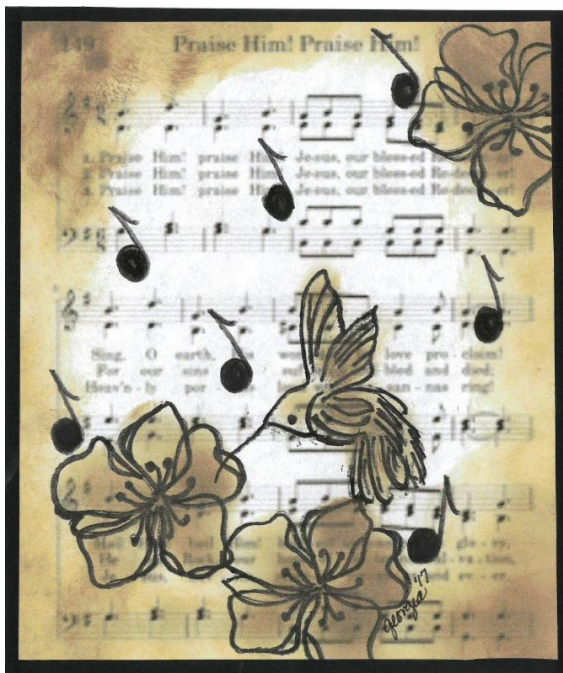




## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

"What Rules You"  
[Matthew 6:25-34](#)

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### Interfaith Host Week is August 13-20! Volunteer spots still need to be filled!

Our next week to host homeless families is August 13-20. It is important to check your calendar and sign up early! 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.

**Reset Guest Rooms on Sunday, August 20 @ 7am**  
**Greeter/Server – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – M F**  
**Fellowship host – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – M F**  
**Overnight host – 9:00pm – 7:30am – M**

Chris Mathews 270-1328 or [bmathews0@charter.net](mailto:bmathews0@charter.net)



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## Rally Day



Please join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, August 20th**, as we gather to celebrate the official opening of the Christian Education year. Our intergenerational event will start at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to bring your favorite morning meal dishes to share as early as 8:30 AM. We'll discuss the upcoming learning opportunities available in Sunday school classes, small groups, and Wednesday Night Live programming for adults and children of all ages. We'll recognize the previous year's Sunday School teachers and our rising 3rd, 6th, and 9th graders. The children will not move up to their new Sunday school class until **Step Up**

**Sunday** which is **Sunday, August 27th**. The breakfast and informational session will be followed by a combined church service that begins at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. (No regular services at 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service or Sunday School Classes on Rally Day.) This is an opportunity for us to rally together with enthusiasm, as we re-center and re-commit as God's people in worship and service for our Lord. We welcome all friends and neighbors! Volunteers are needed and very much appreciated, so please contact Sandra Moore at [864-907-4004](tel:864-907-4004) or [mooresandrab@hotmail.com](mailto:mooresandrab@hotmail.com) if you are willing to help!

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## Beginning August 27 . . .

A New Worship Time  
for our First Service:  
**8:30 AM**

After Rally Day, we will adjust our Sunday worship schedule to provide a full worship experience at our first service, with enough time for fellowship and an easier transition into Sunday School at 9:45.



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## MINISTRY NEWS FROM OUR JOHN KNOX KINDERGARTEN / PDO

IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME AGAIN! I am so thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful congregation and ministry program! Continuing the excellence that Laurie Davis maintained for nineteen years will be quite a challenge! Our summer session draws to a close and we are hard at work to be ready

for the fall students to begin on **Aug. 30th**. As we prepare our existing classrooms, and add an additional one for young toddlers, I'd like to ask our church family to support us in any of these ways:

- Donate new or gently used toys
- Contribute items such as plastic bibs, hardboard books, or sturdy puzzles
- Save those BOXTOPS! A great way to help our program make extracash! Watch for more information from our BOXTOP GURU, Anna Henderson.
- There are just a few options available for our registered K-5 class. We would love to enroll a few more K-5 students, thus if you, or anyone you know is looking for a top notch program and alternative to public school kindergarten, please contact Tami Wall at 322-0045.
- Please drive slowly when entering the church parking lot anytime between 8:45 AM and 5:00 PM. We have many young children being dropped off through a carpool line, parents with our younger students walking to and from their cars, and kindergartners throughout the day traveling to our playground. We want to keep everyone safe!



