

CHURCH NOTES - January 16, 2022

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NEW BABIES Congratulations to John and Susan Lemmon on the birth of twin grandsons, Ryan Graham Lemmon and Grant Alden Lemmon. They were born on January 6 to proud parents Nick Lemmon and Laurie Graham, and big sister Eva.

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 as soon as possible to <mailto:selwynissearching@gmail.com>.

COVID UPDATE With news of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, the Selwyn COVID-19 task force and staff have had the well-being of everyone in mind as we plan services, meetings, and events. SAPC has adopted and adhered to a COVID-19 protocol that has allowed us to gather safely.

With gratitude for our community's ongoing care for one another, we thank ages 4 and above for being vigilant in your expression of care to all by wearing your mask while inside– even if fully vaccinated. Everyone is asked to maintain social distancing and not gather closely for conversation. While in the sanctuary please sit in every other pew as marked.

We recognize the health concerns many in our congregation are facing. Please join us for online worship if you have cold symptoms of any sort, are immunocompromised, not vaccinated, or unable to wear a mask.

SUNDAYS AT SELWYN - CALLED TO CONNECT

- Join us each week for Sunday School at 9:30am. There is a place for all – adults, youth, children, and nursery. Youth Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet on Zoom for the remainder of January.
- The Gospel of Luke is the focus for the adult classes.
- Worship at 10:30am. The services will also be available on SAPC's Facebook.
- Youth Group will meet from 6-7pm in the Fellowship Hall this tonight. Please note no dinner will be served.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - CREATE and CONNECT, RECREATE and RECONNECT Save the date of April 29 through May 1, 2022 on your calendar for the All Church Retreat at Montreat Conference Center. Register by January 30 to receive the early bird discount: <https://forms.gle/16Pi9zNjLvurwhCi6>.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN Registration will close on February 27 for all summer trips. Please email margor@selwynpres.org before February 27 to let her know if you will attend. Margo will email each participant registration documents and health forms.

- Montreat Youth Conference, July 10-16 for rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 12th-18th for rising 9th graders- graduated 12th grade
- Middle School Massanetta Trip, June 21st-24th for rising 6th grade-rising 8th grade

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.

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.

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".

2022 PLEDGE UPDATE Selwyn is close to meeting our budgetary goals for this 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 110 pledges and \$723,212. 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>.

SELWYN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP Women are invited to nominate another woman to receive an Honorary Life Membership, honoring her faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. She will receive a silver membership pin and a personalized certificate during the April 24 service. When you make this nomination, please include a brief statement of why this person should receive the honor. All nominations are welcome and need to be submitted by February 1 via email to Sally Moore, smoorejr@aol.com, or mail to 2224 Hogan Court, Charlotte, NC 28270. The women of Selwyn who have previously been awarded an Honorary Life Membership will choose the 2022 Honorary Life Member from the nominations.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, January 16 9:30 Confirmation Class (Zoom) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group (FH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, January 24, 9am</p>	<p>Monday, January 17 Church Office and Child Development Center Closed 5:00 Room in the Inn</p> <p>Tuesday, January 18 7:00 Book Club</p> <p>Wednesday, January 19 11:00 Daughters of Faith PW Circle 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study 6:15 Handbells</p>	<p>Friday, January 21 7:00 Men's Group</p> <p>Sunday, January 23 9:30 Confirmation Class (Zoom) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Group (FH)</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 January 20, 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