



SteepleTalk

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in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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This Sunday's Worship:

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 55:1-11

Luke 14:25-33

Sermon

"Following Jesus: The Wager"

Gordon Turnbull

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This Sunday our youth will be collecting donations at the end of each church service to



A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for this Sunday, February 7, at 10:45 AM in the

support Greer Relief and Triune Mercy Center. Look for the soup pots as you leave church that day!!

Fellowship Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2016 budget and voting on terms of call for our ministers.



Menu for February 10: Taco Salad
Bar, Dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45 and is served until 6:15. Everyone planning to attend needs to make a reservation by calling or emailing the church office by 4pm on Tuesday or filling out a blue reservation card located in the church pew and placing it in the offering plate.

Join us on Wednesday Night

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10, 6:30 PM

Come to the Ash Wednesday service and begin the 40 day Lenten journey to the Cross on Good Friday and the Open Tomb on Easter! This quiet meditative service will include the option of receiving ashes on the forehead as a sign of our need for repentance and God's gift of redemption in Jesus Christ!



Ash Wednesday Dedication

Our upcoming Ash Wednesday special offering has been dedicated to further the work of Rob and Tara Cahill in Guatemala. At the newly completed Agriculogy Center which John Knox has helped to build, a program of outreach to the children in local village schools will begin this year. Children of elementary age will come to the Center to learn of their ancient history and culture, the plants that are native to the region which will add nutrition to their diet, about the birds and animals and how to protect their habitat, about conservation of the forests and water supplies.

Olga Cabnal Coy will be a key leader in the program. She is a five-year participant in the Scholarship Program JK supports and will be

starting University this year. Olga is a fruit of your generosity. Our support of this new program will yield still more fruit in the lives of whole villages in Coban. What a great way to do justice, show mercy and extend the love of Christ to even those we do not see! Direct contributions can be sent to the church office with the designation "Ash Wednesday Offering".

Hold the Date for Local Habitat Build

Once again, John Knox will be in partnership with other churches in the local Habitat Faith Build. Tentative starting date is March 31 with completion by the end of June. Thank you for your support through the General Operation Budget for the \$5000 contribution that will help build a home for a local family! Watch out for more details!



Retreat registration continues with an overwhelming response!

"Uncharted Journey" with Beth Templeton is definitely the place to be on:
February 27, Saturday
9-2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

It only costs:
\$25 (includes child care, lunch, refreshments, materials)

Register by:

- Online at the church website
- Registration form found in the narthex or church office
- Return check/cash with the completed form to the box in the office

This is an excellent event to invite a friend!

Last day of registration is Sunday, February 21

KIDS NEWS

Kids' Club Teachers for February: Kelly and John Colacioppo, Chris Mathews, and Sarah Mullis

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-10

Memory Verse: "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep."



Youth News

Sunday, February 14 – Foothills Presbytery Mid-Winter Youth Rally – All youth will meet at John Knox at 2:15 to carpool to the Rally. The Rally is from 3:00-5:30, and then we will go out for pizza afterwards. Look for more details in your youth newsletters.

March 11-13 – Foothills Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Montreat – Money and forms are due to the church office TODAY (Feb. 4)!

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know!! You can contact Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org Thank you to everyone for your loving support of our youth!

Visit the John Knox Youth on Facebook



and Silent Auction

We need you!!

Our annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, March 6 in the Fellowship Hall right after the 11:00 service. This is a huge fundraiser to help our youth with their mission trips and conferences. The youth will be visiting Sunday School classes in February to ask people to sign up to make a pot of chili, or supply chili toppings or desserts. You can also see Susan Felton in the church office to sign up. As a fundraiser, the youth will be conducting a Silent Auction and Bake Sale as we all enjoy our chili. We are asking 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 fancy meal for you and some friends. Any other ideas are welcome! So warm up your crock pots and let us know if you have any items for the auction. Please contact Debbie Meggs (864-419-4241) with donations.

Calling All Guys

This Tuesday (February 9) is our Monthly Men's Lunch at Lieu's Chinese Bistro. Meet at 11:45 for fellowship and food (At I-385 & Woodruff, 1149 Woodruff Road). Invite a Friend!



Presbyterian Women



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Circle Schedule

- *Deborah Circle* will meet on Sunday, February 21, at the home of Bitsy Cazel at 105 Pilgrim's Point Rd. in Greenville, 244-4737, at 7 p.m. The later date works around Super Bowl and Valentine's Day weekends.

