

CHURCH NOTES - November 12, 2023

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Max and Katie Bourg on the birth of their daughter Avery Suzanne Bourg, born on October 20, 2023. Her big sister is Caroline.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Tony and Nancy Nutter in the death of Tony's mother, Maria Zullo Nutter, on November 1, 2023.

TODAY IS SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE 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.

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 \$567,526. Total deficit is \$234,557. 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 will conclude this Wednesday. See the weekly email for the 11:30am class Zoom link.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM Open to any age/stage of life. The classes will conclude on November 19.

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 concludes the study of “Living Buddha, Living Christ: by Thich Nhat Hanh”.

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.




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 sign up 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.

DECEMBER 3, 5-7pm COMMUNITY-WIDE WORKSHOP Would you like to learn more about how to support your LGBTQ+ friends and family in a faithful way? You are invited to a community-wide workshop led by PFLAG and hosted by SAPC. All are invited. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP using the link in the weekly email.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Check out the GEP November newsletter available in the weekly email. There are a variety of ways to assist at Montclaire. Learn more through the Montclaire Elementary QR Code. Volunteer through the weekly email link, on the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Denise Pineno.

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.

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| <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> <p>Monday, November 13 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 14 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmonds)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, November 27, 9am</p> | <p>Wednesday, November 15 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith (L) 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel) 6:15 Handbell Choir (B)</p> <p>Thursday, November 16 9:00 Montclaire Food Packing/Delivery</p> <p>Friday, November 17 7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, November 18 Habitat Workday 10:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> | <p>Sunday, November 19 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Baptism 11:30 Christian Ed Meeting (L) 11:30 Personnel Meeting (P) 5:30 Youth Group (FH)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Usher </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Montclaire Elementary </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Give </div> </div> |

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 _____