



SteepleTalk

*Find out what's going on and what's coming up
in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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This Sunday's Worship

[Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22](#)

[Hebrews 11:8-12](#)

"God's Word Holds"

Gordon Turnbull

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Wednesday Night Live This Week!

Fellowship Dinner begins at 5:45 PM. Programs for Children, Youth, and Adults will be held between 6:15-7:15. Please use the cards in the pew racks to make your dinner reservations. Dinner is free: suggested donation is \$6/adult and \$4/kids 12 & under. Menu for this week: spaghetti pizza, salad bar, garlic bread, dessert.



Mission Presentation Planned for February 19

On Sunday, February 19, we will have a special guest in the church. The Rev. Philip Beisswenger is a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister and missionary to Guatemala. He serves as the pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian Church in Cobán, and our Guatemala mission leaders have connected with him and his family on recent trips to Guatemala.

Philip will offer a presentation on his mission in Guatemala during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. All adult and youth Sunday School classes are invited to suspend their meetings that day and to join together to hear about the exciting work that God is doing through the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala. Throughout the weekend Philip will also share in worship leadership, meet with leaders of our Guatemala mission, and speak with each of our youth groups.



We are grateful for this opportunity to hear more about God's mission in Guatemala and to consider our call to serve. Please plan to join us and to be inspired!



Event brochure

All Women Members and Visitors

Love Yourself
Register for the John Knox Women's Retreat

Immeasurably More: Beyond the Good Life

Saturday, March 4
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
at John Knox Fellowship Hall

Register online at johnknoxpres.org
Registration forms and money may be placed in an envelope marked PW RETREAT and placed in the Sunday offering plate

Call Mandy Scott at the church office for help with registration
864-244-0453

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction for John Knox Youth – We Need Your Help!!

Our annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, March 5 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service, and everyone is invited! This is a huge fundraiser that helps our youth attend youth conferences and mission trips. Church members will be asked to bring in a pot of chili for the chili contest, or help with chili toppings or dessert. The youth will be visiting Sunday School classes this Sunday, February 12 with sign-up sheets. A big part of this event is the Silent Auction, and we are asking our church members to be thinking about any big-ticket items

that you or someone you know might be willing to donate for the auction. Some auction items in the past have included beach and lake houses, ball game tickets, hotel accommodations, and a chance to enjoy a really nice meal for you and some friends. Small-ticket items are also welcome, such as restaurant gift cards, theater tickets, and gift baskets made up for a certain team or for the family pet. All ideas are welcome! Contact Susan Felton with donations or questions.



SOCKLESS SUNDAY IS BACK!

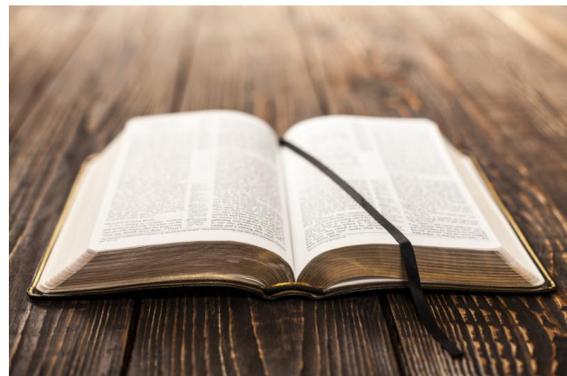
During February 2017 CMO's mission emphasis for our church is to support PLACE OF HOPE by collecting gently used or new socks and peroxide for the homeless male population. (Peroxide is used for cleaning razors and mouth care).

Our collection last year was outstanding! Donations may be dropped off in the outer Narthex the entire month of February with the "Sockless" Sunday participation and conclusion February 26th. CMO thanks you!

Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies, we all love presents! This Thursday, Feb. 16 we will be talking about "The Present" that was given to Abraham and Isaac. The Jesus Storybook Bible has us talking about these old stories in brand new ways: "I never thought I would get so much out of these familiar stories!" Come, laugh, pray, study with us Thursdays at 10-11:30am in the Women in Christ SS Classroom.

Call Pat Hansen for more info: 517-7291





Children's Ministry News

Sunday School

Our next story in the *JesusStorybook Bible* is "Son of Laughter", the story of God's special promise to Abraham, from Genesis 12-21. Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers who are helping bring these stories to life for our children. Our preschool teachers are: Jaci Campbell, Stevie Greene, Amy Osborne, Amanda O'Sullivan, Jessica Allender, Kelly Weekes, Melissa Long, and Pat Hansen. Our Kids' Club elementary teachers for January were Caroline and Charles Robertson and Kelly and John Colacioppo. February teachers for Kids' Club are Sarah Mullis, Chris Mathews, and Jenna Livingston. If you see these wonderful teachers at church, please tell them THANK YOU for teaching our children!

2017 Vacation Bible School

Please put this on your calendar! The dates for Vacation Bible School 2017 will be Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28. All children who have completed K4 – 5th grade are invited to come to HERO CENTRAL where they will discover their strength in God through Bible stories, music, art activities, science experiments, recreation and snacks! We are trying an evening schedule this year, so hopefully lots of our children can join us. Our kick-off day will be Sunday afternoon from 5:30 – 7:30 with a family dinner following from 7:30-8:00. Monday through Wednesday, our children will have VBS activities each day from 5:30 – 8:00. Make plans to be here! Stay tuned for more details!

Parents' Night Out

Parents, start making your plans now! The John Knox Children's Ministry program is offering our parents a free night of childcare! Our next Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, February 24 from 6:00 – 8:30. We will have dinner and activities for our preschool and elementary children, as well as a nursery available for our youngest ones. If you also have an older child (youth group age) and they would like to come help entertain the younger children, they are welcome as well. There will be no fee! Please RSVP to Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org to let us know if your children will be coming. Look for more details in upcoming Steeple talks and in your Children's Ministry Newsletters.



