



SteepleTalk

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Welcome Susan Felton, Director of Children's Ministry



Last Sunday our Session voted unanimously to name Susan Felton our new Director of Children's Ministry. Susan's appointment, effective this week, comes as the fruit of a deliberate and extensive search involving numerous applicants from across the nation.

Susan has served as Interim Director of Christian Education since last summer, leading her programs with a wise and steady hand. This permanent position will focus her gifts on children's nurture, fellowship, and growth in Christian faith. She brings to her ministry extensive experience in her vocation as a teacher, her love of children, and her devotion to John Knox.

We celebrate Susan's faithful response to God's call, and we look forward to the blessings that God will give through her service to our church, its children, and their families.

Psalms as Songbook: Adult Summer Sunday School

This Sunday we conclude our adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall with a look at how psalms have inspired hymns and songs for the Church.



We will look at particular psalms and the texts of the classichymns they have inspired. Then we willsing!

Bring strong voices and eager hearts to SundaySchool this week and join us in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Worship

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

"The Worshipping Life: Sending"

Gordon Turnbull



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Coming Soon: Church-wide Study of Ephesians

Beginning August 28, John Knox will start a new worshipseries on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The eight-week explorationoffers an opportunity for the entire church to join in a coordinated study ofthis important New Testament letter.

How will it work? A study guide will be distributed onRally Day and is already available on the [church's website](#). Individualscan use this for their devotional reading in preparation for worship, andleaders can use it to guide the discussion in classes or small groups. The hope is that

each week our church will engage deeply—and together—inexploring God's Word. Imagine how rich it can be if people of allages—from our young children through our adult classes and groups—aresimultaneously studying the same passage of scripture. How muchmore we all will get from our worship and study if they complement and reinforceeach other each week!

Look for the study guide, and prepare to receive the richgift of God's Word in our worship and study together this fall.

Kindergarten Hall Closed

TheKindergarten Hall on the lower level of the Education Building will be dosedthis Sunday, August 14 in order for maintenance on the classroom floors to becompleted. The K3-K5 Sunday School dass will meet on the Kids' Club Hall inthe Temple Room. The 5th Grade Transition Class will meet in their regular room. Look for signs to help direct you! Please use alternate routesto reach any rooms in the Education Building. The upstairs hallway will beopen. The Nursery Hall will be open

and can be accessed through the outside door across from the gym. If you are coming from the sanctuary end of campus, you are welcome to go downstairs and walk through the Youth Center. Or you can take a nice walk down the sidewalk! The hallway should be open again next Sunday. Thank you for being flexible!



Rally Day 2016



Come join the fun! Please join us for Rally Day on Sunday, August 21, as we gather to commemorate the official opening of the Christian Education year. We'll begin this intergenerational event at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to bring your favorite morning meal 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 thank the previous year's Sunday School teachers and commission the new teachers. The children will meet their new teachers, but they will not move up to their new Sunday school class until Step Up Sunday which is Sunday, August 28th. The breakfast and informational session will be followed by a combined church service that begins at 10:30 AM. (There will not be an 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service on Rally Day.) This is our opportunity to rally together with enthusiasm, as we re-center and re-commit as God's people in worship and service for our Lord! Volunteers are needed and very much appreciated, so please call or email Sandra Moore at 864-907-4004 or mooresandrab@hotmail.com if you are willing to help!

Men's Ministry

Football is almost here! Football kickoff Thursday, September 1st!

Corn Hole and tailgating and first football games of the year!

Stay tuned for details!



Blood Drive

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 7. John Knox will host a Blood Drive, and we need you to give! Look out for sign-up slips in the bulletin in the coming weeks!

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Kids' News



In Sunday School this week, our 1st – 4th grade children will have their last lesson on Moses and the Red Sea, and our 5th graders will have their last Transition Class as they finish up their review of their Kids' Club Bible stories. This will be the last day for our 5th graders to meet with Kids' Club! After Rally Day, they will be part of the John Knox Youth Group! Our Kids' Club teachers for the month of August are Chris Mathews, John and Kelly Colacioppo and Sarah Mullis. Our K3-K5 children will meet together on the Kids' Club hallway in the Temple Room. After Rally Day, we will split this group into two groups, with K3/K4s meeting together, and the K5s as a second group, as it was before the summer. Teacher schedules for fall will be sent out soon.

Calling All 1st Graders!

