

# CHURCH NOTES - November 19, 2023

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**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM** is Piper Anne Muth, daughter of Jeff and Becky Muth. Attending are grandparents Susan and Tim Muth and Nancy Sharbaugh. Other family members are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for the family and friends of Dean Ferguson in his death on November 8, 2023. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 11am in the sanctuary. Prayers and sympathy are also extended for Richard and Mary Elizabeth Newbegin in the death of her father, John Charles Martin.

**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Marsha and Kelly Cooper on the birth of their grandson, John Davis Cooper, born on November 9, 2023 to parents Josh and Anna Cooper.

**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 \$584,994. Total deficit is \$217,090. 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](mailto:tonya@tmooreaccounting.com) or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

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

**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.




**COMMUNION** will be celebrated on December 3, the first Sunday of Advent, during the 10:30am worship service.

**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.

**ROOM IN THE INN** Selwyn will host Roof Above homeless neighbors on Mondays from December 4 through March 25, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Please sign up through the weekly email link. There are opportunities to help with set up, food, overnight hosting, and driving the new church van.

**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 Montclair. Learn more through the Montclair 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, November 19</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:10 Called Session (Chapel)            10:30 Worship with Baptism            11:30 Christian Education Group (L)            11:30 Personnel Meeting (P)            11:30 Worship Group (FH)            5:30 Youth Group (FH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, November 27, 9am</p>	<p><b>Monday, November 20</b>            7:00 PW Daughters of Faith Evening (Pifer)            7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 21</b>            6:00 Congregational Life Meeting            7:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving (Trinity)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 22</b>            1:00 Child Development Center Closes</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 23</b>            Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 24</b>            Church Office and Child Development Center Closed            7:00 Men’s Group (BH)</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 26</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            10:10 Called Session (Chapel)            10:30 Worship with Baptism            11:30 Advent Workshop</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Usher           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Montclair 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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