



SteepleTalk

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

Visit our Website

This Sunday's Worship

A
Prophet's
Calling

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Luke 4:21-30

[Click here to access this week's bulletin.](#)



**COME CHEER ON OUR JOHN KNOX
SR. HIGH TEAMS IN THEIR**

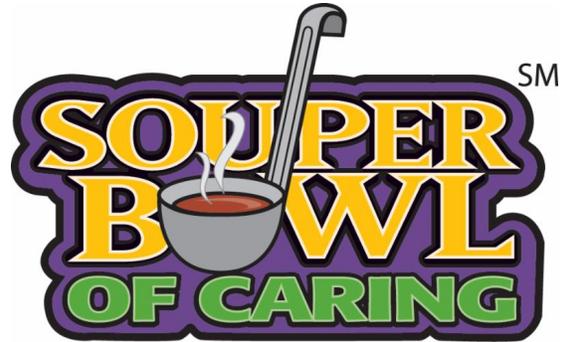
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sr. High Girls: Thursday @ 7PM, St. George

Sr. High Boys: Thursday @ 9PM, St. George

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring: Sunday, February 3
Almost 30 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Join our youth as we partner in that mission next week! All donations will go to Greer Relief and Triune Mercy Center.



tacklehunger.org

Sunday, February 10

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

10:50 AM

Sanctuary

For the purpose of presenting the budget and reviewing the Terms of Calls.



Faithfully Creative
A WOMAN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat

Ladies, make self-care and your spiritual growth a priority in the New Year. At our "Faithfully Creative" women's retreat on Saturday, February 23, we'll connect with our inner artisan as we learn the importance of creativity and self-care as a spiritual discipline.

Register now to choose a morning and afternoon breakout session and learn new techniques to worship our creator through various expressions of art. Retreat brochures for registration are available outside the church offices and in the Narthex or you can [register online here](#).

*"I praise you
because I am
fearfully and
wonderfully
made; your works
are wonderful, I
know that full
well."*

Psalm 139:4



Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer
presented by Richard Burnett

You are invited to join us for our Wednesday night gathering on February 6 (meal 5:45-6:15, Program 6:15-7:15). The menu will be chicken lasagna, salad bar, garlic rolls, dessert.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 @ 5:45PM

A SPECIAL DINNER

Chicken Bryan, roasted potatoes, fresh green beans, wheat rolls, cheesecake with strawberries



BRING YOUR VALENTINE
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED

Our program will begin at 6:15 and our speaker will be
Richard Burnett: "Bonhoeffer and the German Reformed
Church"

A Word from Gordon

Our new year in ministry is underway, and our Session gathered for a day-long retreat two weeks ago to plan our work and consider our life together. We devoted a good amount of time to the church's financial situation. Since all the church shares in our mutual ministry, I want us all to know the basic picture of this important part of our life together.

The Session approved a 2019 budget for ministry expenditures totaling \$996,873—a modest increase (1.2%) over last year's actual expenses of \$984,977. However, our projected revenue from pledges and offerings currently runs about \$40,000 short of supporting these expenses. Our pledges for 2019 are actually lower than the amount pledged in 2018.

Faithful stewardship demands that our ministry operate on a sound footing. Our leaders are praying with confidence that the church will respond generously to close this funding gap.

The scope of this need is attainable—less than 6% of our current total pledges. Perhaps you are able increase your pledge by adding a "thirteenth month" of 2019 giving. And those not yet pledged could join us in committing to this ministry.

Responding to God's grace and call, we can commit the funds to secure our plans and pursue our ministry. I am convinced of our ability, and I trust our willingness to do this work in Christ's name.

Please join us in praying for John Knox to respond faithfully and generously to God's call to serve.

Faithfully yours,

Young at Hearts to Present Two Outstanding Musicals

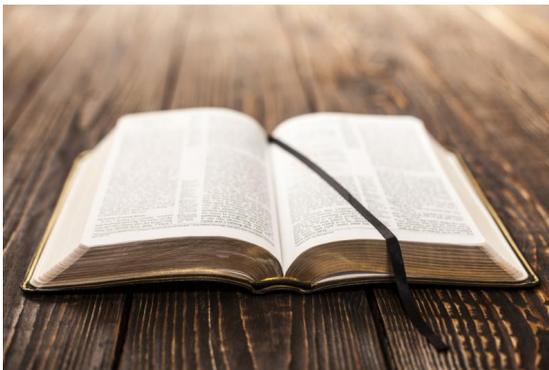
February 19:

We are pleased to have the 17 member Senior Upstate Jazz Band perform for us on Tuesday, February 19. This smaller band is a spin-off from the original larger one. They will play the faster tempo music, swing, and jazz numbers we all remember from the 40's and 50's. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the program will follow at 12:15 p.m. Please bring extra food to share since we will have the band members as our guests for lunch. Call Bessie/Bill Lee at 233-5518 or LaRue Wait at 675-6172 to make reservations so that we know how many people to expect.



