

CHURCH NOTES - November 18, 2018

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TODAY

TODAY WE WELCOME TO SAPC the new General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte, the Rev. Jan Edmiston. She was born, raised, and educated in Chapel Hill, NC, where she grew up in the University Presbyterian Church. She attended Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton-Centre, Massachusetts and was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, having received a call to serve as pastor of the Presbyterian United Church of Schaghticoke, New York. She later earned a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality from Columbia Theological Seminary. Edmiston and her husband, the Rev. Fred Lyon, moved to National Capital Presbytery in 1989 to serve as Designated Co-Pastors of Fairlington Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia. She served the congregation for twenty-two years before moving with her husband to Chicago where he accepted a call in Flossmoor, Illinois. She most recently was Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry at the Presbytery of Chicago, and was Co-Moderator of the PCUSA General Assembly from 2016-2018. Jan contributes to her blog, *A Church for Starving Artists* (<https://achurchforstarvingartists.wordpress.com>). She was also a regular contributor for Homiletics Magazine and the Alban Institute's Congregations magazine. Throughout her parish ministry years, Edmiston served as moderator of the social justice committee (Albany Presbytery) and personnel committee (National Capital Presbytery), as well as taking leadership roles in the areas of church revitalization, new church development, and presbytery council in both presbyteries.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR 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. Today we will have a special offering to support these efforts. Children received collection containers in their Sunday School classes. Containers are also available outside after worship and on the Spire hallway table. They will be collected at our final special offering on January 13. We encourage every household to participate, as every penny counts. Sign up for the February 10 packaging event will be available as the event approaches.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY The study will be from 5-6 pm in the Parlor on Paul's Pastoral Letters - 2 Timothy 1-4.

NOTES OF INTEREST

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 November 19, 7pm at Deni Pifer's home.

43rd ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE "Many Faiths, One Community: Embracing a Multi-faith World" will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 7pm at First United Methodist Church, 501 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, 28202. A musical prelude will begin at 6:45pm. The preacher is Dr. Rodney Sadler, professor of Bible at Union Presbyterian Seminary. All races, cultures and faiths are welcome. Canned goods will be collected. The service is sponsored by Mecklenburg Ministries.

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/

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: COMPANIONS OF CHARACTER AND FAITH Join us at 9:30am on Sundays as adult classes explore various Christian virtues. On Sunday, November 25 the theme is Humility and Humor, p. 144 of [The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson](#) by Stanley Hauerwas.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED 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.

HELP TEACHERS HELP CHILDREN Would you like to be paired with a teacher at Montclaire Elementary to organize materials, put on parties, create bulletin boards and other tasks? For details visit selwynpres.org/volunteer or contact Ellen Harris, ellengreerharris@gmail.com.

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.

TURN BOX TOPS INTO TRIPS FOR MONTCLAIRE STUDENTS Please collect Box Tops to help fund field trips. Students often have to go without because of funding. Questions, contact Mary Bowman, maryselwyn@gmail.com.

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.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of family members, in Heaven and on Earth, by Joy, Joe and Joseph Vickers.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, November 18 8:45 Personnel Committee (BH) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Faith Lab-Parents of 3rd Graders (Science Rm) 10:30 Worship (S) 11:30 Prayer Shawl (P) 11:30 Session Meeting (FH) 5:00 Sunday Evening Bible Study (P) 5:00 Middle School Youth (BH) 6:00 Youth Dinner (FH) 6:30 High School Youth (BH) 6:30 Mission Meeting (GR)</p>	<p>Monday, November 19 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH) 7:00 Daughters of Faith (Pifer's)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 21 6:15 Handbells (B) 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Thursday, November 22 Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p>	<p>Friday, November 23 7:00 Men's Group (BH) Church Office and Child Development Center Closed</p> <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>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Next Spire deadline is Monday, November 26 by 9am.</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 _____