

# CHURCH NOTES – November 21, 2021

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**ADVENT WREATH EVENT** Deadline to order your kit for the November 28 event is today, November 21: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4FAAAB22A1FC1-sapc4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4FAAAB22A1FC1-sapc4). Make an Advent wreath, enjoy crafts, snacks, and fellowship following November 28 Worship. Kits are \$10 each and can be paid via cash or check. We will be on the front lawn, weather permitting. If you cannot attend and would like to order a kit you can. Kits can be picked up December 1- 2 before 1pm.

## SUNDAYS AT SELWYN

- Join us for Sunday School each week at 9:30am. There is a place for everyone – adults, youth, children, and nursery.
- Worship at 10:30am. The service will also be available on SAPC's Facebook.
- Kick off the Advent season with an Intergenerational Hymn Sing on November 28, 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be activities and crafts for the children. Sunday School classes will not meet.
- Communion will be observed on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28 during the 10:30am service.

**46TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** “The Art of Gratitude and the Art of Healing” will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 23, 7pm. People of all faiths and backgrounds will come together in gratitude, to celebrate diversity, and pray for unity. The service includes a Loaves & Fishes food drive and an offering supporting MeckMIN and Crisis Assistance. Register to attend through [www.meckmin.org/meckmin-interfaith-thanksgiving](http://www.meckmin.org/meckmin-interfaith-thanksgiving).

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is rehearsing for the December 12 Children's Advent Pageant service. We invite children, age 4 through 5th grade, to participate in choir rehearsals on Wednesday, December 1 and 8, 5:30 - 6pm in the Chapel. Songs for the service are located in a [Google folder](#) with mp3 recordings of the melodies and PDFs of the words and music to download. If you cannot make the Wednesday rehearsals, rehearse with your child with the tools in the folder. Children of all ages are invited to join us for Pageant rehearsals on Saturday, December 4 and 11, 10 - 11:30am. We look forward to seeing you as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Contact Nancy Nutter, [nancyn@selwynpres.org](mailto:nancyn@selwynpres.org) with questions.

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE** Join us on Wednesday, December 8, 11:30am for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. The service will be followed by a fellowship lunch. RSVP to [office@selwynpres.org](mailto:office@selwynpres.org) or 704-372-6836 by November 30. Masks and social distancing required.

**2022 PLEDGE UPDATE** Selwyn is close to meeting our budgetary goals for the coming year. A pledge is an estimate of giving for the year. Every pledge is vitally important to support Selwyn's vision and mission. A successful year of stewardship will ensure Selwyn's ability to fund our mission partners at Montclair Elementary school, stabilize our staff, and maintain Selwyn's dynamic worship and intergenerational programming.

Our goal is for at least 130 households to pledge a total of \$780,000. So far, Selwyn has received 91 pledges and \$645,012. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! Pledge cards are located in the narthex. Confidential pledges can be made during worship, by visiting [www.selwynpres.org/giving](http://www.selwynpres.org/giving), by emailing Selwyn's church accountant, Tonya Moore or using <https://airtable.com/shr9Nce19yItfPySd>.

**2021 BUDGET UPDATE** For 2021 Selwyn member Pledges total \$690,000. Goal for pledge receipts through November Year to Date (YTD) are \$632,500. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$533,975. Total deficit is \$98,525. As we near the end of the year, thank you to all for satisfying your 2021 giving commitment. It is most appreciated.

- **Giving reminder:** The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2021 to be counted as a 2021 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 30, 2021. If mailed, your check must be dated 2021, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2021. Checks dated in 2021, but postmarked in 2022 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2022.
- **Giving stock:** When giving stock, please contact church accountant Tonya Moore, [tonya@tmooreaccounting.com](mailto:tonya@tmooreaccounting.com) 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.

**COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE** We are required by the County to wear masks in the building even if fully vaccinated. Ages 4 and above, thank you for being vigilant in your expression of care to all by wearing your mask inside. Please wear a mask outside as necessitates. Our togetherness is a gift. A task force of healthcare professionals will continue to guide us regarding COVID-19 and the variants.

**MEET THE HANDBELLS** **Lisa Halstead** has been a member of Selwyn along with her husband Brian since 2002. They have two sons, Pete (13) and Lucas (10). Lisa learned to read music growing up through piano lessons she took through her senior year in high school. She always thought it would be fun to ring in a handbell choir and was excited when Nancy Bobbit invited her to join Selwyn's over 10 years ago. Lisa also enjoys spending time with children. This calling led her to a long career as a neonatal nurse practitioner at Levine Children's Hospital and to where she has served at Selwyn over the years as a Sunday School teacher, VBS volunteer, and a Heart math tutor at Montclair Elementary.

**Joy Vickers** has been a member of Selwyn for over 20 years. She has served as an Elder and in other various ways. Growing up Joy was always surrounded by music, and it's an important part of the fabric of who she is. She has been blessed to play in the handbell choir for many years and can honestly say she always looks forward to this one weekly time commitment. She recently celebrated her 24<sup>th</sup> year with Wells Fargo. Joy treasures spending time with her terrific family, baking, and you guessed it - music!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Eric Winkenwerder from his family.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, November 21</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Sunday School for All            9:30 Confirmation Class            10:30 Worship            11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P)            6:00 Youth Group</p> <p><b>Monday, November 22</b>            7:00 Congregational Life Group (Zoom)            7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 23</b>            6:00 GSA Troop            7:00 Session Meeting (Zoom)            7:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Virtual)</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 25</b>            Church Office and            Child Development Center Closed</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, November 29, 9am</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 26</b>            Church Office and            Child Development Center Closed</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 28</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Intergenerational Hymn Sing (FH)            10:30 Worship with Communion            11:30 Advent Wreath Event</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 \$11.00 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 19. 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 12. Please print neatly.

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

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

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

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