



SteepleTalk

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

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Vision for Discipleship: A Conversation

This Sunday, July 10, all adults are invited to share in avisioning conversation in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Together we will explore growing in Christian faith and life, and how John Knox can strengthen this ministry of discipleship for all ages. Please do not miss this opportunity to help shape this vital area of our life together.

This Week's Worship

[Exodus 12:1-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 11:23-28](#)

"The Worshipping Life: The Lord's Table"

Gordon Turnbull

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



Mission Work at Thornwell



Our Junior Highs will be at Thornwell Home for Children during the week of July 17-21. On Wednesday, July 20, we would love to invite any church members, parents, and grandparents to come and share in our mission work at Thornwell. We will start the day at 8:30am at the Safay House where we are staying. The staff at Thornwell will take everyone on a tour of the property. After that, we will work together on some projects around the campus, and then enjoy a lunch together back at the house. If you would like to join us, please contact Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org.

Kids' News

Sunday School

Our Kids' Club children in grades 1st – 4th grade will continue their study of Moses this month. Our scripture verse is Exodus 3: 1-7 & 10 where the children will read the story of the burning bush and God's call to Moses. The memory verse is "Take off your sandals, because you are on holy ground." (Exodus 3:5b) Our 5th graders will be finishing up their "Tween" series, and starting a review of many of the Bible lessons they have studied while in Kids' Club. Our Kids' Club teachers for the month of July are Caroline and Charles Robertson, Leslie Weikle, and Jane Brannon. Our preschoolers, ages K3-K5, will continue to meet together in the K5 classroom for Sunday School each week.



Youth News

Senior Highs

Our Senior Highs will be leaving this Sunday, July 10 to spend a week at the Montreat Youth Conference. Please pray for safe travels and an enriching and faith-building experience for our youth and their chaperones. During their time there, they will be exploring how God calls each of us to be a new creation in Jesus Christ and to live a life of service and faith. The group will meet in the John Knox parking lot on Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 to load cars and get on the road. Parents and youth, remember to refer to our previous email for details about the trip. Please contact Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org or call the church office if you have any questions.



Junior Highs

We have 19 Junior Highs signed up to go on our mission trip to Thornwell Home for Children July 17 – 21. This is a wonderful trip that allows our youth to truly have some hands-on experience in helping others, as well as time for fellowship and devotionals with one another. Forms and payments are due to the church no later than Thursday, July 14!! On Wednesday, July 20, we are inviting church members, parents, and grandparents to come and share in our mission work at Thornwell. We will start the day at 8:30am at the Safay House where we are staying. The staff at Thornwell will take everyone on a tour of the property. Then we will work together on some projects around the campus, and then enjoy a lunch together back at the house. If you would like to join us, please



MONTREAT
CONFERENCE CENTER



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.

UNITED MINISTRIES

The first Sunday in July

we donated 145 cans of soup.

Some folks are still donating cans of vegetables, Mac and cheese, peanut butter and boxes of cereal. FYI, since the beginning of the year we have been donating soup only.

Thanks for your donations but please bring soup to church.

Thanks to everyone who donated soup.

Kathy Hopkins



Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM, in the Kirk Room for their regular monthly meeting. These are some of the items discussed:

- The Administrative Committee recommended and the Session approved retaining McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC to perform audits/reviews of all finances and financial procedures of accounts and activities operating under the church's tax ID number.
- Jack Hansen explained that John Knox retains a brokerage account to receive and convert donations made in the form of stock. The broker we use is changing firms. The Administrative Committee has

- elected to stay with the same broker.
- Jack Hansen and Nancy Grigsby met with Dr. Gaston for an exit interview. They shared the key points of what was a thoughtful conversation on the various ministry areas of our Church.
- Susan Felton reported that Christian Education is working hard on the Rally Day plans.
- Steve Meggs spoke about the plans for the Ephesians series in September and the "Jesus Storybook Bible" series for 2017.
- Steve also gave an update on Camp Buc and the great response from everyone to the programs this summer.
- Bill Mathews reported for CMO that things have slowed down for the summer. He reminded folks to keep our team in Guatemala in their prayers.
- Maury Purcell said that the website project is coming along. They hope to roll out by Rally Day.
- Maury also said that the Evangelism Committee had approved the purchase of a new video camera and accessories for recording the services and other activities.
- Jim Barnett spoke for Fellowship and explained the consolidation of our basketball teams into one league for next year.
- Jim also mentioned that they are still looking for more volunteers to help with coffee on Sunday morning.
- Jeanne Peak reported that M&W has approved a single combined service for Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day at 10:30 AM. In addition, the Mass Choir service for October 23rd was approved.
- Tom Jackson explained that M&W has approved re-hanging the Mission Statement in the Narthex between the doors to the Sanctuary. Thanks were expressed to Paul Schaaf for raising everyone's awareness of the wonderful framed lithographic version that was tucked away in storage.
- Amy Leidheiser reported that Nurture is still working on the Transportation Ministry. Jason is writing articles for Steeple talk in order to raise awareness. Kitty is working with Mandy on the procedures. They are also still looking for a coordinator.
- Nurture met with Joseph to hear his parting thoughts and shared a BBQ dinner.
- Joe Stall reported for P&O that the handrails for the ramp and choir areas should be complete soon.
- In addition, P&O received three proposals for the roof repairs on campus and, since everything is in line with the Session approval of May, they are planning to award the contract and proceed. The contract will include all roofs except the metal roof on the Family Life Center. Gutters will be part of the scope.
- Caleb is working on upgrading the lights around the campus. He started in the Sanctuary and then moved to the K/G Wing.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session



Mailbox

"I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in everyone of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work about you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6).

As I thought about how to express the thanksgiving of the Gaston family for each of you, I remembered these words of Paul to the Philippians. Every time that my family and I remember the John Knox family of faith, we give thanks to God for you.

Karen and I cannot thank all of you enough for your many gracious expressions of affirmation, support, and prayers. The farewell event was a significant time of laughter and tears, as we reflected upon eleven years of ministry together. We are grateful for the gracious gift from the congregation, the "organic gift" from the men, the tailgating cooler from the staff, and the numerous heartfelt memories! Thanks to everyone whom we made all this possible!

With the confidence as expressed by Paul, I too am confident of God's continued good work

empowered by the Spirit and the love of Christ through all of you!

One grateful old farm boy pastor,

Joseph



Pray for One Another

IN HOSPITAL

- Claudette Linder

AT HOME

- Sara Kellar
- Frances Blue
- Ed Bischoffberger

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

SYMPATHY

- Family of Jennifer Hardee (co-worker of Day Lowery) who died on July 7.

- Lawton Branham
- Tom Miller
- Pattie Savoie
- Kirsten & Justin Robertshaw
- Janet Potter
- Leigh Nason
- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- John Wesley Phillips

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

7 - Neal Alexander, June McAbee

8 - Helen Stone, Cody Robinson, MJ Greene

9 - Lois Bell, Bruce Felton, Bette Klauber

10 - Rollie Sumwalt, Zachary Keeler, Caroline Sims

11 - Bill Brown, Derek Sims, Maria Russell

12 - Nicholas Colacioppo

13 - Jean Vinson, Jonathan Britt

By the Numbers

Attendance on July 3:

8:45: 51

11:00: 159

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$20,846.30

Expense Budget YTD: \$481,329.00

Offering Received YTD: \$421,333.56



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