



SteepleTalk

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New Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Last Sunday evening, the Session voted. Immediately the announcement was made at our Youth Group. Soon all were celebrating the hiring of our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, **Jessica Meggs**.

Jessica is a senior at Wofford College, and the daughter of Steve and Debbie Meggs. As one who has grown up at John Knox, she feels a special appreciation and love for our Youth Ministry. She says, "The possibility of getting to take part in the continued growth and success of the program that gave so much to me is too exciting and meaningful to pass up."

A lot of prayer and hard work have gone into our Youth Ministry since David Howell's departure over a year ago. **Bette Britt, Debbie Meggs, and Susan Felton** have fulfilled the program and administrative needs, serving with the other members of our dedicated Youth Ministry Team—**Laurie Davis, Anna Kenan, Jennifer Littrell, Sandra Moore, Caroline Robertson, Merry Beth Smallridge, and Shelley Stokes**.

Through the last year, a DYM Search Committee (**Anna Kenan, Susan Felton, Patrick Kress, Logan Britt, and Danny Schaaf**) has received numerous applications and interviewed selected candidates from across the nation. All that discernment led the group to discover that God was calling someone from close by, who knows our church well and who is dedicated to serving God through ministry with young people.

Jessica describes her growing realization of this call from God throughout her college years, through her experiences with campus ministry, summer internships, and volunteering with a local church: "Each opportunity to work with youth has allowed me to identify and grow in my passion for meeting them where they are in life and sharing the transforming love and grace of the Lord with them." She says that "youth ministry is about sharing the welcoming, forgiving, and graceful love of the Lord" so that students "always



know that they are loved deeply by a church community and by a Father who fearfully and wonderfully made each of them."

Jessica will begin her ministry in March, leading our Sunday youth group meetings. She goes full-time June 1, following her graduation. Please welcome Jessica into this new role and join us praying for her and her ministry in our church.

This Sunday's Worship

[Genesis 29:15-35](#)

[Ephesians 1:3-11](#)

"The Loving Choice"

Gordon Turnbull

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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. This week we will worship together in recognition of Ash Wednesday. 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: roasted pork with mushroom gravy, rice, steamed veggies, salad bar, rolls, dessert.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for this Sunday, February 26, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary for the purpose of receiving the 2017 ministry budget and reviewing the Terms of the Pastoral Call.



All Women Members and Visitors

You still have time . . .
to register for the John Knox Women's Retreat
Immeasurably More: *Beyond the Good Life*

Saturday, March 4
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
at John Knox Fellowship Hall
Go to JohnKnoxPres.org to register.
Feel free to call Mandy Scott for registration help
(864-244-0453)

Registration forms and money may be placed in an envelope marked PW RETREAT and placed in the Sunday offering plate



Event brochure

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction for John Knox Youth – We Need Your Help!!

It's almost here! 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, and everyone is invited! Come ready to eat lots of chili, purchase desserts from the Bake Sale, and bid on some fantastic auction items. We already have some great items that will be up for auction: a beautiful lake house, handmade wooden and crocheted items, gift certificates for local restaurants, make up and make up accessories, art pieces, jewelry, various gift baskets, a delicious dinner for six, and more! All proceeds go to youth mission trips and conferences. If you have a donation for the Silent Auction, please turn it in to Susan Felton's office by Wednesday, March 1. Thank you for supporting our youth!!



Come One, Come All!

On Saturday March 11, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a hike at Paris Mountain State Park. Interested hikers should meet at the church at 9:30 AM, prior to driving over to the Park as a group. Please join us for this fun event in the great outdoors!

This Sunday, Feb 26, concludes our sock and peroxide collection in support of the homeless male population through United Ministries. Items will still be collected all week until next Sunday. Please remember on "Sockless" Sunday to donate your socks!!

Also we will continue our vegetable soup drive in March for United Ministries.

CMO thanks you



Children's Ministry News

Parents' Night Out Reminder

The John Knox Children's Ministry program is having our Parents' Night Out event this Friday, February 24 from 6:00 – 8:30. If your child is signed up, please meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. Preschool and elementary children will start activities with us in the Fellowship Hall. Our nursery staff will be here for those children 3 years and younger. We will eat dinner, hear stories, play games, and watch a movie together. Parents can pick up their children in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30. We're looking forward to seeing the children, and we hope our parents enjoy their night out!

Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson this week is "The Girl No One Wanted" – the story of Jacob, Rachel and Leah from Genesis 29-30. Keep reading these stories at home! The children are talking about them at church!



Youth News

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction

It's almost time! All youth will be asked to help out at our Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 5. Make sure you have signed up for a job with Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Meggs! This is a huge fundraiser that helps our youth take part in mission trips and youth conferences, so we need lots of participation! We hope to see lots of you there!

Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies, remember Andrew Lloyd Webber's, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*? It's one of the all time favorite Bible stories put to music



and dance! Join us for the real down to earth story next Thursday, March 2 at 10-11:30 in the Women in Christ SS class room. And stay for a simple pot luck lunch afterwards. Call Pat Hansen, 864-517-7291, for more info...or just show up and have some fun, prayer and discussion.

What Do Stephen Ministers Do?



Stephen Ministers are members of *John Knox Presbyterian* who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: *Diane Falasco*: diane62255@yahoo.com, 864.416.7043, *Jason Mullis*: jasonsmullis@gmail.com, 864.386.6164



YAH's! Put these Spring Events on Your Calendar

March 21: Tales from Dark Corner told by Dean Campbell. Covered dish lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

April 18: Tour of the Governor's School in the morning followed by lunch at the School.

May 16: Van trip to tour Ashtabula Plantation followed by lunch in downtown Pendleton.

THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Monday, February 27

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, February 2810:00 AM Quilters
11:45 Men's 3x5 Lunch
7:00 PM Volleyball
Boy Scouts**Wednesday, March 1**10:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group
10:30 Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Nurture Committee
5:45 PM Wed. Night Supper
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service
Bell Choir Practice
7:00 Chalice Choir Practice
7:30 Chancel Choir Practice**Thursday, February 2**

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, March 45:00 PM Women's Retreat
Chin Church Gathering**Sunday, March 5**8:45 AM Worship in Chapel
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 PM Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction
1:30 Chin Church Worship

Mailbox

UNITED MINISTRIES

We collected 220 cans of soup at the beginning of February.

Thanks to everyone who took part in this ministry.

If you have not been a part of this, please pick up some soup the next time you are grocery shopping and let us do better than 220 cans.

Thanks,

Kathy Hopkins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February23 - Danielle Marton
24 - Janet Moore, Gene Spence
25 - Glenda Wickstrom, Scott Ferguson, Amanda Littrell, Matthew Littrell, Morgan Littrell, Anna Russell
27 - Charlotte Stewart
28 - Marion Dorsey, Judy Brooks, Allison Broadway
29 - Cathy Tew, William Pelletier, Jack Smallridge**March**

1 - Ralph Kellar



Attendance on February 19:
8:45 - 93
11:00 - 190

Weekly Offering Received: \$18,280.24
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85
YTD Offering Received: \$137,415.71
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$130,694.80

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