

CHURCH NOTES – May 5, 2019

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TODAY

STOP HUNGER AT MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY Please help to feed some of the Montclaire children and families who are experiencing ongoing hunger. Please put your donations of cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, fruit cups, breakfast bars/granola bars, dry beans, rice tortillas in the specified bins today.

YOUTH BOOK DRIVE for Montclaire Elementary and Freedom School today through May 19. Children's, young adult, and adult books can be placed in the specified bins in the Spire hallway.

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 join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

SALT SHAKERS will meet this evening at 6:30pm at the home of Terry and Jim Glen, 2016 Ferncliff Road.

NOTES OF INTEREST

RENOVATION UPDATE Due to construction, please call the church office for entry, 704-372-6836, during weekday office hours. 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. Chair rails were removed in the hallways. New stair treads have been installed from the hallway down to the nursery area. 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. On the outside at the front of the office building, beams have been installed for the new portico.

JUST JESUS: FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE TO SOCIAL CHANGE The May 5 and 6, 6:30pm public lecture series will explore the importance of converting a passion for social justice into a movement for social change. On May 5, 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 in the Myers Park Baptist Church sanctuary. Rev. Jim Wallis, president and founder of Sojourners, a social justice ministry, and the editor-in-chief of the ministry's magazine, will lecture on May 6, in the Myers Park Presbyterian Church's sanctuary. A reception will follow each lecture. Sponsored by Union Presbyterian Seminary's Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH The young women meet at 11am on Wednesdays in the Grace Room. The next nighttime meeting will be held on May 20, 7pm at Deni Pifer's.

MOTHER'S DAY CHOIR RETURNS Mothers, daughters, sons, sisters, and brothers are invited to sing on May 12. An easy gospel piece "He Has Done Marvelous Things" will be rehearsed that morning. Since it is Mother's Day, all mothers and their children are invited to participate: all you need is to be a mother or have one and a willing spirit! No singing experience necessary. Please contact Fred, fspano@uncc.edu, for more information.

RESILIENCE- FILM SCREENING A free screening of the documentary Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope will be on Tuesday, May 14, 6-8pm at Child and Family Services Center, 601 E 5th Street. Registration is required, <https://www.cfcrights.org/event/resilience-the-biology-of-stress-and-the-science-of-hope/>). The one hour film chronicles the work of professionals and communities using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease. A moderated panel discussion will follow.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION will be on May 12 during worship.

COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES If you or a family member will graduate from college or from graduate school this spring please contact Lawson, office@selwynpres.org or call 704-372-6836 by May 19 with your name, college, and your degree. This information will be printed in the June Spire newsletter.

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.

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 MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL The theme is Love Is... The children will study the 13th 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.

ATTENTION SINGLE WOMEN The Just Friends May 18, 6:30pm gathering will be a covered dish dinner at Townley Moon’s, 1431 Montford Drive. Please let her know if you will attend, 704-527-4490.

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. 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 Jamie Yearwood, Andy Johnston, Andy Burgin. Thank you!

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 or 704-372-6836.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Selwyn Youth and their leaders.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, May 5 9:00 Elder Training (SH) 9:30 Youth Sunday Rehearsal (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Youth Sunday Worship (S) 11:30 Personnel Committee Meeting (GR) 11:30 Child Protection Training (FH) 5:00 Combined Youth Group (BH) 5:30 Mission Group (GR) 6:30 Salt Shakers (Glen’s) Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Next Spire deadline is Monday, May 27 by 9am.</p>	<p>Monday, May 6 11:30 PW Circle 1 (Emily Cox’s) 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH) Tuesday, May 7 10:30 PW Circle 2 (BH) 10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH) 7:00 PW Circle 4 7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 8 11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR) 6:15 Handbells (B) 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH) Friday, May 10 7:00 Men’s Group (BH) Sunday, May 12 9:00 Mother’s Day Choir (S) 9:00 Elder Training (SH) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Senior Recognition</p>