

# CHURCH NOTES - September 4, 2022

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**TODAY IS FOOD FIRST SUNDAY** Help stock the shelves by purchasing requested grocery items and return items to the church on the first Sunday of each month for Montclair Elementary School.

**VISITORS ORIENTATION CLASSES** If you are interested in learning more about Selwyn and its ministries and have a desire to unite with this congregation we invite you to the new class series to begin on Sunday, September 11 at 9:30am in the Chapel. Please contact the church office at 704-372-6836 or [office@selwynpres.org](mailto:office@selwynpres.org) to RSVP for the class series.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS** Seventh and eighth grade students, parents, and mentors will meet on September 11, 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will walk through the confirmation journey, share the schedule, and answer any questions. Each confirmand is responsible for finding a mentor. See Margo's email for detailed information and let Margo know today if you plan to participate in the class or if you have any questions or concerns.

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** Worship Readiness Classes for Kindergarteners, and first and second grade children that have not taken the class, starts September 11. Classes will meet Sundays at 9:30am through October 2 in the Bowman building to review the elements of worship, including the sacraments of baptism and communion. The children will receive communion on October 2 during 10:30am worship with the congregation. Please register your child by contacting Nancy, [nancyn@selwynpres.org](mailto:nancyn@selwynpres.org).

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** The Christian Education and Formation Group has reorganized and consolidated all adult Sunday School classes into two classes. The classes will begin on September 11 at 9:30am. Both classes are open to members of any age/stage of life. The full letter is available through a link in the weekly email.

- Faith Forward – will be based on the Feasting on the Word curriculum which includes scripture reading, prayers, scriptural analysis, application to current issues and optional reading at home. It will not require building on what was discussed or covered in prior Sunday classes. Taught by Charlie Harris, Erin Mills, Elizabeth Stearns, and Casey Cothran (as well as ministry team members from time to time).
- Conversations on Faith – will examine all aspects of Christian life, including Bible study and contemporary issues. It will be discussion-based but not put you on the spot. No required reading outside of class. Some of the classes will build on previous discussions. Taught by Sue Ward, Susan Lohr, Susan Lemmon, and John Lemmon.

**RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11** Join us for our annual kickoff to the new program year.

- Sunday School classes for all will begin at 9:30am.
- Jazz Worship, 10:30am with guest musicians. Communion will be observed during worship.
- A potluck picnic will be held on the lawn after worship. Please bring a side dish to share. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES** meet September through May. All women are encouraged to join a Circle. Bible studies and topics of interest are shared, and service projects are worked on during the year. Contact a Circle leader or PW Moderator, Pam Brownlee, or the church office at 704-372-6836 for more information.

Circle #1, Women of Wonder - September 12, 11:30pm - Ann Copeland, Cacky Newitt

Circle #2, Peace Seekers – September 13, 7:15pm - Catherine Miller, Jamie Yearwood

Circle #3, Our Spiritual Journey - September 13, 10:30am - Bobbie Hankins

Circle #4, Evening Grace - September 6, 7pm - Nancy Bobbitt

Circle #5, Daughters of Faith - September 14, 11am, Weekly - Tracie Northan-Our study for the year will be the podcast series, *For the Love* with Jen Hatmaker, we will begin with *The Elephant in the Room*.

**PINTS AT THE PUB** Drop by Selwyn Pub on September 15 between 5:30 and 7pm for a time of fellowship with one another. No need to RSVP, simply come as you are.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** We invite children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us. The choir will meet September 21 and 28, October 5 and 12, 5:30-6pm in the Chapel. Questions please contact Nancy Nutter, [nancyn@selwynpres.org](mailto:nancyn@selwynpres.org).

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** Please join us in praying for those in affected communities. To offer your financial support you may send a check to Selwyn, designating PDA and the specific area in the memo line, or send a check directly to Presbyterian Church USA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, or contact PDA by phone 800-872-3283.

- For the financial and technical emergency humanitarian response through faith communities for those fleeing Ukraine, please designate your donation to PDA- Ukraine DR000156 in the memo line or text PDAUKR to 41444.
- For PDA National Response Team assistance in the recent devastated flood communities of Kentucky, Virginia, and Missouri, please designate your donation to PDA- Flooding DR000191.

**2022 GIVING** For 2022 Selwyn member Pledges total \$773,500. Goal for pledge receipts through August Year to Date (YTD) are \$572,233. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$434,609. Total deficit is \$137,724. You can make a confidential pledge, using <https://airtable.com/shr9Nce19yItfPySd>, visit [www.selwynpres.org/giving](http://www.selwynpres.org/giving), or email church accountant, Tonya Moore. Thank you for your faithfulness to ensure funding for our mission partners at Montclair Elementary, stabilizing staff, and maintaining intergenerational programming and dynamic worship.

**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](mailto:marshac@selwynpres.org). Checks for \$65 should be made to the church indicating “sanctuary flowers”.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, September 4</b>            9:30 Biscuits on the Lawn            10:30 Worship            11:30 Lemonade on the Lawn</p> <p><b>Monday, September 5</b>            Church Office and Child Development            Center Closed</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 6</b>            7:00 PW Evening Grace (P)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 7</b>            6:15 Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, September 9</b>            7:00 Men’s Group (Zoom)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, September 26, 9am</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 11</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Sunday School for All            9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (Chapel)            9:30 Worship Readiness K Class            10:30 Rally Day Jazz Worship with            Communion            11:30 Rally Day Potluck Picnic (Lawn)</p>