

## CHURCH NOTES - December 23, 2018

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**THE JOY GIFT SPECIAL OFFERING** will be taken today and during both Christmas Eve services.

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

**NEW BABY** Congratulations to Charles and Emily Battle on the birth of their son, James Dawson Battle, on December 16, 2018. His big sister is Riley Battle.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** We offer two worship services on December 24. There will be a 10am service. The 5:30pm service is a traditional candlelight service, with a communion celebration.

**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/)

**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](mailto:tonya@tmooreaccounting.com) or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

**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. 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** Please help us reach our goal of \$8,700 for our February 10 event, which will enable us to package 30,000 meals. The final offering will be on January 13. Every household is encouraged to participate.

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

- HELPS Tutors Needed - Friday, 10:30-11:45; Wednesday, 10:30-11:45. 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.

**CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PAGEANT** Due to the inclement weather we received on December 9 the Christmas Pageant service was cancelled. We look forward to the children leading us in an Epiphany Pageant on January 6, 2019.

**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.

**THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR** is available in the Spire hallway. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people, occasions, committees or groups. Additional information can be found on the calendar.

**THANK YOU** to Jim and Terry Glen for providing the Christmas wreaths on the outside doors. We also thank the Presbyterian Women for providing the Advent wreath.

**THE CHRISTMAS QUILT** in the sanctuary is a special kind of wrapping paper for the greatest gift of all, the undeserved and incredibly generous involvement of God in our lives and dreams. The simple manger scene is captured in the rich and brilliant colors of celebration, with the infant Jesus demonstrating the peace He offers humanity, a devoted Mary glowing with love, and a vigilant Joseph protecting them both. An elaborate border symbolizes a world rich in complexity and need that awaits a Savior's leadership. The Christmas Quilt is a challenge in that the gift of salvation is presented to us through the love of church and family; we are invited to open it for ourselves and be transformed by that acceptance. This quilt was hand made for SAPC by Sue McCarter, Jeanne Faires, Jean Holliday and Susan Lemmon in November 1990.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SELWYN</b>		
<p><b>Sunday, December 23</b>            9:00 Handbell Choir (S)            9:30 Sunday School for All            10:30 Worship (S)            5:00 Youth Movie Night (BH)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am.            Next Spire deadline is Monday, December 31 by 9am.</p>	<p><b>Monday, December 24</b>            Church Office and            Child Development Center Closed            9:15 Chancel Choir (S)            10:00 Christmas Eve Worship (S)            12:00 AA Meeting (BH)            4:30 Chancel Choir (S)            5:00 Room in the Inn (B)            5:30 Christmas Eve Worship            with Communion (S)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 25</b>            Church Office and            Child Development Center Closed</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 26</b>            Church Office and            Child Development Center Closed            8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 27</b>            10:30 CDC Chapel</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 30</b>            9:00 Chancel Choir (S)            10:30 Worship (S)</p>

**THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
 will be closed December 24 through 26 and December 31 and January 1.