



December 2017

THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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ADVENT AT SELWYN

December 3

Worship Service with Communion 10:30am
Christmas Lunch following Worship
High School Youth and Elder Visits following Lunch

December 10

Special Music Worship Service 10:30am
Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi

December 17

Children's Christmas Pageant Worship 10:30am
Rise Against Hunger Special Offering

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service 10:00am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
with Communion 5:30pm
Joy Gift Special Offering during both Services

Adult Sunday School, 9:30am

The Big Questions: Learners will gather in the Chapel to engage in a ten minute theological presentation and then break into small groups.

December 3- Emmanuel, God with us, incarnation?

December 10- The Virgin Birth?

December 17- Bring your questions.

Faith Lab: Adults of all ages are invited.

Clinical Psychologist, Jennifer Hawthorne will help us explore "Anxiety with an Eye on Peace".

Participants are asked to attend all three classes.

RSVP: <https://doodle.com/poll/z8mkgy28bpvnbv8z>

SAPC STAFF

Rush Otey, *Pastor*

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Mary Bowman, *Associate Pastor for Mission*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Kim Lee, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*

Jay Masanotti, *Youth Director*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*

Lawson Caldwell, *Administrative Assistant*

Jessica Masanotti, *Communications Specialist*

Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Bill St. George

Child Development Center - Vicki Walker

Christian Education and Formation - Todd Muldrew

Congregational Life - Christy Parbst

Mission - Ellen Harris/David Caldwell

Worship - Joy Vickers

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

will be held on December 3 following Worship. We look forward to this time of fellowship and delicious food. Join us on this special day.

Volunteers are needed:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094caba92cab9-sapc

BSA TROOP 99 SCOUTS

will be selling Aunt Ruby's Peanuts after worship through December 17. They make wonderful Christmas gifts.



We welcome

Grace Harmon Walton and
Miller Lee Walton
Twins of Clark and Julia Walton,
born on October 31, 2017



We welcome

Andrew Martin Sontag
Son of Andy and Katie Sontag,
born on November 17, 2017



SALT SHAKERS will meet on
Sunday, December 3, 6:30pm
at the home of Tom and Sally Moore.

Contact Malyn Pratt, malynwp@gmail.com
or 704-661-8549 with any questions.

SELWYN YOUNG ADULTS will gather at the
home of Sarah and Josh Ollek for an evening of
fellowship on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30pm.
Please RSVP and email any questions:
selwynyoungadultministry@gmail.com



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet on December 12, 6:30pm at
Townley Moon's. Please bring an
appetizer or side dish to share.

Books for the upcoming year will be
discussed. Please bring suggestions.

Please RSVP to Beth Ramsey, 704-840-9433.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next meeting will be in the Parlor
on December 17 after worship.

Contact Anne Rutherford,
704-341-7585.

In Nursing or Retirement Home

Clarity Pointe, Pensacola - Jewel White

Carriage Club - Margaret Cunningham,
Mildred Long, Mary Faye Proctor,
Chan and Sallye Richards,
Herman Thomas

Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty

Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford,
Joe Welch

Southminster - Art Jones, Bobbye Linn

Spring Arbor, Durham - Louise Callaghan

The Cypress - Bobby Davis, Jean Rea

AA MEETINGS

Selwyn is the host site for two weekly
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.
Mondays from noon-1pm in the Bates House and
Wednesdays from 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to attend.
Please direct any questions to
Metrolina AA Intergroup,
704- 377-0244 or 704-332-4387.



Congratulations and Best Wishes

Whitney Greene and Nick Loder
Married on September 16, 2017



Congratulations and Best Wishes

Brandi Whaley and Martin Grist
Married on October 28, 2017



Congratulations and Best Wishes

Britta Perkio and Jason McCorduck
Married on November 24, 2017

2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR is now available on the Spire hall table. Individuals, families, classes and groups are encouraged to sign up for flower dedications. The price is \$65 for the weekly arrangement. This is a lovely way to honor special people, occasions, committees or groups and provide this inherently meaningful aspect of our worship service. Please sign up so we can continue to enjoy God's beauty in this way.



