



SteepleTalk

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in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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Interfaith Host Week is May 14-21!

We will be hosting Interfaith families next week, May 14-21. Please see the list below of volunteer opportunities available and contact Chris Mathews to sign up to share your gifts in this ministry of Interfaith Hospitality (in cooperation with Aldersgate United Methodist Church & First Christian Church).

Sunday school classes or small groups may Adopt-a-Day and staff all positions for that day. Where applicable, please note which days volunteers are needed – Sunday, Monday, or Friday.

Fellowship host – 7:00 – 9:00pm – S F
Overnight host – 9:00pm – 7:30am – M

Chris Mathews 270-1328 or bmathews0@charter.net



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 14 at 10:50 AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee. The following names will be placed in nomination: **Anna Cain, Jennifer Littrell, Art Baiden, Mike Nichols, Pat Hansen, Anna Kenan, and Matthew Krumins.**

This Sunday's Worship

Confirmation Sunday

[2 Kings 5:1-14](#)

[John 5:1-9](#)

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Confirmation Sunday – May 14

We are so very proud of our 8th graders for completing their Confirmation Class. The following youth will be giving their statements of faith during our worship services on Sunday, May 14:

Grace deMaine, Emma Felton, Courtney Garrett, Amanda Littrell, Matthew Littrell, Morgan Littrell, Mary Katherine Nelson, and Davis Wells. We want to offer a huge thank you to Laurie Davis and Gordon Turnbull for guiding these youth through their Confirmation experience.

Graduation Sunday – May 21

We will celebrate all of our graduates on Sunday, May 21 during our 11:00 worship service. There will be a reception following the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall to honor these graduates and celebrate their accomplishments. Please make sure you have submitted information about your graduate to Susan Felton at (sfelton@johnknoxpres.org) so that they can be properly recognized. Congratulations to all of our graduates!



COMING ATTRACTION ~

Young at Hearts (YAHs) and FRIENDS

Historic Pinckney House

Our next adventure will be a van trip to Pendleton, SC, on May 16 to tour the historic summer home of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney built before 1830. This residence was the summer retreat from hot summer days and the plague of malaria brought on in the low country by mosquitoes. The house is fully furnished and has expansive porches, oversized windows, and doors and high ceilings reflecting the architecture of a Caribbean plantation house designed for coolness.



In addition, there is a reproduction carriage house with period vehicles; a one-room log cabin of the era, and a slave/tenant farm house - lots to explore and lots of history to learn from our guide provided by the Pendleton Historic Foundation. Lunch will follow at a lovely Pendleton eatery.

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 16

TIME: 10:00 AM (sharp!) board the van in front of the church

COST: \$6.00 for the tour and additional for lunch

RESERVATIONS: PLEASE... Bessie 233-5518; LaRue 675-6172



Children's Ministry News

Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson this week will be "A Little Slave Girl and the Proud General", which tells the story of a little slave girl and her forgiveness of a man who has done some terrible things. Reading the story with our family before Sunday School helps us all understand the story better.



Vacation Bible School 2017

**Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28,
5:30 – 8:00pm**

All children who have completed K4 – 5th grades 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. Registration forms are available on the children's Sunday School halls, outside the Chapel, in the Narthex and by [clicking here](#). The deadline for getting registered is May 28, so act quickly and get signed up! There is no fee for attending VBS. You can turn in your forms to the VBS mailbox in the church office.

Parents' Night Out – Friday, May 19 – 6:00 – 8:30

Make your plans now! The Children's Ministry program is offering parents a night out with no children! There will be NO FEE!! We will start the evening in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. We will have dinner and activities for our preschool and elementary children, as well as a nursery available for our youngest ones (3 years and younger). If you also have an older child (youth group age) who would like to come help entertain the

younger children, they are welcome as well. Parents can pick up their children at 8:30 downstairs in the Youth Center. Please RSVP to Susan Felton by May 15 to let us know if your children will be coming. (sfelton@johnknoxpres.org)

Family Day at the Park – Sunday, May 21

Join us at Butler Springs Park on Sunday, May 21 from 4:00 – 5:30 for some recreation and fellowship! The kids can play and parents can visit! The Kona Ice Truck will bring us some yummy treats around 4:30, so you don't want to miss this!



Youth Ministry News

Interfaith Week Set Up

John Knox will be hosting Interfaith families during the week of May 14-21. All youth are asked to come to the church on Sunday, May 14 to help set up for our guests. We will meet on the adult Sunday School hallway at 3:30 to transform our classrooms into a home for these families.

