

## CHURCH NOTES - December 9, 2018

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### TODAY

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for Emily and Sumter Cox and family in the death of her brother, John Siewers, on December 1, 2018.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** All are invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for wonderful food and fellowship.

**MISSION CHRISTMAS TREE** The gifts are due back today. Please place your unwrapped gift(s) with the ornament attached under the Fellowship Hall tree. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

**BSA TROOP 99 SCOUTS** will be selling Aunt Ruby's Peanuts after worship through December 23.

### 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](mailto:tonya@tmooreaccounting.com) or pledge online: [www.selwynpres.org/about-us/giving-growing/](http://www.selwynpres.org/about-us/giving-growing/)

**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](mailto:loriarabile@gmail.com). A nighttime meeting will be held on December 17, 7pm at Deni Pifer's home.

**LIVING THE GOOD LIFE: COMPANIONS OF CHARACTER AND FAITH** Sunday, December 16 at 9:30am the scripture is Hebrews 11:1. The theme is Faith, p. 177 of The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson by Stanley Hauerwas.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND BE INVOLVED AT MONTCLAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Classroom Substitutes for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on December 12 from 11:45 - 1:15 pm. Sign-up to help: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4dafab23a13-holiday2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4dafab23a13-holiday2)
- 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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ABA723A20-gift) or contact Mary Bowman.
- 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 learn more. Training sign up: <http://signup.com/go/FqQyXBq>
- Assist a teacher with projects, parties or other tasks. Contact Ellen Harris at [ellengreerharris@gmail.com](mailto:ellengreerharris@gmail.com) for details.
- Collect Box Tops to help fund field trips. Place box tops in the designated bin on the Spire hall table.

**ROOM IN THE INN IS UNDERWAY** 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. Volunteer by contacting Michelle Bentley, [mleebentley@gmail.com](mailto:mleebentley@gmail.com), or through [www.selwynpres.org/volunteer/](http://www.selwynpres.org/volunteer/).

**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 containers are also available on the Spire table. The final offering will be on January 13. Every household is encouraged to participate, as every penny counts. Please 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/](http://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.

**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.

**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 given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of the Prayer Shawl Ministry by Emily Cox.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, December 9</b>            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><b>Monday, December 10</b>            12:00 AA Meeting (BH)            5:00 Room in the Inn (B)            7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 11</b>            11:00 Mission Focus Meeting (GR)            5:00 Child Development Center Group (P)            5:30 Girl Scouts (SH)            6:30 SAPC Book Club (Malyn Pratt's)</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 12</b>            11:00 Daughters of Faith (OS)            6:15 Handbells (B)            8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am.            Next Spire deadline is Monday, December 31 by 9am.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, December 13</b>            10:30 CDC Chapel            4:00 CDC Holiday Program (FH)</p> <p><b>Saturday, December 15</b>            10:00 Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 16</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 Special Music Worship (S)            11:30 Session Meeting (FH)            5:00 Youth Group Ice Skating/Dinner</p>

Advent

*Together*

at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian

**December 16: Third Sunday of Advent**  
 10:30am Special Music Worship Service  
*Many Moods of Christmas, Suite 4*  
 The Selwyn Chancel Choir and Marvin Ridge High School Choir

**December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 10:30am Worship Service  
 Music presented by the Selwyn Handbell Choir

**December 24: Christmas Eve**  
 10am Worship Service  
 5:30pm Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

The Joy Gift Special Offering will be taken on  
 December 23 and during both Christmas Eve services.