This Advent/Christmas season 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. Your donation will go towards Christmas poinsettias and the Flower Memorial Fund. For each donation of \$8.50 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 17. Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office. Please designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. The deadline is Sunday, December 3. Please print neatly.

Name(s) of giver(s) _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

MISSION



THE MISSION CHRISTMAS TREE is in the Spire hallway with opportunities to give to Montclair Elementary classrooms and teachers, to Room in the Inn guests, and to Welcome Kits for newly housed homeless neighbors.

Please stop by and pick up an ornament(s). If you choose to share with friends as an alternative gift, there are gift notices.

Please fill out the sign-up sheet beside the tree and return the unwrapped item(s) with the ornament attached by December 10.

ROOM IN THE INN Selwyn hosts each Monday night from December 4 through March 26, and provides our homeless neighbors three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep.

There are many ways to be involved from preparing and serving dinner, packing lunches, providing breakfast, transporting guests in the evening and/or morning, serving as an overnight host, donating supplies and more. Volunteer through:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49aba723a20-room4.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Help support hurricane recovery efforts with your gift. Make your check to SAPC and mark for disaster relief.

Please give generously and join us in praying for those who are suffering.



JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Our goal is to raise \$9,000 this year. Our final offering date will be during worship on December 17.

We will use the money to purchase ingredients for our Meal Packing event.

Each meal costs \$.29. We encourage everyone to participate. Children can turn in their collection containers during the December 17 special collection.

The Meal Packing Event is January 28. Please put this family event on your calendar. Childcare will be available for our littlest members but usually children as young as five enjoy participating.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Mother Teresa

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND REHEARSAL



Joy to the world! Join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

The pageant will be presented Sunday, December 17. Rehearsals will be on Saturday, December 2 from 12:30pm - 2pm; Saturday, December 9 from 3pm - 5pm, and Saturday, December 16 from 10am - noon.

On Sunday, December 17, rehearsal will be at 9:30am with the service at 10:30am.

Children ages 4 through 103 are eligible to participate.

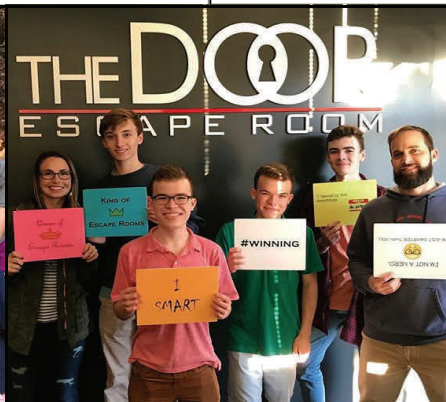


CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, November 19, Third Graders received their Bibles in worship.

Left to right: Rae DePhillips, Pete Halstead, Zachary Pineno, Holden Bolewitz, Meredith Northan.

Katie, Kevin, Camille and Cooper Cumbus celebrate Cooper, who also received his Bible on November 19.



WORSHIP



COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

on December 3 during the 10:30am Worship Service and
December 24 during the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service.
If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence,
please notify Joy Vickers, 704-301-5656 or the church office, 704-372-6836.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Two worship services will be offered on Sunday, December 24, 2017.

The morning service will be held at 10am.

The traditional candlelight evening service with communion will be held at 5:30pm.



Thank you to Jim and Terry Glen for providing the Christmas wreaths on the outside doors this year.
We also thank the Presbyterian Women for providing the Advent wreath for worship.



