



SteepleTalk

*Find out what's going on and what's coming up
in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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This Sunday's Worship

[Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

"Drop Your Nets!"

Justin Cazel

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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. 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, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert.

The Beautiful Body of Christ

The Body of Christ has never been more beautiful, nor the GoodNews so good, as they have been to Betsy and me in the days since our son Alec's death.

We have been consoled, comforted, strengthened, and blessed by every expression of loving care. The cards, messages, and practical assistance have expressed your deep care. We are grateful to be part of such a loving community at John Knox that embodies God's presence.

We are grateful to our Session and my colleagues on the ministry staff, who quickly and decisively arranged for the church's ministry to continue in my absence. Justin Cazel, Julie Schaaf, Steve Doughty, and others have stepped in to offer their pastoral gifts. Such leadership and competence has allowed me to engage our deep loss without concern for our shared ministry. I know you are proud of these leaders whom you have called to serve.

We are especially grateful for the spiritual ministry of our church. That ministry has been collective, especially in the worship service last Friday that invited so many to join us in celebrating Alec's life and, even more importantly, proclaiming our trust in the resurrection. But that ministry has also been individual, through the intimate prayers that so many have offered to God on our behalf. Betsy and I have felt every prayer, and we believe that your faithfulness in prayer is sustaining us with God's power and life.

Yes, the Body of Christ at John Knox has never been more beautiful to behold, because you are embodying so fully the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ. And that Good News has never meant as much to us as it does now.

Betsy and I are holding tightly to each other and to God, and we are discovering that God is faithful to give us each day what we need. Like the manna that sustained the Israelites in their journey, the blessings and comfort we receive from God's Spirit get us through each day. We are strengthened and blessed to know that God holds Alec in eternal life and love. We are seeking the path towards life, light, and love, and we trust that in time this path will include joy and laughter again.

The Good News is good, indeed! Jesus Christ came to redeem us from our sin and brokenness, and in Christ's resurrection God has vanquished the power of death. Thank you again for all your loving care. May we all be strengthened and blessed by God's Spirit to share this Good News with all who need to hear.

Gordon Turnbull



All Women Members and Visitors

You are invited
to attend our 2017 Retreat

Immeasurably More: Beyond the Good Life

Saturday, March 4
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
at John Knox Fellowship Hall

Register online at johnknoxpres.org

Call Mandy Scott at the church office for help with
registration
864-244-0453



Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies, are you looking for a Bible Study to help you go deeper in your faith this New Year? Please join us every and any Thursday from 10-11:30 in the Women In Christ Classroom. Looking for a place for prayer, confidential friendships and Bible Study... this is it!

We are using the Jesus Storybook Bible. These rich Bible stories give us real life lessons... some really good... some not so! But all allow for great discussion for our own lives!

Contact Pat Hansen 517-7291 for info.



Children's Ministry News



We were very excited to see lots of our children at church on Sunday as we started our new study of the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. This Sunday, January 22, we will be covering the next two stories: "The Beginning: A Perfect Home" and "The Terrible Lie". We encourage families to read the stories together at home each week. We hope to see lots of you at church!

Youth News

Triune

Our Junior Highs served dinner to about 100 people at Triune Mercy Center on Sunday, January 15. Thank you to all of our youth and parents who helped us as we continue our mission to help the most needy in our community.



Youth and YAHs Luncheon

The youth will be sharing a meal with the Young at Hearts on Sunday, January 22 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service. With the help of the Young at Hearts, we will be enjoying a meal of lasagna, salad and dessert, as well as some fun activities to help us all get to know each other a little better. We will need some youth parents to help prepare the meal during Sunday School, and our youth will help serve. We hope all of our youth and YAHs can join us! Check your youth newsletter to see how you can help!



Volunteer Opportunity

The Youth Ministry Team is looking for some volunteers to help prepare meals for our youth during their Sunday night youth group meetings. Our youth parents do a great job preparing and serving these meals, but we would like to extend the invitation to all of our John Knox members. We serve dinner each Sunday evening at 5:30 to all Junior and Senior Highs. (approximately 25-30 people each week) If you would like to find out more details on how you can help out, please contact Susan Felton in the church office at 244-0453 or email at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org. Thank you!

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction for John Knox Youth

Our annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, March 5 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service. This is a huge fundraiser that helps our youth attend youth conferences and mission trips. Church members will be asked to bring in a pot of chili for the chili contest, or help with chili toppings or dessert. A big part of this event is the Silent Auction, and we are asking our church members to be thinking about any big-ticket items that you or someone you know might be willing to donate for the auction. Some auction items in the past have included beach and lake houses, ballgame tickets, hotel accommodations, and a chance to enjoy a really nice meal for you and some friends. Small-ticket items are also welcome, such as restaurant gift cards, theater tickets, and gift baskets made up for a certain team or for the family pet. All ideas are welcome! Stay tuned to the Steeple talk for more details. Contact Susan Felton with any questions.



YAHs and Youth Luncheon is this Sunday!

One Wednesday night last Fall, Gordon asked the youth to line up on the Fellowship Hall stage. Then he asked if any adult could name all or most of them. The silence was embarrassing! This Sunday after the second service there will be a signa luncheon so adults will have an opportunity to get to know our youth better. Just let LaRue Wait or Susan Felton know that you are coming. Then on Sunday after the service put on your badge and walk over to the Fellowship Hall for food and fun.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 23

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, January 24

10:00 AM Quilters
11:45 Men's 3x5 Monthly Lunch
7:00 PM Volleyball
Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, January 28

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

Sunday, January 29

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 Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

19 - Nancy Coggin, Lillian Pelletier
20 - Carolyn Hall, Eddie Corley, Emma Harvey
21 - Jerry Peeler, Emily Grant
22 - Sara Jackson, Yvonne Flanagan, Don Stewart, Jim Williams, Ron Shepherd,
Anna Kenan, Ryan Nelson, Claire Tipton
23 - Jay Flanagan
25 - John Brumley, Carrie Brown, Cecil Kelley, Ridgeway Jackson

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