

CHURCH NOTES - December 5, 2021

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TODAY IS FOOD FIRST SUNDAY Help stock the shelves by purchasing requested grocery items and return to church on the first Sunday of each month for Montclaire Elementary School. Stay tuned for more opportunities to distribute food.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE Join us this 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. RSVP to 704-372-6836 or office@selwynpres.org by 9am Monday for the fellowship lunch which follows. Masks and social distancing required.

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS LUNCH, DECEMBER 12 Join us for a boxed lunch and fellowship following the Children's Christmas Pageant Worship service. RSVP by December 6 to Ashlee Anderson, ashleea@selwynpres.org.

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, all are invited for fellowship 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.

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 rehearsal on Wednesday, December 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 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.

MISSION TREE Sign up to give meaningful Christmas gifts to our Mission partners by selecting an ornament through our virtual Mission Tree, www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod4fa9a92aa2fdo-2021. Or select an ornament off the Welcome Center tree. Unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by December 13.

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.

ADVENT TOGETHER 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.
 - December 12 – Children's Christmas Pageant Worship and Church-wide Christmas Lunch.
 - December 19 – Worship with Special Music, *Magnificat* by G. Pergolesi.
 - December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship.
 - 10am Family Friendly Worship (no childcare provided)
 - 5pm Traditional Candlelight Worship with Communion (nursery care provided)
 - 7pm Traditional Candlelight Worship (no childcare provided)
- Joy Gift Special Offering will be received during all Christmas Eve Services. Your gift enables support to Presbyterian Church USA leadership, communities of color in a brighter future and enhanced opportunities.
- December 26 – 9:30am Bring a Bread Intergenerational Fellowship. Sunday School classes will not meet.
 - 10:30am Worship

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.

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 \$547,095. Total deficit is \$85,405. 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.

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 97 pledges and \$672,912. 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>.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<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> <p>Monday, December 6 12:30 PW Women of Wonder 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, December 27, 9am</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 7 10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L) 7:00 PW Evening Grace (Ramsey's) 7:15 PW Peace Seekers (Chapel)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 8 11:30 Comfort and Hope Service and Lunch 5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel) 6:15 Handbells (FH)</p> <p>Thursday, December 9 10:00 PW Meeting (L)</p>	<p>Friday, December 10 7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, December 11 10:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S) 12:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Sunday, December 12 9:30 Children's Pageant Rehearsal 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Confirmation Class 9:30 Youth Coffee Talks 10:30 Children's Pageant Worship Service 11:30 Christmas Lunch 6:00 Middle School Christmas Party</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 _____