Teachers Association Conference, and the ITG Conference. Dr. Millard's students have been selected for honors such as ITG Conference scholarships, finalists and semifinalists at the National Trumpet Competition in both solo and ensemble divisions, Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead Fellowship, and the Disney All-American College Band. Millard enjoys being active as a clinician at universities and high schools across the country.

Erin Palmer, a pianist who loves music and travel, will be participating in the 10:30am service. Based in Charlotte, she can be heard playing recitals, voice competitions, musical theater, weddings, and the occasional party. When away from the piano, she can be found hiking, kayaking, eating great food, or traveling to another country. She recently joined the Music Department of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as a Collaborative Pianist, and also maintains a private vocal coaching studio. She spends her summers in Graz, Austria, as a pianist for the American Institute of Musical Studies. While in graduate school, Erin studied in Paris. Shortly afterward, an internship with an opera company introduced her to the world of vocal repertoire. She has continued that collaboration with many organizations including the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, the Marcello Giordani International Voice Competition, Atlanta Opera, and Opera Carolina. She has participated in the Roger Vignoles Mentoring Program for Vocal Coaches, Alliance Française d'Atlanta, SongFest, and the Eastern Music Festival. Erin holds performance degrees from Valdosta State University. She grew up in Douglas, Georgia, where she was a Torchbearer for the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics.

Christina Pier, soprano, is a guest for the 10:30am service. She is the recipient of the 2003 Grand Finals Winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, George London Award, Sullivan Award, two Charles A. Lynam awards, and two Palm Beach Opera Competition Awards. Ms. Pier is in demand as a soloist. She has performed with leading opera companies and symphonies across the United States and abroad. Ms. Pier received a BM and MM in voice at Indiana University. She is currently on the voice faculties at Queens University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

NOTES OF INTEREST

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH The young women meet at 11am on Wednesdays in the Grace Room. The next nighttime meeting will be held on April 29, 7pm at Deni Pifer's.

SPRING FLING, APRIL 25, 5-6:30pm Join us on the playground for games, music, face painting, crafts, dinner and more. Dinner will be served at 5pm and a love offering will be taken. Rain cancels the event.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING All volunteers working with nursery, children, and youth, including those at Montclaire Elementary and Freedom School should have this training and renew it every three years. Please make plans to attend on Sunday, May 5 following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUTH SUNDAY on Sunday, May 5, and Senior Recognition on May 12.

YOUTH BOOK DRIVE for Montclaire Elementary and Freedom School, May 5-19. Children's, young adult, and adult books can be placed in Spire hallway beginning Sunday, May 5.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT FEEDBACK Please take a short survey for the Mission Group by April 25, regardless of whether you participated or not. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJLT6SM>

BSA EAGLE PROJECT This month Keller Bentley is collecting supplies and assembling kits to help refugee families with Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency settle into their new homes. Items needed: sponges, liquid dish soap, Clorox wipes, Lysol all-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, paper towels, mops and buckets. Please place items in the specified bin.

STOP HUNGER AT MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY Please help to feed some of the Montclair children and families who are experiencing ongoing hunger. During April, the Mission Group would appreciate your donations of cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, fruit cups, breakfast bars/granola bars, dry beans, rice tortillas. Please place items in the specified bins.

READING MENTOR TRAINING on May 7, 5:30–6:45pm at Morrison Regional Library. Learn strategies to support literacy at home or in the community. RSVP needed, as seating is limited, <http://events.cmlibrary.org/events/signup.asp?ID=308657>.

RISE ABOVE: BECOMING A HEALER IN AN AILING WORLD You are invited to hear Dr. Jonathan Haidt on May 7, 7-8:30pm at First Presbyterian Church. The Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership at the NYU-Stern School of Business will offer ideas to help rise above the issues that divide us. The Willard Lecture reflects the common goal of nurturing and deepening our relationship with God and one another. The cost of the lecture is \$10. Order tickets online, www.firstpres-charlotte.org/event/2019-willard-lecture/ Free childcare for ages birth to 5th grade, reservations required.

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.

MARY BOWMAN has received her certification as a Spiritual Director. For the past three years, she studied and prepared 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.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Pledges are still being collected for the Giving With Glad and Generous Hearts 2019 Stewardship campaign. While the pledge budget has been set for 2019, there is still a need for \$60,000 in Stewardship pledges to meet the goal. To date, \$661,925 has been pledged by 52% of the Selwyn households. During this time of Lenten reflection and giving, please consider renewing your commitment to Selwyn. It is not too late to make a difference in the life of our church through the Stewardship campaign. To make your pledge, email Tonya Moore, tonya@tmooreaccounting.com. Thank you to everyone who has already supported Selwyn's ministries with your pledge. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you! Jamie Yearwood, Andy Johnston, Andy Burgin.

THE FORMER FRONT OFFICE DOOR HAS BEEN CLOSED During weekday office hours please call 704-372-6836 for entry. The sidewalk at the front has been removed. If parking in the small lot, please be mindful you will need to walk on the grass or use the sidewalk at the street. Thank you for your patience and understanding during renovation.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are to the Glory of God as we rejoice in Christ's resurrection.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, April 21 8:30 Early Easter Worship (S) 9:30 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Community Gathering (FH) 10:30 Easter Worship (S) Monday, April 22 Church Office Closed 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 6:30 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH) Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Next Spire deadline is Monday, April 29 by 9am.	Wednesday, April 24 11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR) 6:15 Handbells (B) 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH) Thursday, April 25 5:00 Spring Fling (Playground) Friday, April 26 7:00 Men's Group (BH)	Sunday, April 28 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:00 Elder Training (SH) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:15 Called Session Meeting FH) 10:30 Worship with Baptism (S) 11:30 Children and Families Committee (B) 11:30 Session Meeting (FH) 5:00 Middle School Youth (BH) 6:00 Youth Dinner (FH) 6:30 High School Youth Group (BH)