## **CHURCH NOTES - November 10, 2024**

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**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Ben and Hannah Cook on the birth of their daughter, Reynolds Kacie Cook, born on November 2, 2024.

**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM** is Lucy Elizabeth Aulebach, daughter of Craig and Hunter Aulebach. Present today are grandparents, Rob and Susan Aulebach and Jeff and Betsy Newton. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

**GUEST ORGANIST** for today's service is Dr. Matthew Manwarren.

**TODAY IS SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE** Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship to make cookies, then package and deliver them to designated individuals.

**CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT AND A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** In October, the Sessions of SAPC and QHPC voted to merge into one church. There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24 at 11:30am to vote on the merger. Many members of our church have been a part of the discernment process over the summer, identifying benefits, risks, and envisioning our future. Supporting documentation can be found on our website, www.selwynpres.org/vision. Please contact a member of the Planning Committee (Co-chairs Ed Thomas and Hannah King) or Rev. Raible if you have any questions or would like to connect with someone on the committee.

Congregational Listening Sessions Please make plans to attend one of the following meetings for updates on the possibility of a merger with Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church.
In-person, following worship on Sunday, November 17, in the Chapel.
Monday, November 18 the meeting will be held on Zoom at 7pm. Please see the weekly email for the link.

**PASTORS BIBLE STUDY** will conclude on Wednesday, November 13, 1pm at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church.

**SPEAKER SERIES** Melisa Wilburn, CEO of Appalachia Service Project, was our 9:30am speaker. She is joining us in worship. Our November 17, 9:30am speaker will be Patrick Balsley, founder SANA Counseling & SANA recovery. He will be speaking on youth and mental health. There's a place for everyone on Sundays at 9:30am.

- Confirmation class is offered for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (Bowman building).
- Sunday School (four-year-olds to fifth grade, Bowman building) Children are invited to discover a Bible story through Montessori style learning stations.
- Nursery Care (infants to three-years old) While children are always welcomed in worship, experienced nursery caregivers welcome our Crib/Toddlers and Three/Fours between 9:15am and 11:45am each Sunday.

**STEWARDSHIP** Our community of faith affords us the opportunity to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have returned your commitment card, thank you. If you have not, we hope you will turn to Acts 4:31-35 in the spirit of faithfulness and generosity as you consider filling out your 2025 estimate of giving. You can return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.

**BUDGET UPDATE** We ask members to please consider keeping your pledge commitments up to date as we near the end of 2024. Selwyn member Pledges total \$766,600. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$591,814. Total deficit is \$47,019.

- 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.
- Giving Stock: Our 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 <u>Tonya Moore</u>, or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

**OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 16** Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Please sign up in increments of ten lunches through the weekly email link. Prepared lunches should be brought to the church on November 16 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

**INTERFAITH FRIENDSGIVING** Join MeckMin on Thursday, November 21, 6pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving and faith diversity through prayer, music, and food. This is a free family friendly event. Register for the event through the link in the weekly email.

**MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY** There are a variety of ways to assist in the new school year. Volunteer through the Montclaire QR Code, weekly email link, church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Karey Tom.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and 11 from 5:30 – 6pm in the Chapel. The children will sing in worship on December 15 as part of the Christmas pageant. Questions contact Nancy Nutter.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, November 10 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Milestone – How to Use Your Bible 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:10 Called Session (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 11:30 Second Sunday Service (FH) Monday, November 11 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)	Tuesday, November 124:15Children's Council (P)7:00Administration Group (Zoom)7:00Mission Group (P)7:15PW Peace I (L)Wednesday, November 1311:00PW Daughters of Faith I (P)1:00Pastor's Bible Study (QHPC)6:15Handbell Choir (QHPC)Thursday, November 147:00Choir Singing Series (S)	Saturday, November 1610:00Operation Sandwich DeliverySunday, November 179:00Chancel Choir9:30Sunday School for All10:10Called Session (Chapel)10:30Worship with Baptism11:30Prayer Shawl (P)11:30Christian Education Group (L)11:30Worship Group (FH)11:45Listening Session (Chapel)5:30Tweens Group and Youth Group
Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, October 28, 9am	Friday, November 15 7:00 Men's Group (BH)	Usher Montclaire Elementary Give

Hearing assistance directios are available in the narthex. Download the app for use with earbuds or to connect a hearing aid to your cell phone.