



## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

[Genesis 37:14, 12:28](#)

[Genesis 45:1-15](#)

"Redeeming the Family Saga"

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. 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: taco bar including all the fixings, salad bar, dessert.

# Wednesday evening Lenten Series: Being Formed into the Image of Jesus

You are invited to participate in a special five-week Lenten series on Wednesday evenings, March 8 thru April 5.

We begin with the realization that each of us is uniquely created with a spiritual temperament. This temperament is God's gift to us and becomes God's gift to those in the community. Knowing our spiritual temperament helps us realize what spiritual practices naturally attract us and help us mature spiritually.



Each week will focus on spiritual practices that resonate and challenge us as we grow deeper into becoming the image of Christ. Our guest speakers have various spiritual temperaments and will share in personal, practical ways what practices sustain them. This will offer us the basis for our group discussions.

The schedule is as follows:

March 8: Pat Hansen: "Your Spiritual Temperament"

March 15: Phil Hargrove, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville

March 22: Tandy Taylor, Associate Pastor, Triune Mercy Center

March 29: Craig Kubias, Professor at Spartanburg Community College, ordained Presbyterian Minister and JK member

April 5: Tony McDade, Executive Director, United Ministries

You will benefit most from this series if you have taken the Spiritual Temperament Survey that will be a part of the focus on March 8. If you cannot attend the initial March 8 session, email Pat Hansen ([pathansensc@gmail.com](mailto:pathansensc@gmail.com)) for a copy of the Spiritual Temperament Self-assessment.

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

It's finally here! Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service this

Sunday, March 5 for some delicious chili and fun fellowship with your church family. Make sure you visit our Bake Sale for some yummy dessert! Come ready to bid on some fabulous auction items: a beautiful lake house, handmade wooden and crocheted items, beautiful quilts, gift certificates for local restaurants, make up and make up accessories, art pieces, jewelry, various gift baskets, a delicious dinner for six, and more! Be prepared to pay if you win!



If you are bringing a pot of chili, sides, or baked goods, you can drop your items off in the kitchen as early as 8:45 that morning. It helps if baked goods are individually wrapped. There will be places to plug in crock pots to keep your chili warm. Chili chefs will be asked to sign in to receive a number for the chili contest. Lunch will begin at 12:00. Good luck to all of our chefs and we hope you all enjoy this time together!

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## 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!



## Children's Ministry News

### Parents' Night Out

We had a wonderful time at our Parents' Night Out on Friday night. Thanks to all of the children who came and played with us! Thank you also to our fabulous volunteers: Debbie and Paul Smith, Linda Dann, Betsy and Gordon Turnbull, and our youth volunteers Morgan and Matthew Littrell, Carter Moore, Emma Felton and Stuart Sadler.





### Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson this week is "The Forgiving Prince" –the story of Joseph and his brothers from Genesis 37-46. The children are enjoying seeing the videos of these stories each week, and it always helps when they have read the story beforehand. Keep reading your stories at home!

### Children's Choirs

The children will be singing this Sunday, March 5 at both services. If your family attends the 8:45 service, please have your child meet Mrs. Martin in the hallway outside the Chapel at 8:40. If your family attends the 11:00 service, we will pick up the children from Sunday School a few minutes early for practice, and then walk them to the sanctuary to sing at the beginning of the service. Parents can go ahead and get a good seat! At both services, the children will come sit with their parents after they sing. If your child would like to sing at both services, they are welcome to do so! We like having lots of their beautiful voices singing together!



## Youth News

Make sure you are here this Sunday, March 5 to help with our Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction. Youth will help with serving and assisting our guests, selling baked goods, taking donations, and tasting chili! This is a big fundraiser for our youth so we all need to be here to show our appreciation to our congregation for their support.

### Youth Trip Reminders

March 17-19 - Foothills Presbytery High School Retreat at Montreat

June 17-23 – Senior High Mission Trip to Mobile, Alabama

July 10-14 – Senior High Retreat to The Journey Camp in Toccoa Falls, Georgia: Registration for Journey Camp is due by March 31. Parents and Youth: Please check your Youth Newsletter for further details. Contact Susan Felton with any questions.





## CMO Corner

United Ministries thanks John Knox for our monthly food drive with the **NEED now being vegetablesoup**. Soup donations may be dropped off in the outer Narthex in the food baskets. Thank you.

A “**Big Thank You**” for your support in 2016. We want to communicate to you our year-end results and let you know how much your food donations impacted United Ministries last year. This was an incredible year for us. Our donations reached over \$60,000. This would not have happened without the dedicated support of our churches.

In 2016, our pantry provided food to 2000 individual households. The total number of people served reached 4,000. We want you to understand the significance of your food donations this year. Every can or box of food donated doubles in value at United Ministries. When we do not purchase food for our pantry, money can be redirected to other services such as heat, housing or education.

Please share with your members our deep appreciation for their efforts. More importantly, please let them know what a difference they have made in the lives of those who seek our help.