All other circles will meet on Tuesday, February 9:

- *Lydia* meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Women in Christ classroom.
- *Martha* meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Women in Christ classroom.
- *Ruth* meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Old Parlor.
- *Sarah* meets at 10 a.m. at the home of Evelyn Pollard, 1247 Shadow Way, Greenville.

Ladies' Prayer Group

Ladies, are you looking for a mid-week time of prayer, Bible study and fellowship? Please join us on **Thursdays, 10-11:30** in the Women in Christ

SS Classroom. We are looking closely at the Beatitudes. Contact Pat Hansen for more info: 517-7291, pat.hansen@juno.com



Deadline Application for College Internship at JK is March 1

Are you a college student wondering what to do with your life? JK will be coordinating a summer internship program to provide college students a taste of ministry in various settings.

Thanks to a grant and other contributions, this pilot 10 week ecumenical program will include area congregations and possible entities such as United Ministries, Greer Relief, Triune Mercy Center, GAIHN (Interfaith), hospitals, etc. The purpose is to provide five racially diverse college students intentional opportunities for vocational discernment through the Circles of Trust Model for Christian leadership including but not limited to pastoral ministry.

If any college students are interested, please contact Joseph who will coordinate this project (jgaston@johnknoxpres.org, mobile 864.423.1094).



CMO Mission moment:

A reminder! The first Sunday in every month is "SOUP SUNDAY"! All soups are needed to help stock the United Ministries food pantry.

*Soup collection for January totaled **114** cans.
Thank you JK!

Clerk's Report

The Session met on January 23, 2016 for their regular monthly meeting, as part of their annual retreat and planning meeting. The following are a few of the key items of business:

- 1) They approved a request from Russell and Joellen Harris that their membership status be changed from Active to Affiliate so that they can join a church closer to their home in Williamston, SC but still

maintain their connection with John Knox.

- 2) They reviewed, discussed, and approved the 2016 Budget. No changes are proposed to the pastors' terms of call.
- 3) Each year the Session must approve and re-authorize certain financial and administrative functions. They approved the Treasurer, four members to sign checks for the Church, six money counters for Monday morning, the Clerk, the Endowment Committee, and re-authorized the Trustees to execute stock trades on the Church's behalf.
- 4) Normally, the Session reviews the membership roll in January to remove folks that have not been active in the life and ministry of the Church. However, rather than strike any names from the roll at this time, Dr. Turnbull is going to contact the families that Mandy has identified to see if they can be encouraged to reconnect.
- 5) The Session approved a Called Congregational Meeting for February 7, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of explaining the 2016 Budget to the members and approving the Terms of Call for the Ministers.
- 6) The Session worked on the Church's 2016 calendar, including fundraising, special offering and church-wide dates, for final approval at the February Meeting.
- 7) The Session approved the expenditure of \$ 8,500 from the HVAC project contingency funds to pay for the relocation of the unit mounted thermostats to wall mounted locations for 20 of the new VRF units.
- 8) The Session referred to the Fellowship Committee a suggestion to establish a committee to begin the planning for the 60th Anniversary of the founding of John Knox Presbyterian Church next November.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Schaaf
Acting Clerk

Mailbox

Thank you to my John Knox family for prayers, concerns, calls, and cards during my surgery and recuperation.

Betty Williams



Sympathy:

Pray for One Another

At Home:

- Gene Coggin
- Judy Palmer

Requests for Prayer:

- Sandy Mills
- Mark Fairbanks
- Jana, daughter of Kathy Hopkins

Gordon Turnbull

upon the death of his mother Julia on February 1.

Ramonda Jackson

upon the death of her brother, Jimmy Lester, on
February 3.

Valerie & Jennifer Webber

upon the death of Dick, Valerie's husband and
Jennifer's Webber father, on Jan. 25.

To the Church Triumphant:

Claire Dixon Cash

January 30, 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

4 - Scott Greiner

5 - Penny Myers, Muffy Smith, Matthew Hall

7 - Catie Glyn Ouellette

8 - William Bertrand, Ella Ferguson

9 - Bob Simonet, Joy Wettlin, Graham Shepherd, Christopher Tew



By the Numbers

Attendance on January 31

11:00 - 294

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 1/31/16

Weekly Expense Budget \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received \$10,382.90

Expense Budget YTD \$89,135.00

Offering Received YTD \$73,451.35

Worship Schedule

Join us this Sunday!

New Sermon Series

Following Jesus: The Path

8:45 Chapel

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Sanctuary



Miss a service? Visit our YouTube channel!



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

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