

# CHURCH NOTES - April 28, 2019

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## TODAY

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for the Hall, Wakefield and Shore families following the death of Rupert Theodore Hall on April 21, 2019.

**NEW BABY** Congratulations to grandparents, Al and Sue Ward, on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Avery Ward, born on April 10, 2019 to Daniel and Magan Ward.

**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM** is Sadie Jean Smith, daughter of Daniel and Andi Smith. Attending are grandparents Patty and Jim Williams, Nancy and Wayne Carter, and Bruce Smith and Carol Morgan. Other family and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all on this very special day.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

**RENOVATION UPDATE** Due to construction, during weekday office hours, please call the church office for entry, 704-372-6836. The new Welcome Center area and Old Session room have been demoed to accommodate changes in the walls and behind the scene systems, including electrical and installation of new HVAC systems. Work is in progress on the front of the office building, in and around the recent rains. Footings were poured and beams have been installed for the new portico. New doors were installed in the CDC breezeway entrance with the addition of a fob security system upgrade. When parking in the small lot, please be mindful you will need to walk around the construction area on the pathway through the grass or use the sidewalk at the street.

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us on Sundays at 9:30am and choose from one of the two classes being offered.

- Wired for Worship, Fellowship Hall – Why do we worship every week? What is behind the way Presbyterians worship? Explore gathering together, prayer and confession, the sacraments, and more.
- White Fragility, Grace Room – If you squirm when the word “racism” is mentioned, if your heart is broken by the impact racism has had on society, or if you aren't sure what to do or say, join this honest conversation. Participants will read [White Fragility](#) the book by Robin DiAngelo and commit to attending at least three of the four classes.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL THROUGH MAY** The theme is Love Is... The children will study the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The passage is suited for life together in community. In love, we bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things.

**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 Montclaire children and families who are experiencing ongoing hunger. Through May 5, 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.

**JOIN US MAY 5 FOR YOUTH SUNDAY** The youth will lead worship. High School Senior Recognition will be 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.

**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.

**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.

**JUST JESUS: FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE TO SOCIAL CHANGE** The public lecture series on May 5 and 6 will explore the importance of converting a passion for social justice into a movement for social change is sponsored by Union Presbyterian Seminary's Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation. On May 5, 6:30pm the Rev. Traci Blackmon, Executive Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries for The United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, Missouri will lecture at Myers Park Baptist Church sanctuary. A reception will be held following the lecture. Rev. Jim Wallis, president and founder of Sojourners—a social justice ministry—and is the editor-in-chief of the ministry's magazine, will lecture on May 6, 6:30pm at Myers Park Presbyterian Church's sanctuary. A reception will be held in the Welcome Center following the lecture.

**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/](http://www.firstpres-charlotte.org/event/2019-willard-lecture/) Free childcare for ages birth to 5th grade, reservations required.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:maryselwyn@gmail.com) or 704-372-6836.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Sadie Jean Smith's baptism from Daniel, Andi and Tyler Smith.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, April 28</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            9:00 Elder Training (SH)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:15 Called Session Meeting (GR)            10:30 Worship with Baptism (S)            11:30 Children and Families Committee (B)            11:30 Session Meeting (FH)            5:00 Combined Youth Group</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am.            Next Spire deadline is Monday, April 29 by 9am.</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 29</b>            12:00 AA Meeting (BH)            7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)            7:00 Daughters of Faith (Pifer's)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 30</b>            11:30 Mission Focus Meeting (BH)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 1</b>            11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR)            6:15 Handbells (B)            8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p><b>Friday, May 3</b>            6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)</p>	<p><b>Saturday, May 4</b>            1:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal (S)</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 5</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            9:00 Elder Training (SH)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 Youth Sunday Worship (S)            11:30 Child Protection Training (FH)            5:00 Combined Youth Group (BH)            5:30 Mission Group (GR)            6:30 Salt Shakers (Glen's)</p>