



## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

"Faithful Over Much"

Gordon Turnbull

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HONORING OUR  
**VETERANS**

*Thank you for your service*

**John Knox Presbyterian Veterans  
Receiving Quilts on November 13, 2016**

DannyAtkinson  
ArtBaiden  
BobBrannon  
BobCarson  
MikeDavis  
DanDrew  
BillFuller  
JimGeorge  
SamGriggs  
CharlesHardy  
RonJacobs  
CecilKelley  
JohnKendall  
BillMcBride  
GuyPalmer  
BobSadler  
DallasSchaaf  
VernSkumautz  
HerbVarn  
MalcolmWalls

*John Knox has an extensive list of Veterans. Some of our Veterans have been honored with quilts in the past and others will be honored in the future.*



**Wednesday Night Live  
this week!**

Fellowship Dinner begins at 5:45 PM. Programs for Children, Youth, and Adults will be held between 6:15-7:15. This week we will have Bible Study led by Gordon Turnbull. Please use the cards in the pew racks to make your dinner reservations. Dinner is free: suggested donation is \$6/adult and \$4/kids 12 & under. Menu for this week: baked ziti, salad bat, garlic bread, dessert.

# Children's Ministry News

## Christmas Programs

Please put this date on your calendar! The children will be singing at our Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday evening, November 27. This is a family-friendly service during which we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The service will begin at 5:00 with a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. The children will sing at the beginning of the service and then go sit with their families.



We have started practicing for our Children's Christmas Program that will be held on Wednesday, December 7. This is part of our regular Wednesday Night Live weekly programming. It's not too late to join us! All children ages K3 – 5th grade are invited. The children will practice on Wednesday nights during November (except during the week of Thanksgiving). Practice will be from 6:15 – 6:45 with Elizabeth Martin, followed by some devotional lessons and playtime, ending at 7:15. Adults are invited to join the WNL Bible study in the Fellowship Hall from 6:15 – 7:15 while the children practice. Remember – if you want to join us for dinner as well, the line starts at 5:45, and a nursery is available for children 3 years and younger.

## Thornwell Offering

All of your children should have received a paper turkey card in Sunday School this past Sunday. We are asking that these cards be used to collect coins for the children to turn in during our annual Thornwell offering on November 20. They can turn these cards in during Sunday school or in the offering plates during either church service. If your child did not receive a collection card, please ask their Sunday School teacher for one, or contact Susan Felton. Thank you for supporting Thornwell Home for Children!



## Parents' Night Out

We had a great time at our first "Parents' Night Out"! The children enjoyed a pizza dinner together, followed by fun activities in the Fellowship Hall and games in the gym, as well as story time, arts and crafts, and a movie to round out the night. Hopefully your parents enjoyed their night out, too! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers: Gordon and Betsy Turnbull, Jack and Pat Hansen, Doug and Suzi Kroske, and our youth helpers Emma Felton and Stuart Sadler. We will start making plans for our next Parent's Night Out event! Stay tuned for details!





Please refer to your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details about these and other events for our children! Any questions, contact Susan Felton at [sfelton@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:sfelton@johnknoxpres.org).

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## Youth News



### Youth Christmas Program

Our youth will be presenting their annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 7 as part of our regular WNL program. We will be practicing on Wednesdays (during WNL) and Sundays (during regular youth group) from now until December 7. Please make sure your youth is here as much as possible for practice to help make this a fun and successful performance! If you would like to help in any way, please let Susan Felton know!

### Thornwell Offering

The youth at John Knox have a special bond with Thornwell Home for Children through their years of mission work there. They now have another chance to support this wonderful place by collecting coins to donate during our church-wide Thornwell offering on November 20. The youth were given paper turkey cards this past Sunday to help them remember to collect coins for this offering. They can turn their donations in to the offering plates during either church service on November 20. Thank you!!

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## Young at Hearts~ All are welcome!

Trude Heller, widow of former Mayor Max Heller, will tell her holocaust survival story to John Knox Church members and their guests on Tuesday, November 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Heller, an Austrian native, fled Vienna as a 15 year old, and through a series of miracles survived the Nazi genocide of the Jews. Her amazing story is one that all of us need to hear so that we never forget!!

Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and Trude's talk will follow. We urge you to invite your friends. Call with your numbers by Monday, November 14. Bessie Lee (233-5518) or JoAnn George (268-6822)





## Is it Far to Bethlehem?

*Please join us for the annual Christmas concert presented by the Greenville Chamber Singers on Wednesday November 30, 2016 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.*

*This free performance will include familiar favorites as well as new music, featuring works by Benjamin Britten, John Rutter, Greenville's own Dan Forrest, and arrangements by Stephen Hatfield, Michael Engelhardt & Rose Dunphy.*

The Greenville Chamber Singers is a non-profit 501(c)3 four-part women's chorus formed in 1996. The group is under the direction of **Angela Lemere**, district choral coordinator at Dorman High School. **Come and let us put you in the Christmas spirit!**

## Race your fellow John Knox men!

Lemans Karting racing for John Knox men on Thursday, November 17, at 6:00 pm.