Youth News

Pizza and Bowling

All Junior and Senior Highs are invited to Frodo's for pizza and a night of bowling at Star Lanes on Sunday, February 12 from 4:30 – 8:00. Everyone will meet at Frodo's for dinner at 4:30, and then we'll carpool across the street for 2 hours of bowling! Youth need to bring \$15 to cover lane reservations and shoe rental. Parents, please meet us at Star Lanes Bowling Alley at 8:00 to pick up your youth! See your youth newsletter for more details. Don't forget to wear socks!



Souper Bowl of Caring- Thank You, John Knox!

With the help of our wonderful youth group and our extremely generous congregation, we were able to raise \$1,274.25 on "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Our John Knox Youth have chosen two very deserving missions to receive this money: Triune Mercy Center and Thronwell Home for Children. These donations will be divided equally between these two organizations to be used to further their missions in our communities. Thank you so much for your contributions!



Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM, in the Kirk Room for their annual retreat, combined with their regular business meeting for January. The following are some of items covered during their meeting:

- Jack Hansen gave a brief summary of the steps taken to support Gordon and Betsy.
- Stevie Greene and Sandra Moore, of Christian Education, explained that their focus had been on the two searches, for the Director of Children's Ministry and the Director of Youth Ministry. They are still looking for the latter. They have recruited a librarian. Susan Felton will be leaving soon for an educator's conference in Denver. Safe Sanctuary and Child Protection Policy will be a priority in 2017.
- Bill Mathews, of Christian Mission & Outreach, said that next year they hope to expand the Furman U-Kirk relationship and the Greenville Circle program.
- Maury Purcell, of Evangelism, said that the website is still a priority and is advancing. They are also working on video monitors around the Church and are looking at new signage to make the campus more welcoming. The bread ministry is considering a 'leave behind' with additional information.
- Charles Robertson, of Fellowship, listed their eight main areas of focus: Wednesday Night Supper, Sunday Coffee Service, Church-wide Picnic, Basketball Teams, Homecoming, Christmas Eve Dinner, Receptions, and a Church-wide Hike.
- Jeanne Peak, of Music and Worship, said that they had identified the redesign of the bulletin and upgrading the sound/video system as their two priorities.
- Amy Leidheiser and Kitty Olson, of Nurture, said they were still working on the In-home Communion list and an instructional brochure. They are also working on transportation ministry guidelines. Christmas Eve dinner delivery went well. They have the 2017 Care Group lists together. They are still working on the Nurture Committee informational brochure. Jason Mullis is taking the lead on the Stephens Ministry program. They will be delivering WNS to in-home folks during the year.
- Joe Stall and Miller McClintock, of Property & Operations, said they have been focused on the elements of the Capital Campaign. Projects have included the heating and air conditioning upgrade, replacing the roofing, adding flood lighting, tree trimming across the grounds, and drainage improvements. They hope to have another church-wide work day in March. The new floor cleaning machine has made a wonderful improvement. The steeple lighting still needs to be finished. Fixing the spot on the Sanctuary ceiling has been scheduled.
- Jack Hansen and Ryan O'Sullivan, of Administrative, said they have recruited some strong new members. They have broken into three teams, finance, human resources, and long range capital

plans. This year they organized a successful audit. They are working on new job descriptions and operations manual revisions. Ryan explained that they were not ready to present numbers for the Budget or Terms of Call, since they are waiting on Dr. Turnbull's input. He did share that we ended 2016 'in the black' by \$12 –17K. They started 2016 with a carryover from 2015 and will carryover approximately \$110K into 2017. The final budget will need to reflect the new Youth Director and Associate Pastor coming on board mid-year. Church security will be a focus in 2017.

- The Session approved the K/G Manual and Handbook revisions that Laurie Davis and the Board submitted.

Dick Powers

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 13

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 AM Quilters
Sarah Cirde
12:00 PM Monthly Men's Lunch
1:30 Lydia Cirde
6:30 Martha Cirde
7:00 Volleyball
Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 15

10:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group
10:30 Staff Meeting
5:45 PM Wed. Night Supper
6:15 Wed. Night Program
Bell Choir Practice
7:00 Chalice Choir Practice
7:30 Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Roundtable

Friday, February 17

10:30 PM Mary Cirde

Saturday, February 18

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

Sunday, February 19

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
1:30 PM Chin Church Worship
3:00-8:30 Basketball practices
4:30-7:00 Youth Group
6:00 Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

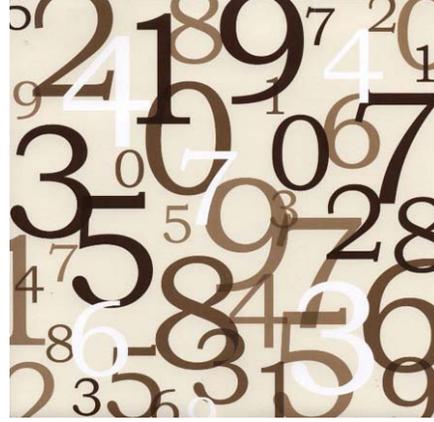
February

9 - Bob Simonet, Joy Wettlin, Graham Shepherd, Christopher Tew
11 - Hunter Flanagan, Adam Smallridge
12 - Linda Doherty, Lisa Krumins, Emma Bertrand
14 - Barbara Pringle, Caroline Brearley
15 - Lydia Collett

By the Numbers

Attendance on February 5:
8:45 - 88
11:00 - 220

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00
Weekly Offering Received: \$15,523.10
Expense Budget YTD: \$106,962.00
Offering Received YTD: \$93,415.07



Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to mscott@johnknoxpres.org. For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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