

CHURCH NOTES - December 26, 2021

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Betsy and Don Hamburger and Nicole Shaw in the death of Betsy's brother, Allen E. Collins, on December 10, 2021. Prayers and sympathy are also extended for Tim and Marcie Linker in the death of Tim's sister, Myrna Linker Robinson, on December 13, 2021.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST Robert Ivey is Minister of Music Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte where he served as organist and director for twenty-four years, retiring in 2006.

COVID 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. A task force of healthcare professionals will continue to guide us regarding COVID-19 and the variants.

FAREWELL Lawson Caldwell, our part-time Administrative and Publications Assistant and a vital staff member of six years, has decided to retire. He will be missed and we wish him well upon his retirement at the end of this month.

SAPC IS SEEKING a part-time Administrative and Publications Assistant to work 9am – 1pm, Monday through Friday. The non-Selwyn member candidate should be friendly, organized, detail-oriented, and able to work independently and with a team. Responsibilities include weekly communications, bulletin and newsletter preparation, reception and telephone duties, and ongoing office needs. If you know of someone please have them send a resume before December 31 to <mailto:selwynissearching@gmail.com>.

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER will be closed December 27 and 31. The Church Office will be open until 1pm on December 28, 29 and 30.

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

JANUARY 2, FOOD FIRST SUNDAY Help stock the shelves by purchasing requested grocery items and return to church on the first Sunday of each month for Montclair Elementary School. Stay tuned for more opportunities to distribute food.

HABITAT CONSTRUCTION Due to construction delays on our Habitat house, there are two days remaining to volunteer before the house is finished: January 7 (trim installation) and January 8 (final paint). Sign up through the following link: <https://habitatcltvolunteers.force.com/apex/VolunteerGroupSearch>.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE offers assistance to areas hit by catastrophic storms such as hurricanes and tornadoes. The needs are great in the states that recently experienced the powerful tornadoes. To make a donation through PDA, contribute online to pcusa.org/DT21, by phone, 800-872-3283, by texting PDA to 41444, or by check mail to Presbyterian Church USA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 5264-3700, designating Disaster Relief- tornadoes. Or you can write a check to the church, designating PDA – tornadoes in the memo line.

SUNDAYS AT SELWYN

- Join us each week for Sunday School at 9:30am. There is a place for all – adults, youth, children, and nursery.
- The Gospel of Luke will be the focus for the adult classes starting in January.
- Worship at 10:30am. The services will also be available on SAPC's Facebook.
- Communion will be observed on January 9 during the 10:30am service.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. To reserve a date contact Marsha, marshac@selwynpres.org. Checks for \$65 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".

2021 BUDGET UPDATE For 2021 Selwyn member Pledges total \$690,000. Goal for pledge receipts through December Year to Date (YTD) are \$690,000. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$596,778. Total deficit is **\$93,222**. 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:** We have recently received several stock transactions that are not identified. 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 107 pledges and \$716,212. 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 26 9:30 Bring a Bread Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Monday, December 27 Church Office and Child Development Center Closed 5:00 Room in the Inn</p>	<p>Friday, December 31 Church Office and Child Development Center Closed 7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>Sunday, January 2 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, December 27, 9am</p>

NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving in the spring of 2022. 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 suggestions by returning the form to the church office or email your nomination to Marsha Cooper, marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by the end of January 2022.

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 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

Class of 2024: Ginny Burgin, Charlie Harris, Morgan Liles, Dick Metzler, Kurt Parbst, Samantha Phifer, Heather Risko, Ed Thomas, Andy Wertz

Youth: Andy Bentley