Sincerely,

**Johanne Puckett**

Volunteer Food Coordinator

**United Ministries**

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## John Knox Picnic

John Knox Annual PICNIC  
Sunday, May 7, in front of the Chapel.  
Fun, Food and Fellowship for all ages!  
Caterer: Bald Hawg BBQ  
More information to come!!!



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## Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM, in the Kirk Room. These are some of the items discussed:

- The Session approved the recommendation from CE to hire Jessica Meggs as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (Middle School thru early 20's). She will work part-time until her graduation from Wofford in May and then transition to full time after June 1st.
- Ryan O'Sullivan explained the Budget process and the trimming exercises. He said that they planned to bring the Operating Reserve back to a healthy level. The Session approved the 2017 Budget.
- Jean Baiden spoke for Christian Mission and Outreach. She said that they need to have the new

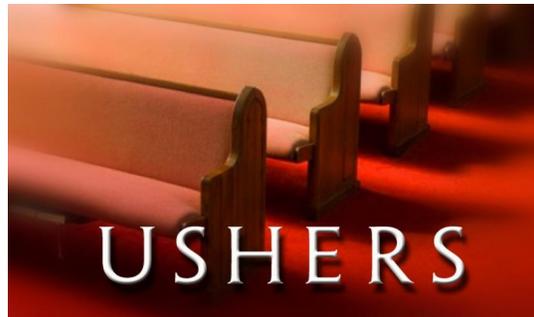
- coordinator for GAIHN in place as soon as possible. Our next week to be the host is April 3rd.
- Jean also reminded folks that the Habitat Build is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 6th.
- Maury Purcell advised for Evangelism that the next Brunch/Information Meeting for prospective members is scheduled for March.
- Steve Meggs reported that Fellowship has decided on May 7th for the Church-wide Picnic. There followed a discussion of whether to ask for a change to one service that day.
- The Session, by common consent, asked the Fellowship Committee to think about what dates should be considered for a combined service and to forward the request to M&W for their approval.
- Cecil Kelley, for Music & Worship, asked and the Session approved Communion at the close of the Women's Retreat.
- The request for replacement robes for the Chancel Choir was discussed. The Choir members have already raised \$ 3,000, but need an additional \$ 1,500. The additional funds may come from the Undesignated Memorial Fund. Cecil will forward a request to Bill Fuller, the chair of the Memorial Committee.
- There has been an offer to donate pew cushions for the Chapel. Jean Baiden will coordinate with the donor and come back to the Session for final approval.
- The cane bottom chairs in the Chapel are being repaired.
- Kitty Olson said that Nurture had a successful training session for the Care Companions.
- Jim Barnett, of Property & Operations, passed out a spread sheet detailing the financial benefits of proceeding with the LED lighting upgrade so that it can be finished before April 1st. The rebate from Duke Energy saves us an additional \$6,000 if we finish early. The committee proposes taking \$ 34,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund, then returning \$ 23,000 from the Duke Rebate program. The net cost of the lighting upgrade will be \$ 10,536 and has a very quick payback in reduced electrical billing. P&O's plan was approved.
- Jim also said that the spring work days scheduled for March 25th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Powers

## Usher Schedule for March

8:45  
Stevie Greene

11:00  
Head Usher: Paul Smith  
Leaders: Jason Mullis; Jennifer Littrell



# THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 6

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
4:00 PM Music & Worship Mtg  
6:00 CMO Meeting

### Tuesday, March 7

10:00 AM Quilters  
6:00 PM PW Coordinating Team  
7:00 Volleyball  
Boy Scouts  
Ladies' Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 8

10:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry

### Thursday, March 9

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

### Friday, March 10

5:30 PM PDO Parents' Night Out

### Saturday, March 11

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

### Sunday, March 12

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary  
12:15 PM CE Meeting  
1:30 Chin Church Worship  
4:30-7:00 Youth Group

5:45 Wed. Night Supper  
6:15 Wed. Night Program  
Bell Choir Practice  
7:00 Chalice Choir Practice  
7:30 Chancel Choir Practice

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## Mailbox

Is John Knox the best church in the land? Oh Yes.

When I had my back surgery, I had friends who took me to the hospital and brought me home.

I had friends cook for me and then cook some more. Friends shopped at the grocery, brought in the mail, did the laundry and did the dishes. I am so thankful. You can't get any better friends than this.

I have more procedures on my back and I pray that this will help with the pain.

Thank you for all your help and all your prayers. I couldn't do it without you.

Love,

Mary Price



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### March

- 2 - Jon Nelson
- 3 - Pat Hansen, Mary Tew, Suzi Kroske
- 4 - Betty Lewis, Cindy Schaaf, Martha Shepherd
- 5 - Elizabeth Jenkins, Will Adams
- 6 - Anita Griggs, Bitsy Cazal, Caroline Ambrose
- 7 - Brenda Fairbanks, Vern Skumautz
- 8 - Pat Grayson, Nancy Powers



### By the Numbers

Attendance on February 26:  
8:45 - 104  
11:00 - 208

Weekly Offering Received: \$12,926.20  
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85  
YTD Offering Received: \$150,341.91  
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$147,031.65

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