

CHURCH NOTES - December 20, 2020

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COVID UPDATE We continue to lead virtual worship in the sanctuary each week. Our SAPC COVID-19 Task Force has recommended postponing all small group gatherings until further notice due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, and recent news some of our members have been diagnosed. We are saddened, but believe it is the right decision in keeping all safe. Please refer to the weekly email and website for updates. A revised Christmas Eve schedule follows:

- Traditional Morning Worship, December 24, livestreamed at 10:30am.
- Socially Distant Self-guided Outdoor Worship, December 24, between 12-2pm on the lawn
Come join us as we celebrate Christ's Birth! Join us for candle lighting and communion. All are invited to participate with masks. The service will be broken into five stations to encourage social distancing. We anticipate the worship experience lasting around 15 minutes per household. Rain cancels this worship.
- Traditional Evening Worship with Communion, December 24, livestreamed at 5:30pm. Every household is encouraged to prepare a sacred place in your home – a table, a candle, a Bible, a loaf, a cup.

CHRISTMAS JOY GIFT Your gift to this special offering enables support to Presbyterian Church USA leadership - past, present and future. It helps Presbyterian related schools and colleges to equip students and communities of color in a brighter future and enhanced opportunities. Use Selwyn's Text to Give platform with the keyword "Joy Gift", pay online, or write a check to Selwyn and note Joy Gift in the memo line. Your gift is appreciated.

SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

- Due to the pandemic, Room in the Inn will not be held this year. You can help Roof Above provide care for guests during winter months through the following opportunities:
 - Winter Shelter Bag Lunches: [Sign up to help.](#) Winter Shelter Cookies: [Sign up to help.](#)
 - Donate items from their Amazon wish list on their [website.](#)
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclair families.
- Our next Food First Sunday is January 3. Help feed Montclair Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry by returning items to the Welcome Center porch bin. No glass items please.

REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD Please prayerfully consider your 2021 estimate of giving at any level. So far 90 households have pledged. Our goal is 130. Thank you for your participation. It is vitally important. Pledges can be submitted through the [website](#), emailed to [Tonya Moore](#), or mailed to the church.

TEXT TO GIVE Thank you to all who have embraced the online giving 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, 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.

December 13, 2020: Pledge Receipts:	\$ 11,748
Actual pledge receipts as of December 13 (YTD):	592,330
Goal for pledge receipts as of December 13 (YTD):	664,150
Surplus or (deficit) year-to-date:	\$ - 71,820

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](#) 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH ELDERS, CLASS OF 2024 Please submit your suggestions by emailing [Marsha Cooper](#) or returning the form found in your [December Spire newsletter](#) for it to be passed to the Nominating Committee. You may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (service to the church; spiritual leadership, etc.).

ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES Links to participate can be found at www.selwynpres.org.

- Daughters of Faith weekly meetings will resume in January on Wednesdays at 11am.
- 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.

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.
- Please look for updates at 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>Sunday, December 20</p> <p>9:30 Confirmation Class (Zoom)</p> <p>9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)</p> <p>10:30 Worship Online</p> <p>3:00 Selwyn Life (Zoom)</p> <p>5:30 High School Ice Skating Party</p>	<p>Thursday, December 24</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>10:30 Christmas Eve Worship Online</p> <p>12- 2 Self-guided Outdoor Worship (Lawn)</p> <p>5:30 Christmas Eve Worship Online</p>	<p>Sunday, December 27</p> <p>10:30 Worship Online</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am</p> <p>Spire deadline is Monday, December 28, 9am</p>

A donation has been given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of friends and loved ones by members of the congregation to the Agnes and Matt Lyle Flower Memorial Fund.

In Loving Memory of...

- Mr. and Mrs. William L. B. Cox**, from Emily and Sumter Cox
Floretta Minton Ferguson, from Dean Ferguson
Ed Hastings, from Kay Hastings
Mr. and Mrs. John Hastings, from Kay Hastings
Samuel Jones, from Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker
Jimmy Law, from Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker
Kathryn and Xan Law, from Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker
Xan Law Jr., from Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker
G. William Marks, from Kay Hastings
Dottie Metzler, from Dick Metzler and family
Carol Scott Moore, from Tom and Sally Moore
Juanita F. Morrison, from Dean Ferguson
Richard Newsom, from the Newsom - Winkenwerder family
Cpt. and Mrs. Jack Penfold, from Kay Hastings
"Poppa", from Ben and Amanda Hastings
Jim Raines, from Sharon Raines
Channing Richards, from Sallye Richards
Beaty and Reid Shoemaker, from Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Siewers, from Emily and Sumter Cox
John D. Siewers, Jr., from Emily and Sumter Cox
W. Richard Staub, Jr., from Tom and Sally Moore
Ernest and Lib Winkenwerder, from the Newsom - Winkenwerder family

In Honor of...

- Rebecca, Eliza, Isabel and Lily Cann**, from Jill and Simon Cann
Covenant Class, from Emily and Sumter Cox
Dabney Staub Gomes, from Tom and Sally Moore
SAPC Staff, from Emily and Sumter Cox
Our Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church Family, from Sharon Raines
Richard and Libby Staub, from Tom and Sally Moore
Women of Wonder Circle, from Emily and Sumter Cox