RESOURCES FOR CHORISTERS who want to sing with the choir, but cannot make rehearsals, are available on the SAPC website. YouTube links of choral music and parts, as well as other information are included. Look for Music Resources on the right side of the screen through www.selwynpres.org/church-life/worship-music/

CHURCH PARKING Selwyn members are allowed to use the Colony Shops parking spaces on Sundays until 12:30pm. This is the center across Selwyn Avenue from the church, which goes from the Bicycle Sport shop at the corner of Selwyn and Brandywine down to the Blo Shop at the Colony Road traffic light, and the spaces around the corner of the center which are marked Colony Shops Parking. Please do not park in the Selwyn Shops parking lot (adjacent to our small lot) even if there are vacant spaces. This is the center which includes the dry cleaners, shoe repair, and Carolina Barre and Core. Additional parking may be found down at the Scout Hut and on nearby streets (Hassell Place, Brandywine, Tranquil, Colony Road) providing the driveways and lawns of neighbors are respected. Please be mindful and leave room for residents' and emergency vehicle access on neighborhood streets. On weekdays for meetings and funerals, parking is not available at the Colony Shops. For funerals we try to arrange overflow parking to be available at Mouzon United Methodist.

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 3, 2018. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.) You may submit your suggestions in one of the following ways: 1) Place this form in the offering plate, 2) return the form to the church office or 3) email your nomination to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed on to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by Sunday, January 14, 2018.

Nominations for Elder (9 will be elected - 3 year term)

Nominations for Youth Elder (1 will be elected - 1 year term)

LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:

Class of 2018

Andy Burgin, Jill Cann, Roger Mills, Jackie Salinas, Bill St. George, Ed Thomas, Joy Vickers, Vicki Walker, Sue Ward

Class of 2019

David Caldwell, Rebecca Cooper, David Harris, Ellen Harris, Todd Muldrew, Christy Parbst, Steve Randall, Jim Williams, Jamie Yearwood

Class of 2020

Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee Cooper, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith, Laura Stark

Youth

Noah Carroll

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Marie Thomas

3 Frank Deal
Peyton Green
Lawson Roush
Cecilia White

4 Meredith Gallagher
Emma Northan
Laura Warner

5 Martin Pressley
Hattie Yearwood

6 Tommy Franklin
Kenneth McDermott
Ella Mills
Laura Stark

8 Dick Metzler
Sarah Pineno
Jennifer Welsh

10 Townes Cauthen
Garrett Grist
Tim Linker

11 Sadie Canter
Mike Goodman
Stephen Patton

12 Monica Roush
Jack Skibinski
Andi Smith
P. J. Stark
Brian Tallent

14 Owen Porter
Annie Thompson

15 Brittain Ellison
Thomas Wakefield
Emma Hinson Waple

16 J.P. Flynn
James Hart
Will Trogon

17 Davis Burbank
Peggy Hornberg
Maggie Huff
Cara Munday
Rick Smith
Henry Sweet

20 Hunter Miller

21 Burgin Bentley
John Cook
Kyla Risko
Maggie Thrasher

23 Whitney Loder

24 Peggy St. George

26 Kevin Cumbus
Jessie Hahn
Samantha Phifer

27 Ann Copeland
Betsy Hamburger

28 Hannah Long
Matt Madigan

29 Logan Goodman
Josh Guffey
Margaret Harris
Malyn Pratt

30 Robert Deal
Herb Jones
Jim Moore
Caroline Ross
Anna Stuart



CALENDAR

Saturday, December 2

10:00 Chancel Choir (S)
12:30 Children's Program
Rehearsal (S)

Sunday, December 3

9:00 Handbell Choir (S)
9:30 Sunday School for All
9:30 Pastor's Coffee (Library)
10:30 Worship Service with
Communion (S)
11:30 Christmas Luncheon (FH)
1:00 High School Youth and
Elder Visits
5:00 Middle School Youth (BH)
6:00 Youth Group Dinner (FH)
6:30 Salt Shakers
(Tom and Sally Moore)

Monday, December 4

12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
11:30 PW Circle 1 (Ann Copeland's)
5:00 Room in the Inn (B)
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Tuesday, December 5

10:30 PW Circle 2 (P)
10:30 PW Circle 3 (OS)
7:00 PW Circle 4 (P)
7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)
7:30 Young Adult Fellowship (Ollek's)
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, December 8

7:00 Men's Group (BH)

