



SteepleTalk

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Guatemala Trip—Mission and Vision

On Saturday, June 25, a team of three from our church will head on a ten-day trip to Cobán, Guatemala. **Lois Bell**, **LaRue Wait**, and **Gordon Turnbull** will be reconnecting with mission partners and refreshing our view of projects that John Knox has helped to accomplish in more than ten years of mission in Guatemala.

For Gordon, who is making his first visit to Cobán, the trip will provide important orientation to our church's deep commitments and accomplishment. But the more important purpose is future-oriented: these leaders will be seeking to discern the strategic vision for the next stages of our missional commitment there. Please pray for Lois, LaRue, and Gordon as they travel and do this vital work for our mission with Christ in Guatemala.

Mirror of the Soul:



A Study of the Psalms Adult Summer Sunday School

This Sunday we continue our adult Sunday School class option of joining together in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the Book of Psalms. Jack Hansen will lead the study on June 26 and July 3. This multi-week study will take us through the richness of the compilation of psalms—the prayers, songs, and proclamation of God's people. We will mine the meaning of familiar favorites and discover new favorites as we explore the depth and breadth of this collection, which has strengthened the faith of every generation. Come share in the learning and discussion as we claim together these rich treasures from God's Word.

This Week's Worship

[Psalm 23:1-3](#)

Justin Cazel

Click [here](#) to preview the bulletin.



Youth News

Our YouthMinistry Team will be meeting on Monday, June 27 at 6:00 in the Youth Center to work on plans for our remaining summer trips. We have 8 Senior Highs going to Montreat July 10-16, and 17 Junior Highs going on their mission trip to Thornwell July 17-21. The team will also be discussing plans for youth activities for the fall. We hope to see lots of our youth in Sunday School each Sunday!!

Nurture Committee News

Did you know?

John Knox provides transportation to church member families when needed for the purpose of attending worship and church activities as well as for medical appointments. If you have a need please call the church office at 864.244.0453. When possible, make your request at least 3 days in advance.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

As part of the women's ministry at John Knox, all women and visitors of the church are invited to attend a summer combined circle meeting on **Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m.** in the Kirk Room to hear Donna Dowling speak. Her enriching topic is *As Our Garden Grows, Plants and Spiritual Practices*. As many know, Donna taught English with a strong interest in writing from 1968 until 2007. She enjoyed teaching fifth and sixth grade Sunday School for years and currently is one of the teachers in the St. Andrews Sunday School class. The loves of her life are her husband of 48 years (with whom she shares a "sweet spot" in their care of and devotion to their garden), their children and precious grandchildren, her 93-year-old Mom, friends, and extended family (Tommy is one of 16 children). Other interests include exercise, dance, and books!

No reservations are needed. Please come to hear ways to cultivate a garden of spiritual practices.

Greenville Literacy Association

The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale is a massive new and gently used book sale to help raise money for the Greenville Literacy Association's drive to improve adult literacy levels in Greenville County. There are tons of books at the sale — fiction and non-fiction, modern and classic, hardbound and soft cover — all at ridiculously low prices.

John Knox is a collection site for book donations for this sale. Please drop your used books off in the collection box in the Narthex.

Click [here](#) for more information about the sale.



Report from Colombia: Jean Fontaine

Jean Fontaine is serving this month as an accompanier with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Here is a recent report.

Talk on the Streets

Lynne Santangelo and Jean Fontaine's Accompaniment Report - June 20, 2016

We have received questions about how the Colombians we meet are reacting to the present Colombian peace talks. In reality, there is an intense desire for peace, but a lot of mistrust in the process. Violence has gone on for so long (over 50 years) and there are so many groups of people involved—not all of them at the table in Cuba. People wonder if the agreement will be as fair to those who have lost everything as to those who will lay down their arms. Also, they wonder if there can be enough security to enforce an agreement. As in the United States, there are a lot of weapons out there. If they are not destroyed, they can be taken up again by other people to gain power and land.

This is what people say when we ask them, but this is not what people are talking about. It's all about Colombia playing in the Copa America Centenario. The open-air stores are filled with racks and racks of inexpensive Colombian soccer shirts and you see people wearing them, from toddlers to seniors. We arrived shortly before Colombia played the US, and the streets were full of shouting and horn blowing when Colombia won. Young people on the street would ask us with a knowing smile, "Who won last night?" Our answer, of course, was "Viva Colombia!" There was little to celebrate when Colombia lost to Costa Rica. But then the streets were resounding again last Friday in a nail biter when Colombia beat Perú. The subject everyone is talking about now as the teams have been narrowed down to four - will the US win on Tuesday,

will Colombia win on Wednesday? The final game is on June 26, just a few days before we head home on the 30th.

