



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



Life in God's Blessing

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 6:17-26

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TOGETHER

MIDWEEK GATHERING

On Wednesday, February 20, we will conclude our three week series with Richard Burnett on "Bonhoeffer and the German Reformed Church." (meal 5:45-6:15, Program 6:15-7:15). . The menu will be: soup and salad, rolls/crackers/cornbread, salad bar, dessert.



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

A graphic for Interfaith Host Week featuring a teal grid background. In the center, there are two overlapping speech bubbles: a larger red one in front and a smaller yellow one behind it. The text "Interfaith Host Week" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font inside the red bubble.

Interfaith Host Week

March 3-10 · Volunteers needed!
Contact Chris Mathews or the church
office to sign up!

Called Alongside Dinner

On March 14th, John Knox Youth Ministry invites you to join us for dinner as we share about the ways the Lord is moving in our program and the opportunities for you to join in our mission of providing every student with a place to belong and a person who cares for them. This new event

will be a night of sharing stories, vision, and opportunities to serve over a delicious meal and we hope you'll be our guest! Come help us live into the words of Psalm 78:4—"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders."



JOHN KNOX YOUTH MINISTRY
PRAYERFULLY INVITES YOU TO THE

CALLED ALONGSIDE *Dinner*

Join us as we celebrate the ways God is moving
in our ministry and share about the opportunities
for you to join in our mission

Fellowship Hall | MARCH 14th | 6:30 to 8:00

Dinner and Childcare will be provided



Directory Updates

If you would like to update your current directory picture or submit one for the first time, please email a digital copy to the church office at m.scott@johnknoxpres.org. For those who are unable to submit a digital picture, Caroline Robertson has volunteered to take your photo. Please contact Caroline or the church office if you are interested in having your picture made.

JK Quilting

Did you know . . .

JK's Quilters continue to spread their ministry to the children at Thornwell. As the population changes at Thornwell Home for Children, the Quilters have responded to the changes. During the past year they made and presented quilts to the expectant mothers for their newborns. These cherished treasures not only add to the nursery decor, but the moms are comforted by the tender love that JK has for them.



Reminder for Upcoming Young at Heart Events

Tuesday, February 19, at 11:30: Upstate Senior Jazz Band

Covered dish in the Fellowship Hall. Come early and bring extra food for the band.

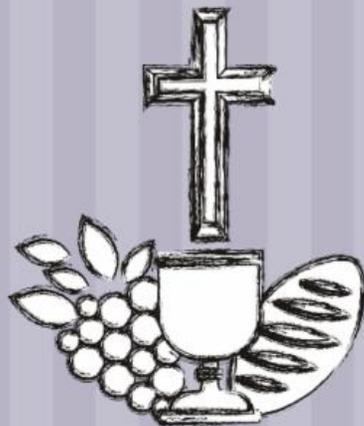


Friday, March 1, at 11:00: Crescent Music program of Folk Music
Catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall .Prepaid reservation of \$15 required. Deadline extended to February 17.

Happy Valentine's Day

A special Thank You from our Kids & Birds and WALC students who are sharing this drawing of a favorite migratory bird with you. With our warmest appreciation to you for joining us in our work to alleviate poverty and protect forests in the highlands of Guatemala.

Rob & Tara Cahill
Community Cloud Forest Conservation
www.cloudforestconservation.org



IN-HOME COMMUNION

If you do not currently receive home communion and would like to, please contact the church office.



Children's Ministry News

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



Parents' Night Out

It's time once again for Parents' Night Out! For those families who are signed up, please meet us in the Fellowship Hall this Friday, February 15 at 6:00. We will have dinner and activities for children ages K3 – 5th grade as well as a nursery available for children younger than K3. We will end the evening with a movie for everyone in the Youth Center. Parents can pick up their children in the Youth Center at 8:30. We're looking forward to a fun night!

Children's Handbell Practice

Our special 3-week "musical burst" of handbells starts this Sunday, February 17. We invite any children ages K3 – 5th grade who are interested in playing the handbells during worship to join us! Elizabeth Martin will hold practices on Sunday afternoons from 4:30- 5:15 on the following dates: February 17, February 24, and March 3. We will meet in the children's choir room each of those days. The children will play the handbells in both worship services on Sunday, March 10. We hope lots of children will participate! Please see Susan Felton with any questions!



