

## CHURCH NOTES - March 10, 2024

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for John and Kim McGirt, and daughter Mollie, in the death of John's mother, Mollie Buxton McGirt, on February 24, 2024.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, there will be a brief meeting held at the beginning of worship today. Please make plans to attend.

**TODAY IS SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE** Join us after worship in a time of community and preparation. After a light lunch we will prepare casseroles, baked goods, supply kits, and cards for use in congregational care.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, for 4 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will meet on Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-6pm. The children will sing in Worship on March 17 with a 9:30am rehearsal that morning.

### LENT: A JOURNEY OF HOPE THROUGH THE TEARS

**PASTORS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** The study will take place on Thursdays through March 28, at 1pm on Zoom.

**OUR LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL** series will continue through March 24, 9:30am.

- The Social Gospel. The Conversations on Faith class will discuss the Social Gospel. Triggered by working conditions in the late 19th century that included child labor, this movement sought to expand Christian practice beyond personal salvation toward improving the lives of all.
- A Journey of Hope through the Tears. Lent marks the forty days leading up to Jesus' execution and surprising return to life three days later. The practice began in the fourth century as a way to prepare Christians for the holiest, hardest days of our story. The cross isn't the end of the story but this season of grief is carved out to acknowledge the reality of Jesus' sacrifice. Our Savior knew pain, grief, and despair, and so do we. Easter is coming, but for now we sit in the ashes of our broken dreams and broken hearts, knowing God sits here with us. This class is an invitation to join others in community and bless whatever this season is bringing you.

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24** 10:30am Worship at Selwyn with Procession of Palms and guest instrumentalists.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28** Combined 6pm Table Worship service at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church, with dinner and communion. To provide adequate food please RSVP through the link in the weekly email or the Spire newsletter. Music presentation of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem.

**EASTER SUNDAY AT SELWYN, MARCH 31** Sunday School classes will not meet.

- 8:30am Outdoor Easter Service
- 10:30am Traditional Easter Service– Guest musicians and special music.

**THE TWEENS**, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, will meet March 17, 24, and April 21, 5-5:45pm in the Bowman building. The class will also participate in Second Sunday Service opportunities.

**REGISTRATION** for the April 26-28 Churchwide Retreat at Montreat will close on March 22. See the weekly email for the registration link. The theme is Reading Jonah-A Sea of Stories. We will welcome Anna Carter Florence as our retreat leader. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister, preaching professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, and author.

**YOUTH MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE** Register through the link in the weekly email. The conferences is for rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, July 7-13. Cost: \$400; \$100 deposit at registration; \$300 due April 30. Two adults needed.

**ROOM IN THE INN** Selwyn hosts Roof Above homeless neighbors on Mondays through March 25, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. The sign up link to help with set up, food, and overnight hosting is in the weekly email.




**MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** There are a variety of ways to assist. Volunteer through the Montclair QR Code, weekly email link, the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Denise Pineno.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE** A dire humanitarian crisis resulted from the October 7, 2023 deadly attacks in Israel and the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. Due to tremendous loss of lives, forced evacuations, and suffering of people without access to basic necessities, Presbyterian Church USA is providing assistance, 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. Please pray for peace, safe passage, and relief for those needing medical attention and help. To offer 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.

**BUDGET UPDATE** Selwyn member Pledges total \$775,000. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$154,339.

**SERVE, WORSHIP, GROW, AND GIVE WITH JOY!** We hope to inspire every member to share in blessings of stewardship as we support the annual budget.

- To make a confidential pledge visit the church website, email church accountant, [Tonya Moore](#) or return your completed pledge card to the church.
- Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. You do not need a key word if giving to the annual fund. You may also give by scanning the Giving QR code.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, March 10</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 Called Congregational Meeting and Worship            11:30 Second Sunday Service (FH)</p> <p><b>Monday, March 11</b>            5:00 Room in the Inn            7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 12</b>            7:00 Mission Group Meeting (P)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, March 25, 9am</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 13</b>            5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel)            6:15 Handbell Choir (B)</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 14</b>            10:30 PW Planning Meeting (L)            1:00 Pastors Lenten Study (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Friday, March 15</b>            7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 16</b>            10:00 Chancel Choir (S)            12:30 Handbell Choir (S)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 17</b>            9:00 Handbell Choir            9:30 Children's Choir (S)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel)            10:30 Worship with Baptism            11:30 Christian Education Meeting (L)            5:00 Tweens Group (B)            5:30 Youth Group</p> <div>    </div> <div> <p>Usher</p> <p>Montclair Elementary</p> <p>Give</p> </div>

Hearing assistance directions are available in the narthex to download the app for use with earbuds or connecting a hearing aid to your cell phone.



## Easter 2024

This Easter 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. For each \$10.00 donation the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, March 31. Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office and designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. **The deadline is Sunday, March 17.**

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and email address \_\_\_\_\_.

Name(s) of giver(s) to be printed in the bulletin \_\_\_\_\_.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_.