

CHURCH NOTES – November 25, 2018

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TODAY

OUR GUEST ORGANIST Robert Ivey is Minister of Music Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte where he served as organist and director for twenty-four years, retiring in 2006.

BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Sebastian William Hackman, son of Brian and Tate Hackman. Attending are grandparents Wayne and Terri Hatcher and Dave and Lisa Hackman. Other family and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all on this very special day.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE Join us on Wednesday, November 28, 11:30am for a service designed especially for those seeking quiet in the chaos, seeking a moment to focus, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. The service will be held in the Chapel followed by a Fellowship Lunch. RSVP to office@selwynpres.org or 704-372-6836 by November 25.

NEW BABIES Congratulations to Josh and Brittany Guffey on the birth of their daughter, Annelise Stone Guffey, born on November 8, 2018. Congratulations to Jonathan and Jessica Stewart on the birth of their son, Samuel Dewar Stewart, born on November 7, 2018. Congratulations to Daniel and Andi Smith on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Jean Smith, born on November 16, 2018.

NOTES OF INTEREST

WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS Please prayerfully consider your 2019 stewardship commitment to Selwyn. You can return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office. Or you may email your commitment to Church Accountant Tonya Moore, tonya@tmooreaccounting.com or pledge online: www.selwynpres.org/about-us/giving-growing/

MISSION TREE We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. Select a tree ornament in the Fellowship Hall for a Montclair classroom, Room in the Inn, or a Welcome Home Kit. Return the unwrapped item with the ornament attached by Sunday, December 9. Questions, contact Meg Dewey, mdewey70@icloud.com; Mary Bowman, maryselwyn@gmail.com.

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH Young women are invited to meet at 11am on Wednesdays. Childcare is available with advanced RSVP to Lori Raible, loriarabile@gmail.com. A nighttime meeting will be held on December 17, 7pm at Deni Pifer's home.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Ages 4 through 103 are eligible to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 9. Please mark your calendar for rehearsals on Saturdays, December 1 and December 8 from 10am-12pm. A final walk-through will be held on December 9, 9:30am, prior to the 10:30am pageant service.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: COMPANIONS OF CHARACTER AND FAITH Join us at 9:30am on Sundays. On Sunday, December 2 the theme is Temperance, p. 157 of The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson by Stanley Hauerwas. The scripture reference is Galatians 5:25.

COMMUNION will be celebrated on December 2, the first Sunday of Advent, during the 10:30am worship service.

ROOM IN THE INN Each Monday night, December 3 through March 25, we will provide our homeless neighbors three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. There are many ways to be involved (1) prepare and serve dinner, (2) prepare packed lunches, (3) provide breakfast, (4) transport guests in the evening and/or morning by driving the church bus, (5) overnight as a host, (6) donate supplies, (7) come and eat dinner with our guests - all ages are welcome, (8) wash our guests' feet. To volunteer: www.selwynpres.org/volunteer/ or contact Michelle Bentley, mleebentley@gmail.com.

HABITAT DEDICATION DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1PM All are welcome to celebrate a special threshold when the families cross into home ownership. Join Remonica and Shaba and their families as they receive their keys at 4203 and 4209 Howie Circle.

THE JUST FRIENDS gathering on December 8, 6:30pm will be dinner at Ann Copeland's, 8300 Bar Harbor. Please let Ann know if you will attend, 704-556-1233. To be added to our distribution list, contact Susan Lohr, 704-582-3314.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH Join us on December 9 in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for a time of food and fellowship.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND BE INVOLVED AT MONTCLAIRE

- Help wrap books on December 13 - Thanks to Promising Pages, first graders will be able to choose a book to give as a gift to a friend or family member. The times are 1- 1:45 or 1:45-2:30pm. Sign up online or contact Mary Bowman, www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ABA723A20-gift.
- Are you a wiz at bulletin boards? You might enjoy assisting a teacher with projects, parties or other tasks so she can focus on students. Please contact Ellen Harris at ellengreerharris@gmail.com for details.
- Collect Box Tops to help fund field trips. Questions, contact Mary Bowman, maryselwyn@gmail.com.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Our goal is to raise \$8,700, which will enable us to package 30,000 meals for those in need. Each meal cost \$.29. Children received collection containers in Sunday School. Containers are available on the Spire table. They will be collected at our final offering, January 13. We encourage every household to participate, as every penny counts.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) To contribute to hurricane relief efforts please use the following link:<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/?appeal=PDA&package=HF18-ABB> To give by phone, call 800-872-3283 or send a check, designating "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line: Presbyterian Church USA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

AA MEETINGS Selwyn is the host site for two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The times are Mondays, noon-1pm in the Bates House and Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please direct any questions to Metrolina AA Intergroup, 704-377-0244 or 704-332-4387.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, November 25 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Advent Workshop for All 10:15 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism (S) 5:30 Youth Movie Night (BH)</p> <p>Monday, November 26 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 28 11:00 Daughters of Faith (OS) 11:30 Service of Comfort and Hope 6:15 Handbells (B) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Saturday, December 1 10:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Next Spire deadline is Monday, November 26 by 9am.</p>	<p>Sunday, December 2 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Communion (S) 11:30 Congregational Life Group (FH) 11:45 Mission Group (GR) 5:00 Middle School Youth (BH) 6:00 Youth Dinner (FH) 6:30 High School Youth (BH) 6:30 Salt Shakers (Shoemaker's)</p>



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 Christmas poinsettias and the Flower Memorial Fund. For each donation of \$8.50 the name of your honoree will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 16. Please return this form and your check (payable to SAPC) to the church office. Please designate "Flower Memorial Fund" in the memo line of your check. The deadline is Wednesday, December 5. Please print neatly.

Name(s) of giver(s) _____

Your phone # _____ Email address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____