



SteepleTalk

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This Sunday's Worship

Living Risen

At the Font

PSALM 87

ROMANS 6:3-14

A Worship Series for Easter Season

What if we lived as if the power of God's love were stronger than the powers that rob us and others of abundant life? What would our lives look like if we trusted the inevitable outcome of God's victory? Assured of God's victory, how much more confidently would we pursue all that is good and beautiful and right and just?

Jesus tells his disciples, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). This series invites us to consider how we might live the life revealed to us in Christ's resurrection.



Wednesday Nights April 18

5:45 - Dinner
Spaghetti with meat sauce, Salad Bar, Garlic Rolls, Dessert

6:15 - Program
Stephen Ministry



K3-5th Grade dismissed for Children's program. Nursery provided.

YAHs! Another Road Trip

YAHs will be hitting the road again APRIL 17th to visit Thornwell Home for Children. Many of you heard Joy Messner speak at WNL a few weeks ago. What a wonderful portrayal of the help and care being given to children without an appropriate home in which to find the nurture and love needed for a

YOUNG AT HEART



healthy childhood. If you missed this program, you will want even more to go to see for yourselves the way Thornwell is making a difference!

We will tour the campus by bus, visit the Chapel, spend time in Ferguson cottage meeting the Cottage Parents and learning how the family unit operates. We will hear about the plans to reopen the on-campus Charter School where new learning techniques will help below grade level kids (and most are very behind) catch up their reading and writing skills. We will visit the Jacobs house where Dr. Jacobs and his wife first took in 10 orphaned children in the 1860's.

Box lunches will be catered to the Campus so we can relax and refresh before starting home. Cost will be \$10- \$12. There will be van transportation provided, but PLEASE call or text to reserve your spot, or you are welcome to drive on your own. The van will depart promptly at 10:30 AM from the church. To reserve, please call Bessie Lee@ 233-5518 or text her@ 447-9504 or call or text LaRue Wait @ 915-0607.



JOHN KNOX WORKDAY

Saturday, April 21

8:00 AM



With the winter months almost behind us, it is time for us to get together for for our annual John Knox Spring Cleaning...

Join us on Saturday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to help beautify our campus.

Bring your favorite yard tool...dippers, rakes, brooms, shovels, and gloves are always useful.

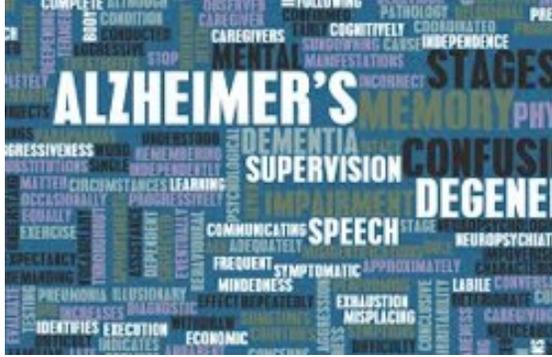
We also have a need for 'inside" cleaning specialists!

Refreshments and snacks will be available.

If needed, Saturday, April 28, will serve as our rain date.

Dementia Series

The final part of our series on dementia will be presented on Sunday, April 29, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Tanya Carter from



the Alzheimer's Association will present Behavior Strategies. Learn how to connect with your loved ones by identifying common triggers and strategies.

P I C N I C

The John Knox annual church picnic will be on Sunday, May 6 after the 10:30 AM morning service. Please make reservations online or turn a reservation card into the church office by April 29.

Donations accepted at serving table. \$7 suggested for BBQ and \$2 suggested for PB&J.

[Click here for picnic reservations...](#)
and don't forget to bring your favorite dessert!



GAIHN



United Ministries

Joining **together** to transform lives.

**Interfaith Host Week is
April 29 - May 6
Volunteers needed!**

Our next week to host homeless families is April 29 - May 6. It is important to check your calendar and sign up early! Please see the list below of volunteer opportunities available and contact Chris Mathews to sign up to share your gifts in this ministry of Interfaith Hospitality (in cooperation with Aldersgate United Methodist Church & First Christian Church). Sunday school classes or small groups may Adopt-a-Day and staff all positions for that day. Where applicable, please note which days volunteers are needed – Sunday, Monday, or Friday.

