

# CHURCH NOTES - January 26, 2025

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**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.

**BAPTISM CLASSES** We will offer a two week class on Sunday, February 2 and 9 at 9:30am in the library. The class is designed for parents interested in learning more about the sacrament and wanting to schedule their child's baptism.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES** There are two classes being offered for adults at 9:30am.

- Conversations on Faith Class (Parlor) will continue to explore *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay through February 2. 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. Note - The class will not gather on February 16.

**OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH AFFORDS US THE OPPORTUNITY** to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have not returned your stewardship commitment card, 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. Please return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.

**BUDGET UPDATE** For 2025 Selwyn member Pledges total \$775,000. Goal for pledge receipts through January Year to Date (YTD) are \$64,584. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$24,315. Total deficit is \$40,269.

- 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of communities impacted by the California wildfires, along with providing emotional and spiritual care. The magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Please keep the workers and those impacted in your prayers. Financial support to U.S. wildfires can be designated to DR000165. Gifts can be made via [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) (Give Now), by phone at 800-728-7228 ext. 5885, or by check payable to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 with "PDA-CF25-E" written on the memo line.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING AND SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE** A special offering will be received on February 9 for Souper Bowl of Caring. The nation-wide grassroots movement inspires people to give and make a collective impact on local efforts to relieve hunger. You are also invited to bring canned food items to benefit local food pantries.



**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 immediate opportunities to help with set up, food, overnight hosting, and driving the church van. Please sign up through the weekly email link.


**SELWYN SERVES MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY** There are a variety of ways to assist. Sign up to help through the weekly email link, visit the church website, or contact Ellen Harris or Karey Tom. You can learn more by scanning the Montclair Elementary QR Code. Tutoring opportunities include Heart Math which provides one-on-one tutoring to students using a pre-determined curriculum. Training is provided. Heart Math Tutoring has a goal to recruit 100 additional tutors for students across the Carolinas this school year. Please see the link in the weekly email to volunteer.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** It's time to ramp up for another year at Habitat. Our workdays will be April 26, July 19 and October 18. Look for details and the signup link in the weekly email.

**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".

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, January 26</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Sunday School            10:30 Worship            11:30 CEF Meeting (L)            5:30 Tweens Group (FH)            5:30 Youth Group (FH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, January 27, 9am</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 27</b>            5:00 Room in the Inn            7:30 BSA Troop (SH)            7:30 Evening Men's Group (P)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 28</b>            6:15 Session Meeting (FH)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 29</b>            11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P)            6:30 Handbell Choir (QHPC)</p> <p><b>Friday, January 31</b>            7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, February 2</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir            9:30 Sunday School            9:30 Baptism Class (L)            10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel)            10:30 Worship with Baptism            5:00 PFLAG – Adult Meeting            5:30 Youth Group (FH)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Montclair Elementary           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Give           </div> </div>

 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.

**NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:**

We need your prayerful nominations for Church Elders to begin serving in June 2025. Please offer reasons why those you suggest will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, commitment of faith, specific gifts, etc.). Elders must be active members for at least a year.

Elders will be elected during the annual (joint) congregational meeting on March 2, 2025 after worship at SAPC. The slate presented will consist of 7 from Selwyn, 2 from Quail, and 1 youth elder.

Please submit your nominations(s) by completing this form, or email your nomination to [marshac@selwynpres.org](mailto:marshac@selwynpres.org) where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions no later than February 2, 2025.

**Nominations for Elder** (7 Selwyn, 2 Quail will be elected – 3 year term)

**Nominations for Youth Elder** (1 will be elected - 1 year term)

**LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION**

(\*denotes Quail Hollow Elders)

Class of 2025: Grant Armistead, Jodie Bolewitz, Libby Guinan, Christy Horne, Hannah King, Susan Lemmon, Maisie Macholz, Tracie Northan, Ed Thomas, Bobby Yurkutut

Class of 2026: Lori Burbank, Tate Hackman, Todd Muldrew, Adam Piacentino, Denise Pineno, Evan Sauda, Elizabeth Stearns, Caroline Thompson, Tina Weinberg, Rich Bonnell\*, Marybet Hudson\*, Walker Owen\*

Class of 2027: Michelle Bentley, Lee Bobbitt, Jeremy Caskey, Mike DeAmicis, Zach Houston, Catherine Miller, Sally Moore, Becky Muth, Karey Tom, Mike Bellamy\*, Cathy Sheely\*, Janet Stephens\*