



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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New Worship Series Begins This Sunday!

The Worshipping Life

Worship is the essential task of the Church—the thing for which God made us. What does it mean to worship? How does our service of worship form us for the “24/7” life we live unto God? This series of sermons will help us think more deeply about the different moments of our common worship. Share in each week of this series and enrich both your worship experience and your daily Christian living.



Scripture Lessons

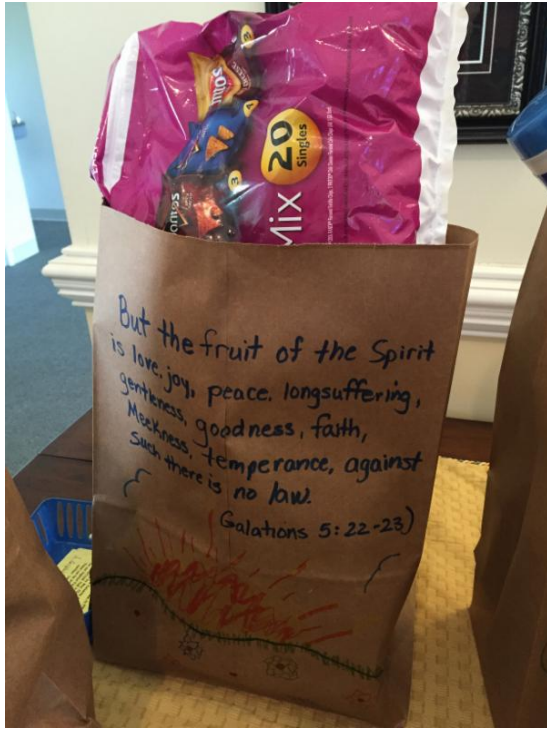
[Psalm 84](#)

[Acts 2:43-47](#)

“The Worshipping Life: Gathering”

Gordon Turnbull

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Stock the Pantry

Our "Stock the Pantry" mission project was a HUGE success! We will be delivering 30 bags of groceries to the Mayer family when they move into their new house this summer. What a wonderful way to welcome them to their new home! Thank you so much for your generosity!



KIDS NEWS



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is almost here!! We have extended the registration deadline until this Sunday, May 29, so you still have time to get signed up. Join us for a fun-filled week where your children will learn how amazing God's love is! Registration forms are still available in the hall outside the chapel and on the kids' Sunday School halls. You can download a form here as well! Please contact Susan Felton with any questions at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org.

Jessica Meggs Interns at Greer Relief

Jessica Meggs, a life-time John Knox member and rising Senior at Wofford College, will spend the summer as an intern at Greer Relief. Caroline Robertson, Executive Director of Greer Relief and

John Knox member is serving as Jessica's mentor. From Caroline's own experience as a college intern as a student at Clemson, she is excited to be in partnership with Jessica!



While at Greer Relief, Jessica will have a varied experience of different leadership positions in order to grasp an overview of the different areas needed to address the needs of neighbors in the Greer area. As a child and youth at John Knox Jessica has been nurtured to serve Christ and others. This internship will help her to listen for God's voice leading her in the discernment of Jessica's vocation and call.

Jessica wrote in her application "The possibility of spending the summer discerning God's call on my life and growing professionally while gaining work experience in non-profit ministry is incredibly exciting. I think what excites me the most is the chance to explore something that I'm passionate about, working with non-profits, and discover where the gifts and talents God has given me are meant to be used."

Thanks to Jessica and Caroline for answering God's call for the summer as an intern and mentor, respectively! They are part of the program called "Speak for Your Servant is Listening" that includes a total of five racially diverse college interns and six mentors. This project is made possible by a grant from the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE), funds designated by the John Knox Session, and individual contributions in partnership with the Center for Courage & Renewal.



Lost & Found

Please stop by the church office through the month of May to check our lost and found. Many umbrellas, jackets, and miscellaneous items have accumulated. At the end of May, we plan to donate those items that have not been claimed. Thank you!