End-of-the-Year Lock-Ins

To celebrate the end of another fabulous year, all John Knox Youth are invited to the Youth Center on Friday, May 12 for some fun games, yummy snacks, a scavenger hunt, and some wonderful fellowship time with your youth group. Check your youth newsletter for details about when to be here and what to bring!



Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, April 23, 2017, in the Kirk Room, for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

- Danny Schaaf reported that Nancy Grigsby is making great progress in updating the Handbook. They expect to present the updates for Session approval soon, hopefully at the May meeting.
- Kenneth Cates has completed six proposed amendments to the Operations Manual.
- Sandra Moore of CE reminded folks that Rally Day will be August 20th.
- Registration for K/G this fall is nearly full.
- The Safe Sanctuaries training at Central Presbyterian Church in Anderson went well. They recommended several enhancements to our practices, including mandatory background checks.
- VBS registration will begin in late April.
- Bill Mathews reported that we had a successful Blood Drive and Habitat Build.
- They are looking for 3 or 4 folks for the GAIHN committee. So far they have Chris Mathews and Lori Beaumont, but need a couple more.
- Sandy Garrett has asked to use the Gym for her team's basketball practice (Greer Middle College Charter High School). The request was passed on to P&O.
- Maury Purcell of Evangelism said they are struggling a little with new ideas for the website. They are looking at other sites for good examples.
- Stevie advised that we are having one to two new visitors each Sunday. They are working on strategies to attract more visitors.

- They are looking into options for the new church directory, such as an online, password protected, version and a plain paper version, that can be easily updated.
- Steve Meggs of Fellowship said there will be an Ice Cream Social after the final WN dinner on April 26th.
- They are finalizing plans for the Church Picnic on May 7th.
- Jeanne Peak of M&W advised that they are working on adjustments to the Early Service time and the impact on the Sunday School hour.
- Jeanne said they are discussing options for the old organ in the Chapel.
- Susan Williams is updating the In-Home Visitation list and the team members for Nurture.
- They are looking to schedule In-Home Communion training.
- Nurture is planning on memory loss and aging programs for the fall and they are currently putting together the planning team.
- Jim Barnett reported for P&O that the LED lighting upgrade is complete and the paperwork turned into Duke Energy for the rebate.
- The spring work day in March was a great success.
- They have agreed to install a camera system and monitor for the Office Building.
- The committee shared a wish list of projects for the next three years.
- Jennifer Littrell and Anna Cain of the new CNC advised that the following folks have agreed to serve: Art Baiden (Choir), Mike Nichols (WNL), Pat Hansen (PW), Anna Kenan (S/S), and Matt Krumins (Youth). The Session approved calling a Congregational Meeting on May 14, 2017 at 10:50 AM, for the purpose of electing the new CNC

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

Mailbox

Dear John Knox family,

Our life is so blessed with the most amazing people. Sometimes we need these people to simply be there. Not to fix anything, or to do anything in particular, but just to let us feel that we are cared for, supported, and loved. Our church family is just those kind of people. You have been there for us over the last 6 to 7 months through my mom's illness and passing. Thank you so much for the cards, the phone calls, text messages, meals, but most of all your love and support. You are truly friends, family and people who care about one another. We love each and every one of you - words cannot express our gratitude.

Blessings to all

The Britts



The first Sunday in May we donated \$200.00 worth of soup to the United Ministries food bank. Thank you to everyone who took part in this ministry.

Kathy Hopkins

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 15

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 AM Quilters
7:00 PM Volleyball
Boy Scouts

Friday, May 19

6-8:30 PM Parents' Night Out

Saturday, May 20

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

Sunday, May 21

Ladies' Bible Study

8:45 AM

Worship in Chapel

9:45

Sunday School

11:00

Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 AM

Ladies' Prayer Group

1:30 PM

Chin Church Worship

10:30

Staff Meeting

4:00-5:30

Children's Ministry Family Day at

7:00 PM

Chalice Choir Practice

Butler Springs Park

7:30

Chancel Choir Practice

6:00

Session Meeting

Thursday, May 18

10:00 AM

Ladies' Bible Study

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

11 - Carly Thatcher, Emma Moore

12 - Sandy Forrest

13 - Colin Anderson, Henri Pelletier

14 - Annell Patterson, Jordan Meggs

15 - Piper Mehagan

16 - Laurie Davis, Gail Ross, Kathie White, Abigail Miller, Montgomery Allender

17 - Kemper Kenan

By the Numbers

10:30 - 255



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