

# CHURCH NOTES - November 29, 2020

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

(Tel) 704-372-6836

(Website) [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org)

**COMMUNION** will be observed during the 10:30am online service. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home – a table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.

**ADVENT WREATH KIT** If you pre-ordered a kit and will not attend the event, please pick up your kit by December 3.

**REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD** Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving by pledging for the 2021 stewardship season. You may mail your pledge or email to [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore). Every pledge is vitally important to Selwyn's well-being and mission.

**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 Montclair 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 15: Pledge Receipts:	\$ 5,945
Actual pledge receipts as of November 15 (YTD):	539,869
Goal for pledge receipts as of November 15 (YTD):	611,018
<b>Surplus or (deficit) year-to-date:</b>	<b>\$ - 71,149</b>

**GIVING REMINDER** The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2020 to be counted as a 2020 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 30, 2020. If mailed, your check must be dated 2020, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2020. Checks dated in 2020, but postmarked in 2021 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2021.

**GIVING STOCK** When giving stock, contact church accountant [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore) 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.

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE** Join us on Wednesday, December 2, 10am for a service 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. [RSVP here](#) or through the church office, 704-372-6836, by November 30. Masks and social distancing are required.

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

- Our next Food First Sunday is Sunday, December 6 to help feed Montclair 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 Montclair 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 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 Hornberg](#) 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](#).

- Friday, December 4, All Youth Game Night, 6-9pm, online
- Sunday, December 6, 6th Grade Dinner, 5-6pm.
- Sunday, December 13, Middle School Christmas Party, Whitewater Center Ice Skating, 5-7pm
- 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 29</b>            9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)            10:30 Worship with Communion Online            12:00 Advent Workshop (Lawn)</p> <p><b>Monday, November 30</b>            7:00 BSA Troop</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, December 28, 9am</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 1</b>            10:30 Our Spiritual Journey Circle            7:00 Evening Grace Circle</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 2</b>            10:00 Service of Comfort and Hope            3:30 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 3</b>            6:30 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Dinner</p>	<p><b>Friday, December 4</b>            7:00 Men's Group            6:00 Youth Game Night</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 6</b>            9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)            10:30 Worship Online            3:00 Selwyn Life Class Online            5:00 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner</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 \_\_\_\_\_