

CHURCH NOTES - December 27, 2020

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Kimber and Burt Arrington, Tate and Carly, and family in the death of Kimber's mother, Susan Hauser Small, on December 15, 2020.

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.

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 95 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.

YOUTH GROUPS Look for updates from Margo. [RSVP to Margo](#) for any summer trips below.

- January 3, Youth Game Night Online, 6-8pm.
- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19, total cost: \$500 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade, ten adult chaperones needed.
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade, three adult chaperones needed.
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte overnight Mission trip), July 25-30, total cost: \$325 (includes food, housing, transportation), deposit: \$100, rising 6th - rising 8th grade, four adult chaperones needed.

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](mailto:John.Lemmon@selwynpres.org) 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](mailto:Erin.Mills@selwynpres.org).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
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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		
Sunday, December 27 10:30 Worship Online Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, December 28, 9am	Thursday, December 31 Church Office Closed Friday, January 1 Church Office Closed 7:00 Men's Group	Sunday, January 3 9:20 Confirmation Class 9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom) 10:30 Worship Online 3:00 Selwyn Life Class Online 6:00 Youth Game Night

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 6, 2021. 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 by returning the form to the church office or email your nomination to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by January 17, 2021.

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 2021: Emily Battle, Lee Bobbitt, Kim Claxton, DiAnne Cordell, Andy Johnston, Hunter Miller, Erin Mills, Daniel Smith, Heather Smith

Class of 2022: Emily Cox, Janice Finein, Kipp Kiger, Emily Kincade, Bailey King, Tom Moore, Alyssa Sharpe, Allison Tibe, Clark Walton

Class of 2023: Chris Bahr, Shannon Brown, Bob Cole, Susan Flynn, Suzanne Newsom, Deni Pifer, Andy Sontag, Lou Waple, JD Yearwood

Youth: Maggie Thrasher