It's not unusual to see horse-drawn carts here in Apartadó even though it's a good-sized city. But we were surprised to see a whole group of Colombian cowboys and girls, hats, ponchos and all, congregating at a street corner last evening. Bystanders said they were there just to ride through the city and it would start when everyone had arrived. The magic number was 21, and ride they did, with little regard for the motorcycles, cars and pedestrians already filling the streets. Everyone seemed as excited as we were as we searched for the best places to watch the spectacle. We had never seen horses with such an unusual gait, and had to consult Google to learn that they are Colombian Paso Fino horses. Look it up for an interesting read and to see videos. Unfortunately we were just in search of ice cream and didn't have a camera! However, when we were out today, we did see a boy riding such a horse, but without all the regalia.

Tomorrow we head north to El Totumo on the eastern side of the Gulf of Urubá for a few days and then travel south, past Apartadó, to Blanquiseñ (southwest of Chigorodó) for the weekend. The journey continues!



Thank you John Knox for Support of Interns!

Thank you for your support of the Summer College Internship Ministry, "Speak Lord, for Your Servant is Listening."

Please see the following link for a little insight into the experience of Jessica Meggs:

<https://trustwithoutbordersblog.wordpress.com/2016/06/17/living-into-it/>

Jessica, the daughter of Debbie and Steve Meggs along with Bette Klauber, the oldest daughter of Karen and Mike Nichols, are the two John Knox college students who are participating. JK's Caroline Robertson is Jessica's mentor and Gordon is Bette's mentor.

In the picture of the interns they are (left to right):

- Sung Min Kin, member of Galilee Korean Presbyterian Church and interning at St. Giles Presbyterian Church and local medical entities. Mentored by David Howell.
- Lal Tan, member of the Greenville Chin Presbyterian Church and interning in local medical entities. Mentored by Jennifer Fouse Sheorn.
- Bette Klauber
- Jessica Meggs
- Brennon Adams, member of Salem Presbyterian Church in Anderson and interning at Salem. Mentored by his co-pastors Mashon and Rose Nance.
- The future intern is Bailey, daughter of intern mentor Jennifer Fouse Sheorn, stated supply associate pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The other picture includes all of the interns, mentors, Matt Matthews (Assist Dir and Sr. Pastor at St. Giles), and the two Circles of Trust Facilitators Kathryn McElveen (of Travelers Rest) and Brian Braganza.

Well done good and faithful servants in nurturing other servants to listen for God's voice of vocation and call!



Mailbox

We would like to thank you for the love, concern, and sympathy expressed to us since the sudden death of Vern's son, Vern A. Skumautz. Your prayers, cards, kind words, and more have been appreciated more than you know. We are so blessed to be a part of such a compassionate and loving church family that reflects the love of Christ in so many ways.

Vern and Barbara Skumautz



Pray for One Another

IN CHRIST'S MISSION

- Jean Fontaine

Serving throughout June in Colombia as an accompanier with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

AT HOME

- Sara Kellar
- Mary Price
- Frances Blue

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Tom Miller
- Katie Savoic
- Justin & Kirsten Robertshaw
- Janet Potter
- Lawton Branham

SYMPATHY

- Vern & Barbara Skumautz
Sympathy in the death of Vern's son, Vern Skumautz. A military memorial service and celebration of his life is planned for June 24 in Columbus, Ga.
- Lucero Sewell
Sympathy in the death of family member, Sherry Sewell on June 17. Service on June 25 at 2:00 PM at Crowell First Baptist Church in Greenville.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June

24 - Kristi Carlson

25 - Kim Kinnard, Amy Osborne, Brooke Vickery, Grady O'Sullivan, Colten Ward

26 - Ashley Wettlin

27 - Jamise Ferguson, Patrick Kress, Ellie Sims

28 - Allison Anderson

By the Numbers

Attendance on June 19:

8:45: 57

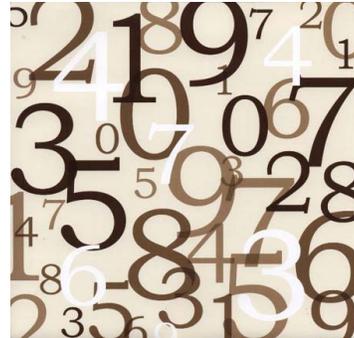
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Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$19,874.90

Expense Budget YTD: \$445,675.00

Offering Received YTD: \$395,257.84



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