Set up Guest Rooms on Sunday, April 29 @ 3pm

Reset Guest Rooms on Sunday, May 6 @ 7am

Greeter/Server – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – S M F

Fellowship host – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – S M F

Overnight host – 9:00pm – 7:30am – S M F

Evening meal Preparation – S M F

Chris Mathews 270-1328 or bmathews0@charter.net



Youth Ministry News

Sunday Night Youth Group is BACK!

After a few weeks off for Easter and Spring Break, Youth Group is back in action! Join us on Sunday night in the Youth Center for a time of fellowship, games, dinner, and study. We can't wait to see you!

Jr. Highs—4:30-6

Sr. Highs—5:30-7

Summer Trip Meetings and Deadlines!

We are in the home stretch of the school year and summer trips are just around the corner! Don't forget that all forms and payments for our 2018 trips are due to Jessica by Sunday, April 29th! On the two Sundays leading up to that deadline, all parents are asked to join us for a brief informational meeting regarding our plans, expectations, forms, and other important information for each of those trips. Both meetings will take place in the Youth Center at 12:00, directly following the 11:00 service.

**Summer Trip
Parent Meetings**
in the Youth Center @ 12

Jr. Highs: Sunday, April 15th
Sr. Highs: Sunday, April 22nd

If you can't make
it PLEASE let
Jessica know



Jr. High Parent Meeting—Sunday, April 15th
Sr. High Parent Meeting—Sunday April 22nd
*If you are in need of forms or more information
regarding our trips, contact Jessica
(jimeggs@johnknoxpres.org)

Calling all (soon-to-be) graduates!

What an exciting time of year this is, especially for you! As we close out the school year and approach graduation, we want to take the time to celebrate you and this big accomplishment! You should have received an email earlier this week from Jessica regarding all of the exciting things going on over the next couple of months. If you are a graduating senior and did not receive an email, please get in touch with Jessica (jimeggs@johnknoxpres.org). If you would like to be included in the church publications regarding this year's graduates, please have all of your information and desired picture to Jessica by Monday, April 30! We look forward to celebrating with you in the days to come!



Children's Ministry News

Parents' Night Out

Our Parents' Night Out is this Friday, April 13 from 6:00 to 8:30! For those of you signed up, please have your children meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 and get them signed in. The children will have some games and activities to do until we serve dinner. After dinner, the children will have some activity and recreation time. Our evening will end with a movie for everyone in the Youth Center. Children can be picked up in the Youth Center at 8:30. Any children 3 years old and younger will be with our nursery staff on the PDO hall. We look forward to spending time with your children, and hope that our parents have an enjoyable night out! Please let Susan Felton know if you have any questions! (sfelton@johnknoxpres.org)



Children's Music Program

Our spring "musical burst" of Sunday afternoon choir practices starts this Sunday, April 15. We will have a shortened time this week, meeting from 4:30 -5:00. We will continue our rehearsals the following two weeks, Sunday, April 22 and Sunday, April 29. On these last two dates, we will practice from 4:30 – 5:15. Rehearsals are held each time with Mrs. Martin in the children's choir room. For your convenience, the Narthex doors will be open for arrival and pick up, as well as the doors under the portico at the entrance to the kindergarten hall. We are preparing to sing in church on Sunday, May 6, when we will have a combined worship service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. We would love to have as many children as possible join us so they can add their sweet voices to the worship service. All children K3 – 5th grade are welcome!

Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met at 6:00 PM on March 18, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

