

CHURCH NOTES - November 28, 2021

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ADVENT WREATH EVENT Join us after Worship today to make an Advent wreath, enjoy crafts, snacks, and fellowship. Kits are \$10 each and can be paid via cash or check.

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.

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 season. Contact Nancy Nutter, nancyn@selwynpres.org with questions.

THE PEACE CIRCLE invites all women to a special meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 7:15pm in the Chapel. PRN, and Certified Women's Counselor, Mollie Gee, will present Prepping for the Holidays: Finding connection, ease and joy amidst the stress and chaos of the holidays. Following the discussion all are invited for fellowship time at Reid's or The Jimmy. A love offering of \$15 is requested to help cover the cost of the speaker. RSVP Catherine Miller, catherinelowell@gmail.com and you can venmo, Catherine Miller @catherinelowell.

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 or 704-372-6836 by November 30. Masks and social distancing required.

ROOM IN THE INN Selwyn will host homeless neighbors through Roof Above on Mondays, December 6 - March 28, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Due to COVID safety precautions it is preferred a group of individuals come together and sign up to address all food (dinner, breakfast, and bag lunches), setup, and clean up needs for specific Monday evenings. Sign up to help, www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45A4A82BAB9-room or contact Michelle Bentley, mleebentley@gmail.com. An experienced RITI volunteer will be onsite weekly to assist the group. Sign up to be an overnight host: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45A4A82BAB9-roomintheinn.

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 93 pledges and \$658,612. 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, 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 \$538,065. Total deficit is \$94,435. 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 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 **Beth Ramsey** has been a Selwyn member since 1995, along with her husband Dale. They have two children Karah (30) and Adam (28). Both attended the Child Development Center and grew up in the church. Beth has served as Elder, Moderator of PW, and on many other groups and committees over the years. One of her favorite roles has been working in the church kitchen and on special events. Beth received the PW Honorary Life Membership Award in 2018. She is a member of the Evening Grace Circle and the Selwyn Book Group. Beth joined the Handbell Choir in 2002 and has been ringing ever since. "I can't believe it's been almost 20 years! Practice on Wednesdays is one of the highlights of my week. We have so much FUN!" She enjoys walking, reading, flower gardening and arranging, bike riding, the beach, and hiking in the mountains. Beth works as the "office girl" at their electrical contracting company, Vision Electric, Inc.

Nancy Bobbitt has been a member of Selwyn since 1985. She has served as a Deacon and an Elder. She is active in Presbyterian Women, Evening Grace Circle, Selwyn Book Club, the Montclair Elementary School Food Pantry, and the Augustine Literacy Project tutoring program at Montclair. Her daughter Emily was one of three youth who were practicing Handbells on Sunday mornings. Nancy played with them, has been playing ever since and really enjoys being a member of the Handbell Choir and "making a joyful noise to the Lord." In addition to these activities, she enjoys reading, walking and traveling - especially to Maui to be with her grandson, Jet.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Dottie Metzler from the Metzler and Dosse families.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, November 28 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Intergenerational Hymn Sing (FH) 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:30 Advent Wreath Event (Lawn)</p> <p>Monday, November 29 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 29, 9am</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 1 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith 5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel) 6:15 Handbells (FH)</p> <p>Friday, December 3 7:00 Men's Group (BH) 6:00 Youth Game Night</p>	<p>Saturday, December 4 10:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S) 12:00 Handbell Choir (S)</p> <p>Sunday, December 5 9:00 Handbell Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Youth Coffee Talks 10:30 Worship</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 _____