

CHURCH NOTES - December 2, 2018

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TODAY

COMMUNION will be celebrated today during the worship service.

SALT SHAKERS This evening's dinner will be hosted by Katy and Raleigh Shoemaker, 1425 Scotland Ave at 6:30pm.

NOTES OF INTEREST

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Ages 4 through 103 are eligible to participate on Sunday, December 9. We will rehearse on Saturday, December 8, 10am-12pm and have a final walk-through on December 9, 9:30am, prior to the 10:30am pageant service.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on December 9 for food and fellowship.

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.

HABITAT DEDICATION DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1PM All are welcome to celebrate as 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 her know if you will attend, 704-556-1233. To be added to our distribution list, contact Susan Lohr, 704-582-3314.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: COMPANIONS OF CHARACTER AND FAITH Sunday, December 9 at 9:30am the scripture is 2 Corinthians 8:2-9. The theme is Generosity, p. 167 of [The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson](#) by Stanley Hauerwas.

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

- Wrap books on December 13, 1- 1:45 or 1:45-2:30pm. Thanks to Promising Pages, first graders will be able to choose a book to give as a gift. Sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ABA723A20-gift or contact Mary Bowman.
- Classroom Subs for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on December 12 from 11:45 - 1:15 pm. Interested in spreading some holiday cheer at Montclair? Sign-up to help: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4dafab23a13-holiday2
- Five HELPS Tutors still needed - Friday, 10:30-11:45; Wednesday, 10:30-11:45. Talk with Kim McGirt, Rebecca Cooper or Mary Bowman if you would like to know more. Training sign up: <http://signup.com/go/FqQyXBq>
- 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.

ROOM IN THE INN Each Monday night through March 25, we 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 evening and/or morning by driving the church bus, (5) overnight as a host, (6) donate supplies, (7) eat dinner with guests - all ages are welcome, (8) wash our guests' feet. To volunteer: www.selwynpres.org/volunteer/ or contact Michelle Bentley, mleebentley@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.

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. To date we have collected \$3129 or 36% of our goal. Children received collection containers in Sunday School and are also available on the Spire table. They will be collected at our final offering on January 13. We encourage every household to participate, as every penny counts. Mark your calendar for the February 10 meal packing event.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) You can contribute to relief efforts for U.S. Wildfires and hurricanes: www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/. Browse by category to give to a particular area. To send a check, write which relief area to direct your donation in the memo line and mail to Presbyterian Church USA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. To give by phone, call 800-728-7228.

GIVING REMINDER The IRS requires that the church receive checks/stocks in 2018 to be counted as a 2018 contribution. If delivered in person, the check must be received in the office by 1pm, December 28, 2018. If mailed, your check must be dated 2018, and your envelope postmarked by December 31, 2018. Checks dated in 2018, but postmarked in 2019 must be credited, for IRS purposes in 2019.

GIVING STOCK Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: 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, tonya@tmooreaccounting.com or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

The sanctuary flowers are to the Glory of God and given in gratitude for friends and family by Jackie and Joe Salinas.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, December 2 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship with Communion (S) 11:30 Administration Group (P) 11:30 Congregational Life Group (FH) 5:00 Middle School Youth (BH) 6:00 Youth Dinner (FH) 6:30 High School Youth (BH) 6:30 Salt Shakers (Shoemaker's)</p> <p>Monday, December 3 11:30 PW Circle 1 (Ann Copeland's) 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 5:00 Room in the Inn (B) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 4 10:30 PW Circle 2 (P) 10:30 PW Circle 3 (OS) 7:00 PW Circle 4 (P) 7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 5 11:00 Daughters of Faith (OS) 6:15 Handbells (B) 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH) 7:30 Young Adult Social (Peebles') 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Friday, December 7 7:00 Men's Group (BH) 6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)</p>	<p>Saturday, December 8 10:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S) 1:00 Chancel Choir (S) 1:00 Habitat Dedication Day (offsite)</p> <p>Sunday, December 9 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Children's Pageant Rehearsal (S) 10:30 Children's Program Worship (S) 11:30 Christmas Lunch (FH) 5:00 Middle School Youth (BH) 6:00 Youth Dinner (FH) 6:30 High School Youth (BH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Next Spire deadline is Monday, December 31 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 _____