As the new school year begins, our new 1st graders will start staying for the worship service each Sunday instead of going to Children's Church. These children are still invited to come to the front of the church for "Time for Children", but will then return to their seats in the pews and stay with their parents throughout the service. This is a big adjustment for some, including the parents! In order to help prepare the children to sit through the service and help make it a good experience for everyone, we will be having a special 1st Grade Worship Training Class. Starting Sunday, August 28, all 1st graders are invited to leave the worship service after "Time for Children" and attend this 3-week class. The class will meet again on September 11 and September 18. (No class on September 4!) The class will meet during both services. If your family attends the early service, Susan Felton will meet the children in the hall outside the chapel after "Time for Children" and walk them to the classroom. If you attend the late service, Mrs. Susan will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary. We will meet in Mrs. Britt's K4 classroom on the kindergarten hall. We will be in that classroom until the service is over each of these 3 Sundays, and parents can pick up their 1st graders there after church. Your child should receive a letter soon inviting them to this class! Please let the church office know if you have a 1st grader and do not receive a letter!



This class was not offered for last year's 1st graders, so if there are any rising 2nd graders that would like to attend the 1st Grade Worship Training class, they are welcome!

Attention 3rd Graders

We will be presenting new Bibles to our rising 3rd graders at our Rally Day Celebration on August 21. This is a long-standing tradition at John Knox, and we hope each of our 3rd graders can be here to receive their Bible. These presentations will be part of the Rally Day program that will take place in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:00am. This is different than in the past when we made these presentations during the worship service. Your child should receive a letter soon inviting them to be present for this important event. So make sure your 3rd grader is here for the Rally Day program in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am on August 21!!



Youth News



All youth will meet for Sunday School this Sunday at 9:45 in the Youth Center. Remember that we will not have Sunday School on August 21 so that we can all spend time together at the Rally Day Celebration in the Fellowship Hall. August 28 is Step-Up Sunday! Our new 6th graders will join the Junior Highs in the Youth Center for Sunday School, and our new 9th graders will begin meeting with the Senior Highs!

Recognition of New Youth

We will be recognizing our rising 6th and 9th graders at our Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, August 21. Our new 6th graders will now be Junior Highs and become part of the John Knox Youth Group, and our new 9th graders will now be Senior Highs! This is a good time to recognize these important transitions for our youth. *Rally Day starts at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.* Please make sure your youth is here so that they can come forward and be recognized. Note that this will be during the Rally Day program in the Fellowship Hall instead of during the worship service, as it has been done in the past. If you are new to John Knox and have a middle or high school student, or if you just want to make sure we have your child's name on our youth lists, please contact Susan Felton in the church office at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org. We're looking forward to a great year with the John Knox Youth Group!

Welcome Back Parties

Please put Sunday, August 21 on your calendars for our Youth Welcome Back Parties. We will gather at Foxcroft Pool for some swimming, snacks, and fellowship. Junior Highs will gather at the pool from 2:30 – 4:00, and the Senior Highs will be together from 4:30 – 6:00. Look for your Youth Newsletter soon so you know what to bring! What a great way to kick off our new school year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 11 - Susan Simonet, Neil Grayson, Shannon Aldrich
- 13 - Ann Brumley
- 14 - Ryan Flanagan, Paul Reilly
- 15 - Ruth Kline
- 17 - Karen Fields, Kelly Colacioppo, Creighton Wilson

Pray for One Another

IN HOSPITAL

- Steve Krumins

Pray CONTINUALLY

AT HOME

- Frances Blue
- Carol Kendall
- Ken Thiess
- Glenda Wickstrom

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Gay Beaumont
- Donnie Brown
- Ellen Clark
- Bryan Hollis
- Dr. Al Ivester
- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- Doris Jean Peak
- Janet Potter
- Kirsten and Justin Robertshaw
- John Sewell
- China Shinberger

CELEBRATION

- Bryan 'Douglas' Kelley, III born to Katie and Bryan Kelley on August 6. Grandparents are Danny and Julie Schaaf.

SYMPATHY

- Alena and Bill Patterson in the recent death of Alena's mother, Svetlana Kotava; Belarus

MILITARY DEPLOYED

- ENS Erick Sewell, USN aboard USS George Bush

By the Numbers

Attendance on August 7:

8:45: 63

11:00: 140

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$12,292.65

Expense Budget YTD: \$570,464.00

Offering Received YTD: \$482,142.90



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