

CHURCH NOTES - January 5, 2025

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Dan and Katie Gualtieri on the birth of their daughter, Annie Elizabeth Gualtieri. Annie was born on December 22, 2024. Her big brother is Jack.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended for Selwyn staff member, Dwight Jones, and family in the unexpected death of his daughter, Kennedi Jones, on December 26, 2024. We also extend our sympathies to Selwyn staff member, Beth Sharpe, and family, in the death of her mother, Jean Clark Sharpe, on December 28, 2024. Our prayers and sympathy to Elizabeth Stearns and James Hart, and daughters Lily and Lena, in the death of Elizabeth's father, William Arthur (Bill) Stearns, on December 29, 2024. We also extend our sympathies to family and friends of former Selwyn member, Julia (Judy) Atwell, in her death on December 29, 2024. Please remember all in your prayers and caring.

TODAY IS FIRST FOOD SUNDAY Help stock the shelves by purchasing and returning requested grocery items (canned fruits and vegetables and 1 lb. bags of rice and beans). No glass items please. Join us January 9 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall to pack and deliver pantry items to Montclair Elementary School.

SAPC IS SEEKING a part-time Administrative and Publications Assistant to work 9am – 1pm, Monday through Friday. The non-Selwyn member candidate should be friendly, organized, detail-oriented, and able to work independently and with a team. Responsibilities include bulletin and newsletter preparation, reception and telephone duties, and ongoing office needs. If you know of someone, please have them reach out to Marsha Cooper.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES Our two new series began today. Join us on Sundays at 9:30am.

- Conversations on Faith Class (Parlor) will explore *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. What would you give to radically improve, even transform, what matters most in your relationships? You can thrive in your career, acquire wealth, or build a great reputation. But if your relationships aren't thriving, nothing else matters. Holladay helps give foundational principles, including how to give relationships the highest value, communicate from the heart, love as Jesus loves you, and provides a practical path for fulfilling God's intention for your relationships--even difficult ones.
- Faith Forward Class (Chapel) The intergenerational class will study Ephesians and Luke using the Feasting on the Word curriculum. Following the Revised Common Lectionary, it allows everyone to explore the same Bible passage weekly. This makes it easy for families to live out their faith together, and invites all learners into the rhythm of the church year. This class will not gather on January 19 or February 16.

VISITOR ORIENTATION CLASSES Welcome to Selwyn Avenue! We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Selwyn and its ministries, we invite you to complete the visitor's card in your pew rack and explore what it means to belong on January 12 and 19, 2025 at 9:30am in the library.

COMMUNION will be celebrated on January 12 during the 10:30am worship service.

ALLYSON ANDERSON'S SERVICE OF ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Allyson will be ordained on January 12, 4pm in the Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Please join us for this special service with a reception following the service.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY It's time to ramp up for another year at Habitat for Humanity. Our first workday will be January 18. We will be doing final miscellaneous tasks to finish framing a new house. Other work days planned in 2025 will be April 19, July 19 and October 18. Watch for details in the church notes and weekly email.

MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY AND GEP There are a variety of ways to assist the Montclair Elementary community. Sign up through the weekly email link, visit the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Karey Tom. You may also learn more by scanning the "Selwyn Serves Montclair Elementary" QR Code.

SAPC BOOK CLUB will meet at 6:30pm on January 21 at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant. This month's selection is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Please contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356, with any questions.




SAVE THE DATE APRIL 26 -27, 2025 WOMEN'S RETREAT All women are invited to participate in the overnight retreat. The retreat will be held at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, SC. More details and registration information available soon.


SANCTUARY FLOWERS You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. To reserve a date contact Marsha in the church office. After the date is confirmed, online payments or checks for \$78 should be made to the church indicating sanctuary flowers".

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 Selwyn member Pledges for 2024 total \$766,600. Actual Pledge receipts YTD for 2024 are \$759,807. Total deficit is \$6793.

- 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, January 5 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Vistors Orientation (L) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship 5:00 PFLAG Adult and Youth Meetings 6:30 Salt Shakers (Pratts)</p> <p>Monday, January 6 12:30 PW Women of Wonder (P) 5:00 Room in the Inn 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) 7:30 Evening Men's Group (P)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, January 27, 9am</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 7 10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L) 7:00 PW Evening Grace (P) 7:15 PW Peace I (L)</p> <p>Wednesday, January 8 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 6:30 Handbell Choirs (QHPC) 7:30 PW Peace II (L)</p> <p>Thursday, January 9 9:00 Montclair Food Packing/Delivery</p>	<p>Friday, January 10 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Sunday, January 12 9:00 Chancel Choir 9:30 Vistors Orientation (L) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Communion 11:30 Second Sunday Service 4:00 Anderson Ordination Service at Quail Hollow Presbyterian</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>

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