- Doug Kroske, one of the two Commissioners to the February 20, 2018 Presbytery Meeting, presented a report of meeting. He said that John Knox PC and our alumni were featured prominently in the day's business, including Rev. David Howell's installation, Justin Cazel's approval as Moderator of McCarter PC's Session, Rev. Darrell Fetzer's retirement, Dr. Joseph Gaston's activities with the Summer Vocation Program, and Russell Harris' efforts with the Border Ministry. Doug said they also heard reports on the 2020 Vision Team and the proposed Protection Policy for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.
- Nancy Grigsby shared the February financial report and led a discussion.
- The Session approved a new Sick Leave update for the Employee Handbook section of the Operations Manual.
- The Session approved the revisions to the Sexual Misconduct Policy section of the Operations Manual.
- Susan Felton reported that lots of children activities are in the works. The ice skating social was on March 18th. The children will process in with the palm fronds on Palm Sunday. The next Parent's Night Out is on April 13th from 6:00-8:30. The children are singing on May 6th. The Family Day at the park is May 20th at Legacy Park.
- Vacation Bible School - Stevie Greene, Jessica Allender, and Susan Felton are well into the planning. They are exploring options for the mini-mission trips for the 4th & 5th graders. Suggestions included Shriner's Hospital, Meyer's Center or an Assisted Living facility. Greer Relief & a John Knox workday will be 2 of the days. Registration forms will be available in April and are due by June 3rd. There is still no fee to attend.
- CE committee is discussing possible uses for the computer lab which is currently not being used.
- Rick Thatcher reported that the Habitat workday will be on April 12th.
- Stevie Greene advised that the Visitor Breakfast was this morning, March 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM.
- Steve Meggs said that Fellowship is discussing Wednesday Night programs and ideas to enhance involvement. They are also tracking the financial status YTD on dinners.
- Plans are well underway for the Church Picnic. They still need volunteers to move tables and chairs. Boy Scouts will be assisting and preparing fruit cobblers on site.
- Cecil Kelley said that plans are well in hand for Lent, including the foot washing for Maundy Thursday, the services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and the fresh flowers for wooden Cross on Easter Morning.
- The Session voted to invite the Greenville Chin Presbyterian Church to join with the John Knox congregation at a combined service on May 6th.
- Kitty Olson reported that over 100 women attended the PW Retreat.
- The first of the Dementia seminars was well received. The 2nd one is scheduled for April 8th.
- The P&O committee recommended and the Session approved a plan to upgrade the area in front of the Chapel. Caleb presented the A/V presentation of a two year phased plan to remove and replace the trees, sod the large island, and repair the parking lot. Nancy Grigsby proposed an amendment to include the sod in the first phase of the work. Kenneth Cates seconded the amendment and the amended motion passed. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve Fund. The Session asked P&O to be sure to communicate adequately with the Congregation about these plans.
- Miller McClintock said the next Work Day will be April 28th
- Jessica Meggs reported on the status of the Youth Programs:
 1. The chili cook-off raised just under \$4,000.
 2. Mini Montreat was March 16th-18th and 12 senior highs and 3 adults went plus 2 PYC members. Logan and Emily were leaders. They came back this afternoon and had a great experience.
 3. Easter Egg Hunt – March 25th from 4:00 – 5:30. Bring candy in by March 21st.
 4. A new movie, 'Parenting Kids in a Digital World' will be previewed on Tuesday.
- Rev. Howell said that after Easter we'll hear from Open Arms Hospice on WN.
- Dr. Turnbull spoke on the concept of Discipleship Ministries.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

- 12 - Barbara Toothman, Natalie Heidrich, Trisha Zoha
- 13 - Steve Doughty, David Smallridge, Christina Zolli
- 14 - Josh Vickery, Carter Schaaf, Lacey Rhodes, Dylan Sims
- 15 - Charlie Boswell, Morgan Aldrich
- 16 - Joan Waddell, Miller McClintock, Jenny Reilly

By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, April 8

8:30 - 58

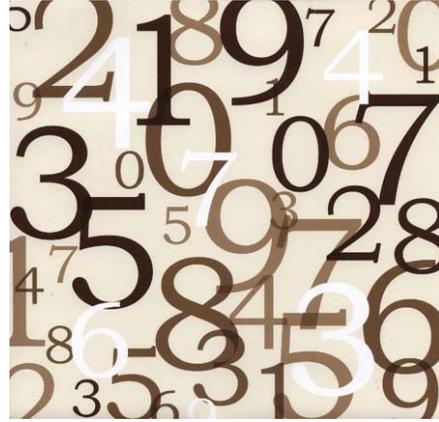
11:00 - 196

Weekly Offering Received: \$21,344.00

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,211.31

YTD Offering Received: \$275,289.03

YTD Budgeted Offering: \$240,958.34



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

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