



SteepleTalk

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in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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Church Picnic

Save the Date: Church-wide Picnic on the church grounds on May 22, right after the 11:00 service. Bald Hawg BBQ is catering. Dress for both is casual.



Please bring your dessert donations for the picnic to the FELLOWSHIP HALL prior to the 11:00 am Workshop Service on Sunday, May 22. The Fellowship Committee sincerely appreciates your generosity!



Congregational Meeting on May 22

A Congregational Meeting has been called on Sunday, May 22, during the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect our 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. There will be one worship service at 11:00 AM on May 22.

The nominees are:
Moderator - Jim Barnett

Elder - Kitty Olson

Choir - Lois Bell

PW - Debbie Smith

Sunday School - Kemper Kenan

WNL - Tommy Dowling

Youth - Patrick Kress

ex-officio - Gordon Turnbull, Joseph Gaston

This Sunday's Worship:

Scripture Lessons

[Psalm 8](#)

[Romans 5:1-5](#)

Gordon Turnbull

Click [here](#) to preview the bulletin.

There will be **one** worship service at 11:00 AM this Sunday.

Commissioning of Ministry Interns:

Bette Klauber with John Knox

Jessica Meggs with Greer Relief

Lal Tan with medical related ministries



All are invited to Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship

Come join in for a cup of coffee and community every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School Opportunities for Everyone!

The dates for VBS this year are Sunday, June 12 – Wednesday, June 15. Sunday's activities are from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, we will meet from 9am – 12:15 PM. It takes many volunteers to make this week a success. Even if you don't have a child attending VBS, we would love to get you involved! Here are some ways you can help:

- Pray for our VBS leaders, volunteers and children (before and during VBS)
- Bring in snacks for VBS volunteers (during



VBS)

- Drive and supervise 4th and 5th graders on daily Mini-Mission trips (during VBS)
- Assist class leader (during VBS)
- Help with cutting/stapling/assembling projects at home (before VBS)
- Serve as a Crew Leader - leading a group of children to their activities (during VBS)
- Help decorate on Saturday, June 11 (day before VBS)
- Bring donations* for a designated Mini-Mission (during VBS)

(Suggested donations for a Mini-Mission will be announced in the Steeple talk soon!)

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please let us know! We will have a VBS table set up at the church picnic this Sunday, May 22 where you can volunteer to help out! Or contact Susan Felton in the church office (244-0453) or email at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org.



Stock the Pantry Mission Project

Sunday, May 22 is the last day for donations for the Mayer family. Our grocery bags are almost full, and we will be able to deliver lots of helpful household items to the family when they move into their new house this summer. If you still want to donate any household goods, please place them in the bags or baskets located in the Narthex by this Sunday. Thank you all so much for helping us fill up their pantry!

YOUTH NEWS

We will have a brief meeting this Sunday, May 22 for parents of any youth going to Jacksonville this summer. We will meet in the Youth Center immediately following the 11:00 service to give parents some important information concerning the trip, as well as get contact information and permission forms signed. The meeting will be short so that everyone can get to the church picnic for some BBQ! See you there!



KIDS NEWS



Vacation Bible School

This Sunday, May 22 is the last day to get registered for VBS 2016! Registration is required so make sure you pick up a form in the hall outside the chapel, or from the bulletin boards on the kindergarten and Kids' Club hallways. We will also have a VBS table set up at the church picnic this Sunday for your convenience. [You can even download a form right here!](#) Our children will be ready to "CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE" during a fun-filled week of bible stories and activities. (No VBS fee this year.) The week will kick off on Sunday, June 12 with VBS activities from 3:00 – 6:00 PM, followed by a family dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We will follow that with three more fun days of learning about God's love. Monday - Wednesday hours will be 9am until 12:15 PM. Dinner reservations can be made on the registration forms, but you don't have to pay until you come to eat! Please contact Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org with any questions. **We can't wait to see you at VBS!**

Lost & Found

Please stop by the church office through the month of May to check our lost and found. Many umbrellas, jackets, and miscellaneous items have accumulated. At the end of May, we plan to donate those items that have not been claimed. Thank you!



Jean Fontaine Commissioned as Accompanier in Columbia

Leaders in the Presbyterian Church of Colombia are taking great risks in their human rights work and their support of the communities of Colombians who have been displaced by the violence of the forty-year war in their country. They have asked US Presbyterians to act as international accompaniers in order to provide a measure of safety—international eyes—for their work.

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is working with PC(USA) World Mission and the Presbyterian Church of Colombia to train and deploy short-term mission workers to Colombia. To date over 150 volunteers have been trained, over 100 of which have served. Jean Fontaine and her husband Steve Doughty served as short term volunteers in 2009.

On Sunday, May 15, Jean Fontaine was commissioned at the Early Service to serve as a volunteer for the month of June. Her fellow accompanier will be Lynne Santangelo, a friend whom Jean has known for fifty years, since the time of Peace Corps training in 1966. They will begin their time in Apartadó, in the northwest region where most people know firsthand the realities of displacement brought about by five decades of civil war and brutal campaigns to remove small landholders and farmers from their land. During the month, they'll remain in the Urabá area, visiting different church groups.

As accompaniers, Jean and Lynne will accompany the Colombian Presbyterian Church as **they** do their work in support of victims of violence. The hosts will share their homes, meals, time. The hosts will also share their work, their past and present stories. The PCUSA volunteers live among them, accepting their hospitality, listening to what they have to say, experiencing for a short time their reality of the present. Then Jean and I will come home and share with us what she saw, heard, and experienced. We look forward to hearing from Jean of how God is at work in Columbia to break the cycles of violence!

Pray for One Another

IN HOSPITAL

- Nona Beeson

AT HOME

- Jim Barnett

- Mary Stall
- Eloise Miller
- Barbara Trammell
- June McAbee
- Rick Turner

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- Jennifer Hardee
- Tim Bash
- Tommy Lanier
- Charlie Pratt
- Nellie Campbell
- Joseph Feleen



SYMPATHY

- to Amy Leidheiser upon the death of her aunt Ginny on May 8.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to John Knox Facilities Manager Caleb Stephens and his wife Lauren upon the birth of daughter, Hollis Ashley, on May 18.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

19 - Laura Adams

20 - Evelyn Pollard, Jim Herd

22 - Perrin Kreidler, Evan Miller

23 - Marianne Bolton, Alex McCutcheon

24 - Jenna Livingston

25 - Doug Brown, Mike Starnes

By the Numbers

Attendance on May 15

8:45 - 60

11:00 - 219



FINANCIAL UPDATE: 5/15/16

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$20,875.65

Expense Budget YTD: \$356,540.00

Offering Received YTD: \$313,090.09

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