Saturday, December 9

10:00 Chancel Choir (S)
3:00 Children's Program
Rehearsal (S)
6:30 Just Friends (Ann Copeland's)

Sunday, December 10

9:00 Chancel Choir (S)
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Special Music Worship (S)
11:30 Administration Group (P)
2:00 Youth Group Ice Skating
(Pineville Ice House)

Monday, December 11

12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
5:00 Room in the Inn (B)
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)
7:30 Young Adult Planning
Team (BH)

Tuesday, December 12

5:00 Child Development
Center Group (P)
5:30 GSA Brownie/Juniors (SH)
6:30 SAPC Book Club
(Townley Moon's)

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Thursday, December 14

4:00 Child Development Center
Christmas Program (FH)

Saturday, December 16

10:00 Children's Program
Rehearsal (S)

Sunday, December 17

9:00 Chancel Choir (S)
9:30 Sunday School for All
9:30 Children's Program
Rehearsal (S)
10:30 Children's Program
Worship (S)
11:30 Prayer Shawl (P)
11:30 Session Meeting (FH)
5:00 Middle School Youth (BH)
6:00 Youth Group Dinner (FH)
6:30 High School Youth (BH)

Monday, December 18

12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
5:00 Room in the Inn (B)
7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)
8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, December 22

7:00 Men's Group (BH)

Sunday, December 24

9:15 Chancel Choir (S)
10:00 Christmas Eve Worship (S)
4:45 Chancel Choir (S)
5:30 Christmas Eve Worship
with Communion (S)

Monday, December 26

Church Office and Child Development
Center Closed

12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
5:00 Room in the Inn (B)

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office and Child Development
Center Closed

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, December 29

3:00 Child Development
Center Closes

Sunday, December 31

10:30 Worship Service (S)

Church Office Hours:
9am-5pm Mon.-Thurs.,
9am-1pm Fri.

(BH) - Bates House
(B) - Bowman Building
(FH) - Fellowship Hall
(GR) - Grace Room
(OS) - Old Session Room
(P) - Parlor
(S) - Sanctuary
(SH) - Scout Hut

JOIN THE SELWYN COMMUNITY ONLINE Visit us on Facebook for information about our church, photos, announcements and updates about our 75th anniversary. Log onto Facebook, search for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, typing <http://blck.by/2cWheeo> into your browser, or use the QR code shown. (QR Code Reader app or tech-savvy child required!)



YOUTH NEWS

The holiday season is upon us, and we are so thankful for you and your youth. Homebound visits on December 3 are a special time to extend the church's arms in joyful celebration of our senior members. Ice skating on December 10 looks to be a great addition to our youth calendar. Our Youth Christmas Dinner will be a special evening of gathering to rejoice in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! Though the year has been a year of hurt, pain, loss, and division, we grasp for hope in the coming of Christ: "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11) Jay

Date	Sunday School 9:30-10:20am	What?	When?	Where	Parent volunteers needed?
Sun., Dec. 3	M.S.- BH2 H.S.- BH1 Confirmation-BH4	HS Homebound Visits MS Youth Youth Dinner No HS Youth	After lunch 1-2:30 5-6pm 6-6:30pm	Various locations MS- BH Dinner- FH	Yes Yes-dinner
Sun., Dec. 10	M.S.- BH2 H.S.- BH1 Confirmation-BH4	All Presbytery Youth Ice Skating	2-4pm No Dinner	Pineville Ice House No Dinner	Yes- parents welcome
Sun., Dec. 17	M.S.- BH2 H.S.- BH1 Confirmation-BH4	MS Youth Youth Dinner HS Youth	5-6p 6-6:30pm 6:30-7:30pm	MS- BH Youth Christmas Dinner- FH HS- BH	Yes- dinner
Sun., Dec. 24	No Sunday School	No Youth Meeting Worship- 10am + 5:30pm			Merry Christmas!
Sun., Dec. 31	No Sunday School	No Youth Meeting Worship- 10:30am			Happy New Year!

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