Price is \$50.00 each with 50% deposit in advance to Maury Purcell.

We will do dinner after for those who wish to.

If you haven't already confirmed, please contact Maury Purcell for further details at 616-9699 or

[maurypurcell@gmail.com](mailto:maurypurcell@gmail.com)



## Operation Christmas Child



We are asking each family to pack at least one shoe box for needy children all over the world. If you start now packing and preparing your boxes, you can save money and maybe pack more boxes for poor children all over the world. This not only brightens their day, but it also spreads the word about God's love to children everywhere whomight not have heard that message otherwise.

This year we will have some pre-made shoe boxes available on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Or, you can use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. You can buy these at Dollar Tree or Dollar General. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label from the Operation Christmas Child [website](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org), check the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Click [here](#) for gift ideas.

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can

give online by using our "Follow Your Box Donation" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop it off in the Fellowship Hall during our collection week, by Sunday, November 20, 2016.

*Thank you* for continuing year after year to brighten the lives of needy children all over the world! Questions? Call Harriette Drescher 864 982-8870 or [orhdresch@aol.com](mailto:orhdresch@aol.com)

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**If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund in honor or memory of someone, please click [here](#), print and fill out the form, and turn in to the church office.**



## Holiday Calendar

**Sunday, November 27** - 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM  
Hanging of the Greens service at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 30**

Chamber Singers concert at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary (see article above)

**Sunday, December 4** - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, December 7**

Christmas Program by our children and youth in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.  
This will be our last WNL until 2017.

**Sunday, December 11** - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM  
Special musical presentation by our John Knox Choirs at both services.

**Wednesday, December 14**

No Wednesday Night programs

**Sunday, December 18** - 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM ~ Christmas Joy Offering will be collected.

**Wednesday, December 21**

No Wednesday Night programs

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM - A Family Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary  
5:45 PM - Christmas Banquet - Pre-paid envelopes will be available in the church pews beginning November 20. Please turn in your reservations by Dec. 21.  
7:00 PM - Our Traditional Christmas Eve Service- Sanctuary with Communion and Candle Lights  
11:00 PM - Casual Christmas Eve Service - Chapel

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

One Worship Service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary (no Sunday School)

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Monday, November 14

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
6:00 PM Youth Ministry Team

## Tuesday, November 15

10:00 AM Quilters  
11:30 YAHS Event  
7:00 PM Volleyball  
Boy Scouts  
Ladies' Bible Study

## Wednesday, November 16

10:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM Wed. Night Supper  
6:15 Wed. Night Program  
Bell Choir Practice  
7:20 Chalice Choir Practice  
7:30 Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, November 17

10:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group

## Friday, November 18

10:30 AM Mary Cirde

## Saturday, November 19

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

## Sunday, November 20

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary  
1:30 PM Chin Church Worship  
3:00-8:30 Basketball practices  
4:30-7:00 Youth  
6:00 Session

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

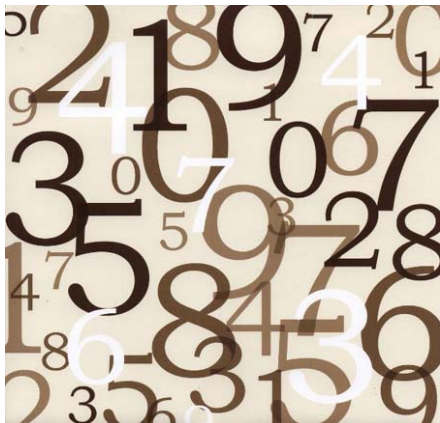
## November

10 - Betty Bailey, Jamie Harvey, Jonn Livingston, Joy Hoyle  
12 - Jessica Allender, Valerie Webber, Linda Hamrick, Jo Carson, Julie Schaaf  
13 - Sue Auld, Mollie Pelletier, Robert Mullis  
14 - Kathryn Payne, Taylor Gardner, Woods Heflin  
15 - Dotty Ginn, Emily Heflin  
16 - Bob Sadler, Pat Thatcher, Jeannie Lee

## Mailbox

CMO would like to thank all who shared their time and talent in making our past Interfaith host week safe and pleasant!





## By the Numbers

Attendance on November 6:

8:45 - 80

11:00 - 193

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$18,553.40

Expense Budget YTD: \$802,215.00

Offering Received YTD: \$672,666.51

### First Gift

#### 2017 Stewardship and Mission Giving

Pledges Received To Date: 147

Amount Pledged: \$599,758.00

*Please return pledge cards to church office as soon as possible. Thankyou!*

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

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