

CHURCH NOTES - November 5, 2023

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BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Jennings Bratten Trotter, daughter of Michael and Caroline Trotter. Attending are grandparents Vickie Trotter and Fred and Madelyn Phillips. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

TODAY IS FOOD FIRST SUNDAY Help stock the shelves by purchasing requested grocery items (canned fruits and vegetables and 1 lb. bags of rice and beans) and return them to the church

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

LISTENING EVERYWHERE TECHNOLOGY FOR WORSHIP The church has a hearing assistance system for use with earbuds or by connecting a hearing aid to your cell phone. To connect your hearing aids and phone, please download the Listen Everywhere app. Then set your phone to the church's Wifi signal and password. Additional instructions are printed and available in the narthex.



WITH JOY! We celebrate Selwyn's faithfulness and commitment to **serve, worship, grow, and give with joy!** This stewardship season we hope to inspire every Selwyn member to share in blessings of stewardship as we support the 2024 annual budget. While 100% of our \$915,000 budget supports the robust ministries and mission of SAPC, our goal is not financial. With more than 260 households, we hope everyone (100%) will communicate an estimate of your annual giving to Selwyn. A pledge of any amount is not transactional, but a personal and significant act of faith.

WITH JOY! Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice! ~ Philippians 4:4

- To make a confidential pledge visit the church website, email church accountant, [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore) or return your completed pledge card to the church.

2023 BUDGET UPDATE Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$561,065. Total deficit is \$168,102. We appreciate every effort being made in keeping your current pledge commitment up-to-date as we near the end of 2023.

- Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. Then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number. You do not need a key word if giving to the annual fund.
- You may also give by scanning the Giving QR code.
- Giving Stock: Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, 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. When calling your broker, also 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.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Join us Wednesday's at 11:30am on Zoom. See the weekly email for the Zoom link.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes are open to members of any age/stage of life and meet on Sundays at 9:30am.

Faith Forward – The class is intentionally taught to be inclusive of 6th grade through adult learners as we engage in the series “*Faith Tending- Rooted and Reaching*”, focusing on Worship and centered around the Bible.

Conversations on Faith – The class is studying “Living Buddha, Living Christ: by Thich Nhat Hanh”. As an outsider to Christianity the author brings new meaning to walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE, NOVEMBER 12 All ages are invited to participate following worship. A light lunch will be served before participants make and decorate treats for delivery to designees. Attendees will also add the ornaments to the Mission Giving Tree.

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet at 6:30pm on November 14 at Sir Edmond Halley's. This month's selection is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. Please contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356, with any questions.

OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 18 Help prepare bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Please sign up in increments of 10 lunches via the link found in the weekly email.

HABITAT WORKDAY, NOVEMBER 18 We need volunteers for interior painting. Volunteers are also needed to provide and deliver lunch to the site. Sign up through the weekly email link or through the church website.




HIGH SCHOOL FALL DAY TRIP, NOVEMBER 19, 9:30AM -3PM RSVP to Margo (text or email) if you can participate in the day trip. The group will gather at the church before embarking on a day with brunch, hiking, apple picking, and more.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE, NOVEMBER 21, 7-9pm The community-wide service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3115 Providence Road. The theme is Radical Inclusion, sponsored by MeckMin.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 26, 11:30am All ages, children through adults, are invited. We will meet on the lawn from 11:30am-1pm to make Advent wreaths, crafts, and enjoy light refreshments of cookies and hot cocoa. Wreath kits are \$10 per kit. Please signup through the Spire link or the weekly email to reserve one or more kits. Payment for kits can be made via text to give, online, by check, or in person at the event. The annual Mission Giving Tree will also be available with opportunities to give to some of our Mission Partners.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Check out what has been happening with GEP at Montclair. Their October Newsletter link is available in the weekly email. There are a variety of ways to assist the children, families, and teachers. The volunteer link is in the weekly email and on the church website. You may also contact Ellen Harris or Denise Pineno. Learn more about serving by scanning the "Selwyn Serves Montclair Elementary" QR Code.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE A dire humanitarian crisis has resulted from the October 7, 2023 deadly attacks in Israel and the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. Due to the tremendous loss of lives, forced evacuations, and suffering of people without access to basic necessities, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable, and supporting partners in Israel and Palestine who are responding to the needs of those in their midst, no matter their religious beliefs, political views or nationality. We are called to care for all of God's children by responding to the urgent needs of those directly affected. Please pray for peace, safe passage, and relief for those needing medical attention and help. To offer financial support give [online](#), call 800-872-3283, text PDAIP to 41444, or mail a check made payable to Presbyterian Church (USA) with "DR000081-Israel/Palestine" on the memo line, to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, November 5 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 3rd -5th Grade Bible Class (B) 9:30 Baptism Class (L) 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 6:00 Salt Shakers (Bobbitt's)</p> <p>Monday, November 6 11:00 PW Women of Wonder (P) 7:15 PW Peace Seekers (P) 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 7 11:00 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L) 6:00 GSA Troop (SH) 7:00 PW Evening Grace (P)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 8 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith (L) 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B)</p> <p>Friday, November 10 Child Development Center Work Day 7:00 Men's Group (BH) 11:00 GEP Prayer Time (P)</p>	<p>Sunday, November 12 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 3rd -5th Grade Bible Class (B) 10:30 Worship 11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Usher Montclair Elementary Give</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 27, 9am</p>

CHRISTMAS 2023—FLOWER FUND

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 sanctuary flowers. For each donation of \$12.00 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 17. 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 3. Please print neatly.

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

Name(s) of giver(s) as you would like it printed in the bulletin _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____