

CHURCH NOTES - December 15, 2024

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ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Pageant Worship Service. All are welcome.

MISSION GIVING TREE Please return unwrapped gifts, along with the ornament today, Sunday, December 15.

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.

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.

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.

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 \$719,754. Total deficit is \$49,846.

- 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.

THE CHRISTMAS QUILT in the sanctuary is a special kind of wrapping paper for the greatest gift of all, the undeserved and incredibly generous involvement of God in our lives and dreams. The simple manger scene is captured in the rich and brilliant colors of celebration, with the infant Jesus demonstrating the peace He offers humanity, a devoted Mary glowing with love, and a vigilant Joseph protecting them both. An elaborate border symbolizes a world rich in complexity and need that awaits a Savior's leadership. The Christmas Quilt is a challenge in that the gift of salvation is presented to us through the love of church and family; we are invited to open it for ourselves and be transformed by that acceptance. This quilt was hand made for SAPC by Sue McCarter, Jeanne Faires, Jean Holliday and Susan Lemmon in November 1990.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN

Sunday, December 15

9:00 Chancel Choir (S)
9:30 Children's Choir
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Childrens Pageant Worship (S)
11:30 All Church Christmas Lunch (FH)
11:30 CEF Group (L)
4:00 Middle School Christmas (Bolewitz)
6:00 High School Christmas (Harris)

Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am
Spire deadline is Monday, December 30, 9am

Monday, December 16

5:00 Room in the Inn
7:00 Daughters of Faith II (Pifer)
7:30 Monday Men's Group (P)
7:30 BSA Troop (SH)

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 Session Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)

Thursday, December 19

9:00 Montclaire FoodPacking/Delivery

Friday, December 20

7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)

Saturday, December 21

10:00 Chancel Choir (S)

Sunday, December 22

9:30 Chancel Choir
9:30 Sunday School for All
10:30 Combined Worship with Special Music (S)



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Montclaire Elementary



Give

 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 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.

December 29, 1st Sunday of Christmas

9:30 Bring a Bread or Treat to Share Fellowship
Sunday School Classes will not meet.
10:30 Worship Service