March 1:

The Crescent Music Club will once again share its program and elegantly catered luncheon with us. "Bellows and Buttons," a collection of Irish, American, and Alpine folk songs will be presented by Douglas Hurlbert. Additional selections will be performed by the Crescent Singers. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of the luncheon is \$15 and reservations must be made by February 8. This combined event is always a highlight of our program year! Make checks payable to "Crescent Music Club" and give or send to Bessie/Bill Lee by the February 8 deadline.



Ladies' Prayer Group

We meet every Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM in the Kirk Room. Come join us around the table for fellowship and prayer and reading the Bible together. Betty Williams, Carolyn Hall, Frances Blue, Sue Auld, Sheila White, and Sandra Burgin want to share this time with you. You have a special invitation to join us. Contact Sandra at 232-4581 or just drop in!

United Ministries' Food Drive

Please don't forget to bring your goods to contribute to our food drive this month!

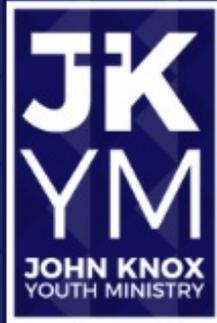
Some examples of needed food items are:
canned food
cereal
dried beans
rice
powdered milk
mac & cheese
and others!



Children's Ministry News

Children's Choirs

Our children will be singing during both worship services this Sunday, February 3. All children ages K3 – 5th grade have been practicing their song during Sunday School and are invited to sing with us. Check your Children's Ministry Newsletter for the song lyrics and details on when and where to meet. We look forward to hearing these sweet voices.



NEWS



JOIN US FOR A

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY!

February 3 • 6 PM-Halftime (around 8:30)
John Knox Youth Center

Bring a snack or dessert to share! We will
provide pizza and drinks!

**FAMILIES: IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US YOU ARE
WELCOME!**

Super Bowl Party!

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and the first half of the big game on Sunday! Come at 6 and stay through half time, likely around 8:30. We'll have pizza and drinks but would love for you to bring a snack or dessert to share! See you Sunday!

Summer Trip Registration

February is almost here and that means the deadline to register for summer trips is drawing near (Sunday, February 24th)! We have a packed schedule for the summer and we hope you'll join



SUMMER 2019

**Jr. High Conference: The Great Escape
June 9-14**

**Sr. High Mission Trip: Serve Orlando
June 23-29**

**Sr. High Conference: Fun in the Sun
July 8-13**

**Jr. High Mission Week: Rebuild Upstate
July 22-26**

Registration Due February 24th
See your latest newsletter for forms and info

us for all the worship, play, discovery, friendship, and growth. Check your latest youth newsletter for detailed information regarding each trip including costs and necessary forms and reach out to Jessica with any questions!

Mailbox

Thank you, John Knox family, for all your prayers, cards and calls for Eugene and our family during his treatments. Eugene will start a two to three year chem maintenance. We are praying and thanking God for a complete healing.

Betty Williams and family



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

31 - Lillian Eckles, Brian Whitlock

February

2 - Dave Henderson, JT Davis, Cindy Smith, Anna Colacioppo

3 - Evans McClintock, Ravanna Jackson, Caitlin Garrett, Garrett Boling, Mary Katherine Nelson, Cooper Bridwell

4 - Scott Greiner

5 - Penny Myers, Muffy Smith, Matthew Hall

USHERS



Ushers for February

8:30
Miller McClintock

11:00
Head Usher: Guy Cloer
Leaders: Jon Nelson and Pat Fuller

By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, January 27
8:30- 79
11:00- 215

Weekly Offering Received: \$20,878.50
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,899.17
YTD Offering Received: \$97,556.60
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$67,596.68



Please email all submissions for Steepletalk to m.scott@johnknoxpres.org. For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

Edited by Mandy Scott
John Knox Presbyterian Church
35 Shannon Dr.
Greenville, SC 29650
864.244.0453
www.johnknoxpres.org

STAY CONNECTED



Visit our website