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This Sunday's Worship

"The Jonah Syndrome"

[selected verses from Jonah](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

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Summer Option for Adult Sunday School

All adults are welcome to join in a summer class gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Each Sunday's lesson will follow our study schedule from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*. This week's lesson, "God's Messenger," is based on Jonah 1-4 and Hebrews 1:1-2.

Some classes are choosing to continue meeting in their classrooms. Check with your class leaders to see whether your class is doing so. If not, please join us for the large group in the Fellowship Hall.



Collections for Vacation Bible School Mission Work

Each year, our 4th and 5th graders participate in local mini-missions as part of their Vacation Bible School experience. This year, we are taking up collections for the Daily Bread Ministries in Greer. Daily Bread Ministries is a non-profit, charitable organization that was founded in 1990. Their mission is to feed the hungry and help end homelessness in the Greer community. Our VBS children will collect, sort, and deliver "Care Packages" that the center can give to those people in need of basic items for their everyday life. We are asking our congregation to donate the items listed below. There will be a collection basket in the Narthex to place your items.



Hotel-size shampoo
Combs
Razors
Toothpaste
Soaps
Towels
Washcloths
Deodorant
Lip balm
Hand sanitizer
Mouth wash

Small snack items and packages of crackers
that can be handed to clients

They also accept donations for cold weather: scarves, gloves, and coats.
We will be collecting items from now until Monday, June 26. Thank you for your donations that will allow us to help the needy in our community.



Sunday School

We will be combining our K3, K4, and K5 children into one class for the summer. All preschool children will meet in the K5 classroom for Sunday School starting this Sunday, June 4. Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson this week will be "God's Messenger", which tells the story of Jonah and the whale from Jonah 1 – 4 and Hebrews 1:1-2. I'm sure your children will enjoy reading this familiar Bible story with you!

Vacation Bible School – Hero Central

We are still accepting registrations for Vacation Bible School, but please get these turned in to the church office as quickly as possible. We are making our final lists! Registration forms are available on the children's Sunday School halls, outside the Chapel, in the Narthex, and by [clicking here](#). There is NO FEE for attending Vacation Bible School!!

Vacation Bible School 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. Reservations are required for dinner – you can make your reservation on your VBS registration form. There will be suggested meal donations of \$6 per adult and \$4 per child with a \$15 family maximum. Donation baskets will be available that night. 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.



Youth Ministry News

This week, we welcome Jessica Meggs as she comes on board full-time as our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Jessica will be in the office starting Thursday, June 1, and will be busy getting ready for our summer youth trips. Please stop by and welcome Jessica! We are so glad to have her!!



Attention, Ladies!

Ladies, looking for a summer Bible Study? Somewhere to drop in when you are home? Havesome laughs, discussion and prayer support?

Join us as we follow the schedule with the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. Each Thursday we discuss the story that Gordon will be preaching on Sunday. It's helpful to go to church on Sunday after thinking about the lesson on Thursday.

We meet every Thursday; 10-11:30 am in the "Women In Christ" Sunday School classroom. For more information contact Pat Hansen:

Mailbox

We start by saying how much we appreciate your food donations for the first quarter of 2017. Our donations were down in the first quarter but through a food donation from Loaves and Fishes and grant from Walmart, our shelves have been full.

Through April, 2017, we provided food to 621 individual households. The total number of people served reached 1,200. In addition to the food distributed, we have provided financial stabilization for utilities, rent and heat to 544 individual households.

In our previous emails, we shared with you how each can or box of food doubles in value at United Ministries. When we don't purchase food, money can be redirected to our other programs such as heat, housing or education.

We estimate the food obtained through the Walmart grant will be gone by the end of July. Knowing our summer donations will drop, it is important we have your continued support during this time.

In closing, we again thank you for your donations. We have attached two posters with our new logo "Transforming Lives".



