

CHURCH NOTES - December 8, 2024

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BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Parks Soule Bromberger, son of Ross and Hannah Bromberger. Present today are grandparents, Nancy Kelly and Clare and Curt Walton. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

MISSION GIVING TREE Help give a meaningful gift by selecting an ornament from the Welcome Center tree to fulfill a wish for one of our Mission partners. Please return unwrapped gifts, along with the ornament, by Sunday, December 15.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 11, from 5:30 – 6pm in the Chapel and on Saturday, December 14 at 10am in the sanctuary. The children will sing in worship on December 15 as part of the Christmas pageant. Questions contact Nancy Nutter.

STAY AWHILE AN ADVENT STUDY Join us on Sundays at 9:30am for our intergenerational Sunday School. Advent, a season of preparation - like our holiday gatherings - takes time and care. Think of the anticipation that comes with hosting loved ones for Christmas. We begin by extending invitations, make plans, and begin our preparations. Ultimately, we open the door and welcome guests, and finally we celebrate. Advent should feel the same way, a time to make ready for the long-awaited event of Christ's birth. We are using the book *Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality* by Kara Edison.

- Sunday School (four-year-olds to fifth grade, Bowman building) - Children are invited to learn and engage in the Advent story through stations in a Montessori style learning approach at 9:30am.
- 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.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 15 Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Pageant Worship Service. Helpers are needed for food prep, set up, and clean up. See the link in the weekly email to sign up to assist.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Look for details from Brian Daoust on the December 15 youth holiday gatherings.

ROOM IN THE INN Selwyn will host Roof Above homeless neighbors on Mondays through March 31, 2025, providing three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. There are opportunities to help with set up, food, overnight hosting, and driving the church van. Please sign up through the weekly email link.




MONTCLAIRE FOOD PACKING AND DELIVERY Join us on December 19 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall to pack and deliver pantry items for Montclair Elementary School families before the school's holiday closing.

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 \$686,886. Total deficit is \$15,831.

- 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: 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, or 704-996-5504, so she is aware and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.
- End-of-Year Giving reminder: The IRS requires the church receive checks/stocks in 2024 to be counted as a 2024 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 31, 2024, or in 10:30am worship on December 29. If mailed, your check must be dated 2024, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2024. Checks dated in 2024, but postmarked in 2025 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2025.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN

<p>Sunday, December 8 9:00 Handbell Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 11:30 Youth Second Sunday Service 4:00 New Member Social (Legions) 6:30 Salt Shakers (Amon/Lohr)</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 10 6:00 Book Club (Ramsey) 7:00 Administration Group (Zoom) 7:00 Mission Group (Zoom) 7:15 PW Peace I and II Social</p> <p>Wednesday, December 11 5:30 Children's Choir (Chapel)</p>	<p>Sunday, December 15 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Children's Choir 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Children's Pageant Worship (S) 11:30 All Church Christmas Lunch (FH) 11:30 CEF Group (L)</p>
<p>Monday, December 9 12:00 PW Women of Wonder (Copeland) 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:30 Monday Men's Group (P) 7:30 BSA Troop (SH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, December 30, 9am</p>	<p>Friday, December 13 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, December 14 10:00 Children's Choir and Pageant (S) 12:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> Usher Montclair Elementary Give </p>

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

ADVENT 2024

December 15, Third Sunday of Advent
 9:30 Sunday School for All
 10:30 Children's Christmas Pageant Worship Service
 11:30 All Church Christmas Luncheon

December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9:30 Sunday School for All
 10:30 Worship with Special Music by the SAPC and QHPC Choirs.
 Joy Gift Offering collected.

December 24, Christmas Eve
 10:30 Worship Service at Quail Hollow Presbyterian, 8801 Park Road
 A time for families, especially for those with younger children, to worship together.
 5:30 Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion at Selwyn Avenue
 Joy Gift Offering collected.

CHRISTMAS 2024—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 22. Please return this form and your check to the church office, (payable to SAPC, designating "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line). **The deadline is Sunday, December 8.**

Please print neatly. Name(s) of giver(s) for printing in the bulletin _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____