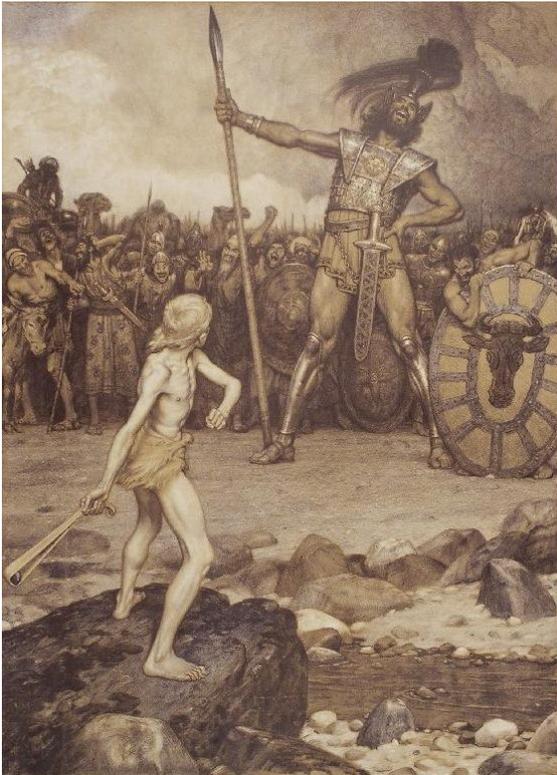




## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

"In the Name of the Living God"

[1 Samuel 17:4-11,35-50](#)

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### One Worship Service and Church Picnic on May 7

Make your reservation now  
for our annual Church Picnic.

Fun, Food and Fellowship for all ages!

Wear your "Picnic Best" to church  
and be ready to enjoy!

Please bring a dessert to share.

Caterer: Bald Hawg BBQ  
DJ: Our own Patrick Rogers  
Games and a bouncy house.

Come one, come all...rain or shine!

The picnic will be in front of the Chapel.  
If it rains, we'll move to the Fellowship Hall.

Reservation cards will be in the pews on April 23  
and 30.



## May 7 Schedule

**9:15 Sunday School**  
**10:30 Worship in Sanctuary**  
**Picnic after worship!**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 14 at 10:50 AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee. The following names will be placed in nomination: **Anna Cain, Jennifer Littrell, Art Baiden, Mike Nichols, Pat Hansen, Anna Kenan, and Matthew Krumins.**

## Interfaith Host Week is May 14-21!

Our next week to host homeless families is May 14-21. 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, May 14 @ 3pm**  
**Reset Guest Rooms on Sunday, May 21 @ 7am**  
**Greeter/Server – 5:00 – 7:00pm – S M F**  
**Fellowship host – 7:00 – 9:00pm – 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](mailto:bmathews0@charter.net)



## 2018 GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

That is not an error - we did say 2018!

The Mission Team has decided that John Knox is not ready for a



trip to Guatemala in 2017. We have not had a great response from you, the congregation, as we look for Team Members. However...we do hear many voices saying that 2018 will be the year.

That is fantastic! Let's start planning now for a really big, really exciting, really powerful experience in Coban next summer. There will be many activities to participate in— stuff for Granma & Granpa, for you strong men & you energetic women, and for you Youth—you guys will be able to see a whole new world-view - and have a pile offun too....like hiking to waterfalls and visiting caves, and hearing monkeyshow! and see volcanoes spout smoke and pick coffee beans and avocados and build buildings... and on and on! So ...keep you eyes pealed for breaking news of GMT2018 !

## COMING ATTRACTION ~

### Young at Hearts (YAHs) and FRIENDS

#### Historic Pinckney House

Our next adventure will be a van trip to Pendleton, SC, on May 16 to tour the historic summer home of Charles Coatsworth Pinckney built before 1830. This residence was the summer retreat from hot summer days and the plague of malaria brought on in the low country by mosquitoes. The house is fully furnished and has expansive porches, oversized windows, and doors and high ceilings reflecting the architecture of a Caribbean plantation house designed for coolness.



In addition, there is a reproduction carriage house with period vehicles; a one-room log cabin of the era, and a slave/tenant farm house - lots to explore and lots of history to learn from our guide provided by the Pendleton Historic Foundation. Lunch will follow at a lovely Pendleton eatery.

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 16

TIME: 10:00 AM (sharp!) board the van in front of the church

COST : \$6.00 for the tour and additional for lunch

RESERVATIONS: PLEASE... Bessie 233-5518; LaRue 675-6172



## Children's Ministry News

#### Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson for this week is "The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant", which tells the well-known story of David and Goliath from 1 Samuel 17. The children will enjoy reading this story at home before we jump into the story during our Sunday School classes.

