

CHURCH NOTES - May 12, 2019

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TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION will be during worship today.

NOTES OF INTEREST

RENOVATION UPDATE Chair rails were removed in the hallways and the spaces have been filled. New stair treads have been installed from the hallway down to the nursery area. 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.

RESILIENCE- FILM SCREENING The documentary Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope will be presented 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 the free screening.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MONTCLAIRE EOGS Montclaire Elementary needs proctors for End of Grade tests beginning May 23. Please sign up online: www.signupgenius.com/go/20fof4dafab23a13-volunteers.

VOLUNTEER, AND HELP A CHILD CLIMB Help a child at Montclaire Freedom School fight "summer slide", the summer learning loss that hobbles children in poverty. Freedom School runs June 17 - July 25. Volunteer to be a DEAR buddy (listen to a child read), provide snacks, buy supplies or help set up at <http://vhub.at/montclaire> - even if you volunteer just once, you'll give a child a boost.

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.

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 by Jill Cann to the Glory of God and in honor of all the mothers, especially Sonia Abernethy, her mother. And with congratulations to all of our graduating seniors.

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| <p>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> <p>Monday, May 13 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Next Spire deadline is Monday, May 27 by 9am.</p> | <p>Tuesday, May 14 5:30 Girl Scouts (SH) 6:30 New Elder Dinner Retreat (Raible's)</p> <p>Wednesday, May 15 11:00 Daughters of Faith (GR) 6:15 Handbells (B) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Saturday, May 18 6:30 Just Friends (Townley Moon's)</p> | <p>Sunday, May 19 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 Session Meeting (FH) 11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (BH) 5:00 Combined Youth Dinner (King's)</p> |