NEWS



No Sunday Night Youth Group!

Due to the school holiday, we will not gather for programs this Sunday! Enjoy your long weekend and we will see you back next week.



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

JOIN US FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT!

Recreation. New Friends. Worship. Devotion.

FEBRUARY 24TH // 3-4:30PM
JOHN KNOX GYM

This fun event is done in partnership with Fourth Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian. Come worship and play alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Jr. High Presbytery Event NEXT WEEK
All middle school students are invited to join us next Sunday, February 24th for an afternoon of recreation and worship alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ from Fourth Pres. and Westminster. Come meet some new friends, play some awesome games, and worship with us from 3-4:30 in the John Knox Gym.

Summer Trip Registration DEADLINE FEB. 24th
Just a reminder that all summer trip forms and deposits are due by next Sunday, February 24th. While it may seem early to be planning for the summer, it's important that we know our final numbers ASAP. More information on particular forms and costs can be found in your latest newsletter. Have questions or want to discuss payment options? Jessica would love to talk to you! Feel free to email jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org or call (864) 244-0453.

Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall for their annual retreat and their regular January meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

Administration

- Kenneth Cates explained the current financial situation and the Admin. committee's recommendations.
- The Session agreed to begin an immediate campaign to increase the 2019 Pledges. The plan was to increase giving by 6-8%, or as described, 'a 13th month'.
- Kenneth explained the actions so far with regard to the Director of Music Ministry search. A complete list of the recommended search committee will be emailed to the Session in the next few days for their approval.

Christian Education

- Sandra Moore reported for Christian Education that they are focusing on Adult Curriculum in 2019.
- They are also studying new Youth Activity funding approaches next year.

Christian Mission & Outreach

- Heidi Grant said that one of the main focuses of CM&O would be local community missions this year.

Fellowship

- Laurie Davis said that the turn-out for the reception between the 5 PM and 7 PM Services on Christmas Eve was very light. They may consider other options for next Christmas.
- They plan to work on more personal outreach to grow participation.
- They are considering things like community involvement, perhaps an outdoor movie.

Music & Worship

- Ken Bell gave a brief update for M&W on the AV system status.
- He also briefly discussed the thoughts about a digital display in the Sanctuary.

Nurture

- Rich Falasco reported for the Nurture committee that Respite Care will be a priority in 2019.

Property & Operations

- Miller McClintock said that the repair of the Fellowship Hall roof will be a 2019 priority, along with parking lot lights and playground repairs.
- The AV connection from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall has been completed.
- Photos of the before and after of the Sanctuary gutter cleaning were shared.
- Some violations observed by DSS in the Kindergarten/PDO area were explained and discussed. Mostly, they concerned some new fencing and its height in the play areas.

Other Business

- The Session approved the 2019 Budget, which had been previously discussed during the Retreat.
- Kenneth Cates and Gordon reviewed changes in the Terms of Call of the Pastors. Essentially, the Congregation will be asked to approve a 1.5% increase in their package.
- With the Budget process complete, the Session agreed to schedule a Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of reporting the 2019 Budget to the Congregation and reviewing and approving the Terms of Call for our two Teaching Elders. The meeting was set for 10:50 AM on February 10th in the Sanctuary.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

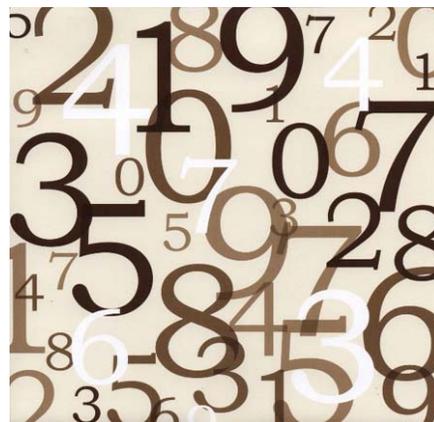
February

- 14 - Ann Huie, Barbara Pringle, Caroline Brearley
- 15 - Lydia Collett
- 16 - Dorothy Benedict
- 18 - Hannah Shepherd, Rachel Shepherd, Chase Hendrix
- 19 - Zach Carter
- 20 - Rodney McCall, Liam Robertson

By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, February 10
8:30- 73
11:00- 193

Weekly Offering Received: \$22,394.70
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,899.17
YTD Offering Received: \$129,532.70
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$101,395.02



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