Johanne Puckett

Volunteer Food Coordinator

United Ministries

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, June 5

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
2:00 PM Ladies' Retreat Planning
4:00 Music & Worship Mtg
6:00 CMO Meeting

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Nurture Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 8

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, June 10

1:30 PM Chin Church Gathering

Sunday, June 11

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
12:15 PM CE Meeting
1:00 Chin Church Worship
7:00 Deborah Circle

Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM, in the Kirk Room for their regular monthly meeting. These are some of the items discussed:

- The Clerk shared the report of the successful audit of our records by Foothills Presbytery.
- The Session received a request from Bryan and Katie Schaaf Kelley for the Baptism of their son, Bryan III, on June 11, 2017.
- The LED lighting upgrade is complete and the rebate of \$ 22,437.86 has been deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund.
- The new security camera system has been installed. The cameras can be monitored from Mandy's or Caleb's offices.
- The Session approved the use \$ 13,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to install a card access system and rekey the entire campus.
- Danny reported that they are making good progress on the HR Manual (Nancy Grigsby) and the Sabbatical Policy (Kenneth Cates).
- Ryan reported that April was much healthier financially than March. The pledge offering is about 21% over budget and committees are doing a great job of keeping down spending.
- Susan Felton reminded folks that Rally Day will be August 20th.
- The interest in a common adult S/S class for the summer was discussed. It is optional, 11 weeks long, and will use 'The Jesus Storybook Bible' as its curriculum.
- CE is looking to add another nursery worker, as attendance continues to grow.
- The first group of 17 volunteers for VBS has been reviewed and approved.
- 19 youth are going on the summer mission trip to Mobile in June. Jessica Meggs, Linda Dann, Sandra Moore, Jim Barnett, and John Turnbull (Gordon's son) have all been approved as the chaperones.
- The GAIHN week was a success. The family that stayed with us found new housing yesterday.
- Since there is likely no mission trip to Guatemala this year, CMO is considering sending the budgeted funds as financial support for the missionaries.
- The Session approved the request from Sandy Garrett and her team, Greer Middle College Charter High School, to use our Gym for basketball practice.
- Maury shared Evangelism's ideas for the virtual pictorial directory. They passed around a sample page that Mandy has already completed. The Session reaction was overwhelmingly positive.
- Steve Meggs of Fellowship reported that there were about 300 folks at the Church Picnic on May 7th. It was a great success.
- Jeanne Peak and M&W are still working on adjustments to the Early Service time and the impact on the Sunday School hour. The committee proposed three plans for the Session to think about.
- The Session approved M&W's request to remove the old organ in the Chapel.
- The Session approved M&W's request to proceed with the purchase of new choir robes once the cost is fully covered.
- Jason Mullis spoke with the Session about improving communications between the Care Companions and their Elders.
- They are already gathering names of folks to participate in the WNL Dinner Ministry this fall.
- Amy Leidheiser is busy keeping up with sending literature out to those that are grieving in our church family.
- Seven people have volunteered for the planning team for the memory loss and aging programs for the fall. The seminar on aging will be on October 22nd.
- Nurture folks are excited about plans for a respite care program.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session



Staff Anniversary

Lane Moore
16 Years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

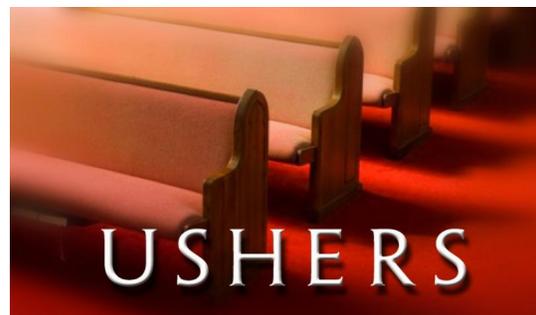
June

- 1 - Calvin Kinnard
- 2 - Jack Walter, June Grinnell, Betty Ward, Ellen Griffith, Kathryn Purcell
- 3 - Michael Wells
- 4 - Michael Osborne
- 5 - Chuck Hardy
- 6 - Tim Gardner, Amelia Cain, Hunter Segars, Nolan Segars
- 7 - Noah Fowler

June Ushers

8:45
Amy Leidheiser

11:00
Head Usher- John Brumley
Leaders - Doug Kroske, Jon Nelson





By the Numbers

Attendance on 5/28/17:

8:45 - 48

11:00 - 150

Weekly Offering Received: \$6,843.00

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85

YTD Offering Received: \$407,352.72

YTD Budgeted Offering: \$359,410.70

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

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