

# CHURCH NOTES - November 22, 2020

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for Lawson Caldwell and family in the death of his mother, Martha Gunter Caldwell, on November 11, 2020. Prayers and sympathy are also extended for Sallye Richards in the death of her husband, Channing Orr Richards, on November 14, 2020, as well as to their daughter Stuart Pfeifer, husband Jay, and grandchildren Channing and Charlie.

**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM THIS MORNING** is Evelyn Nicole Guffey, daughter of Josh and Brittany Guffey.

**OUTDOOR SUNDAY EVENING TONIGHT** Join us as we end our Sunday evening time for now. Children's Chapel at 4:30pm and Worship at 5pm. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing required. Rain cancels.

**45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** "The Truth of our Connectedness" will be on Tuesday, November 24, 7pm and held via [Facebook.com/MeckMin](https://www.facebook.com/MeckMin). The musical prelude begins at 6:45pm. The Rev. Dr. Peter Wherry, Pastor of Mayfield Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will preach. This service is sponsored by MeckMIN.

**REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD** Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving by pledging for the 2021 stewardship season. Every pledge of every size is vitally important to Selwyn's well-being and mission. You may mail your pledge, email your pledge to [Tonya Moore](mailto:TonyaMoore@selwynpres.org), or bring to worship this evening at 5pm.

**YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES** are much needed and celebrated. Thank you to all who have embraced the online Text to Give platform. Instructions for using, Text 704-734-9818.

- Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund. Key word COVID is a special offering for Montclaire Elementary and Roof Above needs.

For 2020 Selwyn member pledges total **\$690,740**. Weekly pledge receipts of **\$13,283** are needed each week to achieve our goal for 2020.

November 8: Pledge Receipts:	\$ 30,360
Actual pledge receipts as of November 8 (YTD):	533,923
Goal for pledge receipts as of November 8 (YTD):	597,735
<b>Surplus or (deficit) year-to-date:</b>	<b>\$ - 63,812</b>

**GIVING STOCK** When giving stock, contact church accountant [Tonya Moore](mailto:TonyaMoore@selwynpres.org) or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member. Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. Please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer \_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** Please join us on Sunday, November 29 from 12-2pm on the lawn. There will be wreath making, crafts, and pageant costumes will be available for pickup. Please [pre-order your Advent wreath kits](#). They are \$10 each. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, you are invited to reserve a kit to pick up November 30 through December 3.

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE** Join us on Wednesday, December 2, 10am. This service is designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. We will livestream on Facebook Live. A limited number of spaces will be available in the sanctuary with a RSVP. Masks and social distancing are required. [RSVP here](#) or through the church office, 704-372-6836, by November 30.

**SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?** Here are a few ways:

- Our next Food First Sunday is Sunday, December 6 to help feed Montclaire Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry. No glass items please. Please return items to the Welcome Center porch bin.
- Due to the pandemic, Room in the Inn will not be held at SAPC this year. However you can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months through the following opportunities:
  - Selwyn is making 300 lunches once a month. Please [sign up](#) to help with the December 19 lunches.
  - Winter Shelter Bag Lunches: [Sign up to help](#).
  - Winter Shelter Cookies: [Sign up to help](#).
  - Donate items from Roof Above's Amazon wish list on their [website](#).
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclaire families.

**ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES** Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

- Pastor’s Bible Study, Wednesdays, 11am on November 25, December 9 and 16
- Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30pm.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 3pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am on Zoom.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, the second and fourth Sundays on Zoom. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hormberg](#) for information.

**YOUTH GROUPS** Check your email for an updated Youth schedule from Margo. Masks and social distancing are required for all gatherings. Rain cancels the event. Online gathering links will be sent by [Margo](#).

- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19, total cost: \$500 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade, ten adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade, three adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte overnight Mission trip), July 25-30, total cost: \$325 (includes food, housing, transportation), deposit: \$100, rising 6<sup>th</sup> - rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade, four adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).

**RETHINKING CHURCH**

- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.
- We offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Links can be found on our website and via emails.
- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [on Apple Podcast](#).
- The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a message on the appropriate staff person’s extension.
- For pastoral care emergencies, please leave a message on Reverend Raible’s extension.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, November 22</b></p> <p>9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)</p> <p>9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)</p> <p>9:30 Grace Class (Zoom)</p> <p>10:30 Worship with Baptism Online</p> <p>12:00 Youth Leadership Team Lunch</p> <p>4:30 Children's Chapel (Lawn)</p> <p>5:00 Outdoor Worship</p>	<p><b>Monday, November 23</b></p> <p>7:00 BSA Troop</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 24</b></p> <p>7:00 Session Meeting (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 25</b></p> <p>11:00 Pastor’s Bible Study (Zoom)</p> <p>3:30 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 27</b></p> <p>7:00 Men’s Group</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 29</b></p> <p>9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)</p> <p>10:30 Worship with Communion Online</p> <p>12:00 Advent Workshop (Lawn)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 23, 9am</p>



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 the Flower Memorial Fund and Christmas poinsettias. For each donation of \$8.50 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20. 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 13. Please print neatly.

Name(s) of giver(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_