Lastly, and most important, please pray for our dedicated staff and all of the families that we have the privilege to serve!

Many Blessings,

Tami Wall



## Children's Ministry News

### Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* story for August 6 will be "The Singer", which tells the story of the Sermon on the Mount. Enjoy reading this story with your family as you talk about Jesus telling his followers not to worry because God loves us and loves taking care of us!

### Attention Rising 6th Graders

Our former 5th graders will be entering middle school in a few weeks, and this means they will soon become a part of our John Knox Junior Highs! This is an exciting time for these students, so we are offering some special activities to help them make the transition from their elementary years on the Kids' Club Hall to their years ahead as a member of the John Knox Youth Group. Each rising 6th grader should receive a letter this week detailing these gatherings, which include a special "Tween" class, a yummy night at TCBY, and recognition at Rally Day. The first activity on the agenda is this Sunday, August 6. All 5th graders will meet for a "BeTween" class during the regular Sunday School hour for some fundiscussions about surviving middle school! Fifth graders should meet Susan Felton in their regular Sunday School room at 9:45, and she'll take it from there! If you don't receive a letter or if you have any questions, contact Susan at [sfelton@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:sfelton@johnknoxpres.org).



## Youth Ministry News

### Thornwell Work Day on WEDNESDAY!

On Sunday our junior high students will be headed down to Clinton to serve at Thornwell Home for Children! We are so excited about what the Lord has in store for the trip and we want YOU to join us! If you'd like to take part, come and work with us on Wednesday, August 9th at 9am!

After a couple of hours of working alongside our students, we will serve you lunch and go on a tour of Thornwell to learn more about their mission and ministry. Mark your calendars and come join us for a fun-filled day of mission and learning at Thornwell! Call the office or email Jessica Meggs ([jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org)) for more information and to let us know you will be coming!



# LET'S PARTY

## Fall Kickoff Parties

What better way to kick off the new youth group year than with one last pool bash before school starts?! Join on us after Rally Day on Sunday August 20th to celebrate the new year and all that is to come! This year we will gather at the Meggs' House, 8 Marigold Ct. Greenville, SC 29615 for swimming, games, snacks, and fellowship! For more info check out the Youth Newsemail that went out on Tuesday!



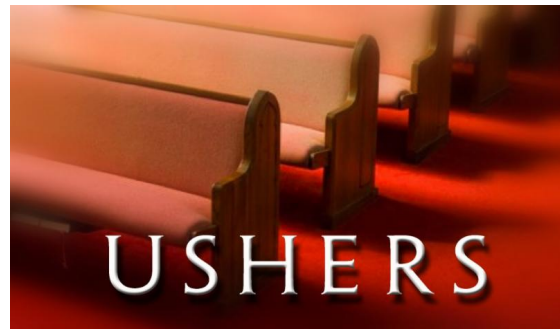
## United Ministries Soup Drive

Please remember to contribute to our soup drive for August. We will be collecting cans this Sunday in the Narthex and in the hallway outside the Chapel. Thanks for supporting this mission!

## Ushers for August

8:45  
Anna Cain

11:00  
Head Usher - Dan Drew  
Leaders - Sandra Moore and Miller McClintock



## Staff Anniversaries



Susan Felton  
1 Year



Mandy Scott  
10 Years

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Monday, August 7

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
4:00 PM Music & Worship Mtg  
6:00 CMO Meeting

## Tuesday, August 8

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 – Troop 259

## Wednesday, August 09

10:30 AM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry  
6:15 Bell Choir Practice  
7:00 Chalice Choir Practice  
7:30 Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, August 10

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

## Saturday, August 12

1:30 PM Chin Church Gathering

## Sunday, August 13

8:45 AM Interfaith Host Week  
Worship in Chapel  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary  
1:30 PM Chin Church Worship

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## August

4 - Todd Allender

5 - Mattie Varn, Shannon Jackson, Benjamin Grayson

- 6 - McCrae Rostin
- 7 - Cheryl Jefferson
- 8 - Kaitlin Nichols
- 9 - Ramonda Jackson

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## By the Numbers

Attendance on 7/30/2017

8:45 - 49  
11:00 - 167



Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to [m.scott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:m.scott@johnknoxpres.org). For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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