Clerk's Report

The Session met for their regular monthly meeting on May 15, 2016. The following are several of the highlights of the meeting:

- Jack Hansen reported for the Administrative Committee that they are arranging for a financial review/audit. In the past we have done some informal reviews and some internal reviews by individuals or committees, but we have not had a formal review/audit by an outside firm in some time.
- Ryan O'Sullivan advised that finances still look okay, with income and expenses tracking, but we need to stay on top of expenses during the normally slower summer months.

- Stevie Greene gave an update from the Christian Education Committee on the search to fill the two staff positions. Interviews are still underway.
- Stevie encouraged folks to attend the Camp Buc fair at Eastminster PC on May 22nd.
- Jennifer Campbell reported for the CMO Committee that they met with Sarah Kellar concerning a request from the Crescent Music Club for the use of facilities at John Knox for several activities from October, 2016 thru May, 2017. The session approved the request.
- Ann Brumley reported for the Evangelism Committee that the New Member Breakfast was great, with nine visitors in attendance.
- The committee is looking into the need for a new external hard drive to back up the U-Tube sermon recordings and the possibility of purchasing a new higher tech video camera. They will discuss the plans and coordinate with M&W.
- Charles Robertson reported for the Fellowship Committee that the Church Picnic has been their main focus this month. It will start right after the 11 AM service ends and will be in the grove in front of the Chapel.
- Dr. Turnbull said that they were also working on other activities to promote 'getting to know each other' at J/K.
- Jeanne Peak of Music & Worship advised that the Communion Table will remain set throughout the month, as a reminder of the focus of the service. The Baptismal Font will be moved to a location adjacent to the Communion Table.
- Amy Leidheiser reported for the Nurture Committee that they are still working on the Transportation Ministry and have the guidelines about ready to distribute. They will start including information about the Transportation Ministry in the Steeple Talk in June.
- Joe Stall of P&O reported that they are nearly ready to have a contractor start installing the new handrails.
- They are also actively working on refining the cost and scope of new roofs for the campus. The session approved their plan to proceed with the roof repairs.
- The session heard a report from Amy Leidheiser and Danny Schaaf, Commissioners to the Foothills Presbytery meeting of April 24th: Amy reported that Erin Foster Farry gave a wonderful sermon, 2 folks were approved for advancement to Candidacy for Ministry, and Jordan Meggs presented an update on Camp Buc.
- Dr. Turnbull briefly reviewed the overtures that will be discussed at the General Assembly, which will be in Portland, OR, June 18th thru the 25th. Most are not as controversial as the ones were two years ago. Bill Mathews, as a representative from the DCC, asked that downloadable PDF from the Presbyterian Outlook magazine about General Assembly be distributed to the congregation.
- Dr. Gaston advised that the summer internship program kicked off last week with a retreat. Bette Klauber, Jessica Meggs, and Lal Tan will be commissioned during the combined service on May 22nd.
- Susan Felton gave a big shout-out to Bette Britt and Debbie Meggs for the super job they have done with the Youth since David left. They had 20 kids at the lock-in, 26 at the last outing, 16 going to Jacksonville in June (including 3 from the Chin Fellowship), and 7 to Montreat in July.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

Pray for One Another

IN HOSPITAL

- Frances Blue

- Jason Mullis

AT HOME

- Nona Beeson
- Jim Barnett
- June McAbee
- Rick Turner

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- Jennifer Hardee
- Charlie Pratt
- Margaret Jones



SYMPATHY

- Gary Campbell upon the death of his mother, Nellie, on May 22 (grandmother of Scott and Chris); services were held on May 25 at 1st Presbyterian Church in Clinton.



Staff Anniversary

Lane Moore
15 Years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

26 - Kathy McCall, Nathan Rowe

28 - Tina Whitlock, Joshua Frattolin, Kyle Wettlin, Ellie Vickery

29 - David Kinnard, Frances Blue, George Auld, Paul Ambrose

30 - Jim Williams, Amy Miller

31 - John Colacioppo, Kelly Weekes

June

1 - Calvin Kinnard

Attendance on May 22:

289



FINANCIAL UPDATE: 5/22/16

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$13,385.18

Expense Budget YTD: \$374,367.00

Offering Received YTD: \$326,475.27

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