## Vacation Bible School 2017 – HERO CENTRAL

Our dates for VBS 2017 will be Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28. All children who have completed K4 – 5th grades are invited to come to HERO CENTRAL where they will discover their strength in God through Bible stories, music, art activities, science experiments, recreation and snacks. Our kick-off day will be Sunday afternoon from 5:30 – 7:30 with a family dinner following from 7:30-8:00. Monday through Wednesday, our children will have VBS activities from 5:30 – 8:00. The children will be served a small evening meal during their snack time each day. There is NO FEE for attending Vacation Bible School!



Registration starts this week!! Registration forms will be available on the children's Sunday School halls, outside the Chapel, and in the Narthex. Children must be registered by May 28, so act now and get signed up!

### Parents' Night Out

A reminder that our Children's Ministry program will be offering one more "Parents' Night Out" before we all start our summer activities and vacations. So please make plans for a night out without the kids on Friday, May 19. We will have dinner and activities for children of all ages up to 5th grade from 6:00 – 8:30. There will be a nursery available for children 3 years old and younger. Please RSVP to Susan Felton by May 15 (sfelton@johnknoxpres.org) to let us know if your children will be coming. Check out your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details!



## Youth Ministry News

**Sunday Night Youth Group** – Only two more meetings! Please plan to be here at your regular youth group time on April 30 and May 7 for our last regular youth group meetings before the summer.

**End-of-the-Year Lock-Ins – Friday, May 12** – To celebrate our year together, all youth are invited to our annual Youth Lock-Ins in the John Knox Youth Center. Junior Highs will be at the church from 7:00pm – 11:00pm. Senior Highs will come at 10:00pm, spend the night, and leave Saturday by 9:00am. Stay tuned to your youth newsletters for more details!

**Confirmation Sunday – May 14** – Our class of confirmands have completed their Confirmation classes, and will be giving their statements of faith during both worship services on Mother's Day, May 14. We are very proud of these 8th graders as they make their commitments to living in the Christian faith.

**Graduation Sunday – May 21** – We will celebrate all of our graduates on Sunday, May 21 during our worship services. There will be a reception following the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall to honor these graduates and celebrate their accomplishments. Please make sure you have



submitted information about your graduate to Susan Felton ([sfelton@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:sfelton@johnknoxpres.org)) so that they can be properly recognized.

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## A Powerful Easter Reminder

By: Erin Mehagan

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated our resurrected Savior, His defeat over death and rejoiced in this good news. Adding to the sacredness of this holy occasion for me: Piper wore a dress originally made for me by my grandmother. Livi started this Easter family tradition in 2013, Elle continued it in 2015 and this year was Piper's turn.

My grandma was a tremendous part of my life before she passed away when I was 11 years-old, and seeing my girls with a physical piece of her leaves me in an emotional puddle. When I look at them in this dress, I see my grandma standing in a store looking through piles of fabric until she found the perfect one. I see her taking my little measurements to make sure it would fit, sitting at her sewing machine stitching each piece together, adding lace to the collar and sleeves, a bow to the front, until it was all just right. Her time, her hands, and her heart are all over this dress.



It's undeniably powerful that this real, touchable connection to someone so important to me who has passed away, comes to life on Easter Sunday. The day that God promises to us that death does not have the final word. That my goodbye to my grandma 23 years ago was not a goodbye at all – but a mere see you later. Eternal life awaits those who believe and there will one day be a reunion between me and my grandmother. That is incredibly awesome in every sense.

I am infinitely humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made for me and deeply grateful for this powerful reminder of the gift of eternal life – a reminder that, of all places, came in the form of a dress for a little girl. May we all open our eyes to the gifts and reminders God sends to each of us in the moments we need them most.

*This is an excerpt from a family blog Erin maintains that documents and recounts her hectic family life. You can read more at [www.blogspot.mehagan.com](http://www.blogspot.mehagan.com).*

Photo caption: Livi, Elle and Piper wearing the dress made by their great grandmother for Easter in 2013 (Livi), 2015 (Elle) and 2017 (Piper).

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THE  
WEEK  
AHEAD

**Monday May 1**

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

**Tuesday, May 2**

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

**Wednesday, May 3**

10:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Group  
 10:30 Staff Meeting  
 5:00 PM Nurture Committee  
 6:15 Bell Choir Practice  
 7:30 Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 4**

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

**Saturday, May 6**

5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

**Sunday, May 7**

9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary  
 After worship Church-wide picnic  
 Chin Church Worship  
 1:30 PM Youth Group  
 4:30-7:00

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**April**

27 - Shannon Pratt, Martha Wright  
 28 - Sarah Margaret Pratt  
 29 - Jacob deMaine  
 30 - Mark Britt, Jack Greiner

**May**

1 - Katherine Gutierrez, Millie Gettig  
 2 - Jake Smith  
 3 - Dylan Russell, Jackson Campbell

**By the Numbers**

Attendance on Sunday, April 23

8:45 - 89  
 11:00 - 213

Weekly Offering Received: \$35,978.20

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85

YTD Offering Received: \$316,867.32

YTD Budgeted Offering: \$277,726.45

Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to [mscott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:mscott@johnknoxpres.org). For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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