



SteepleTalk

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This Sunday's Worship



"The Pilgrimage"

Matthew 2:1-12

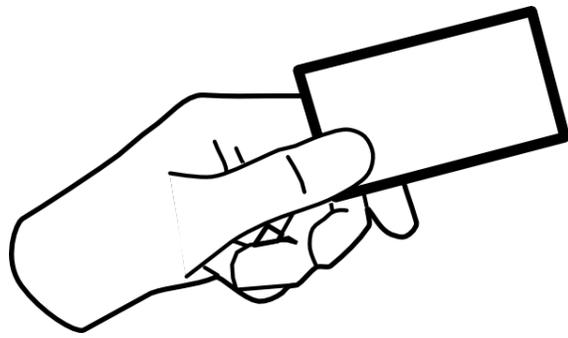
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John Knox Welcomes Tami Wall as Kindergarten Director

On Sunday, June 25, our Session voted to hire a new Director of John Knox Kindergarten and Parents' Day Out. Tami Wall returns to John Knox, where she previously served as Director of Christian Education (1997-2001) and as a John Knox Kindergarten teacher (1992-97). She has served most recently as the Director of the Child Development Center at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Taylors, where she has served since 2008.

Tami has big shoes to fill, as Laurie Davis concludes her strong eighteen-year leadership of John Knox Kindergarten/PDO. She recognizes the excellence of this program and is motivated to serve with the gifts God has given her. Tami begins her ministry on July 10. May God bless her ministry with us, for the good of all the children and families God calls us to serve through the John Knox Kindergarten and Parents' Day Out.

Changes to Improve Church Access and Security



During the week of July 10-14, we will be rekeying our buildings and installing electronic access at major entrances. The need for these changes is great: over the years we have distributed over 185 master keys, any of which can open any of our 31 different entrances! Through the leadership of Caleb Stephens, our Facilities Manager, the Property & Operations Committee has developed a plan that streamlines and standardizes our access. The plan reduces the number of keyed entrances and rekeys those doors.

After July 10, our current keys into the buildings will no longer function. For worship, programs, events and meetings on the church calendar, doors will be scheduled to open at main entrances with electronic controls. Individuals needing independent access to the church for their ministries will be offered magnetic key cards instead of mechanical keys to use at one of the main entrances.

The new electronic entry system will make access easier for those who need it, and the system will protect us better against those who do not belong. If you wish to request a key card or have any questions about this changeover, please contact the church office. Thanks to everyone for your understanding and cooperation as we make these necessary changes.

Capital Campaign Concludes This Month

Our Forward in Faith Capital Campaign is nearing the finish line! John Knox undertook this effort in 2014 to address significant needs for its facilities. In 2015 we installed a new HVAC system with state-of-the-art equipment and electronic controls. The church now enjoys more efficient service with significant savings in utility costs—good stewardship of both natural and financial resources.

In 2016 we replaced roofs and gutters throughout the church. Attending to this item remedied some damage to fascia as well as the ceiling of the sanctuary. And significant landscaping and tree work last fall has improved moisture control around the sanctuary and educational building, as well as enhancing the look of our beautiful campus.

The Forward in Faith Campaign officially concludes at the end of this month. To date we have received \$909,555—about 93% of the total amount initially pledged. The measure of our success depends on our responses: if each person fulfills his or her pledge and if extra gifts come in, above and beyond the pledges, we can reduce our indebtedness and strengthen the church's ministry moving forward.

I am reminded that the facilities of our church are not an end in themselves. Rather, they are a means by which we can offer an ambitious ministry that invites and engages people in the life of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the vision of our leaders who called us to deep commitment in this campaign, and to you for responding to that call with generous giving. I pray that we reach the finish line with such energy that we have even greater momentum to move forward in faith!

Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort may submit your gift to the church office. Please indicate "capital campaign" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous commitment!

Faithfully yours,
Gordon



We had lots of Superheroes with us during Vacation BibleSchool! Can you guess the men behind these masks??



Daily Bread Ministries Donations

Thank you to our churchfamily for the tremendous outpouring of donations for our Vacation Bible SchoolMini Missions project! With your generous donations, our 4th and 5thgraders were able to make 82 individual care packages of personal care itemsthat will be used to help some of our most needy neighbors. We had so many itemsdonated, we will also be able to help Daily Bread Ministries stock their shelveswith many more basic items that they can have on hand to serve the community. Thankyou again for your generous donations, and for helping our children see firsthand how the smallest gifts can make the biggest difference!



Children's Ministry News

Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson this week will be "The King of AllKings", which continues the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the WiseMen. The children have enjoyed talking about the Christmas story during June!Have fun reading this next part of the story with your family.

Vacation Bible School

Hero Central was a blast! We had such a wonderful week with all of our superheroes as we talked about the gifts God gives us that enable all of God's children to be heroes to others. A big thank you to Stevie Greene and Jessica Allender, our superhero VBS Directors, for hours of planning and preparation for this week! Thank you to our fabulous volunteers who served as Group Captains and Class Leaders. Thank you to our assistants and floaters who helped us make sure everything was running smoothly each day. We were very thankful to have 23 of our dedicated youth helping out and being heroes to our younger children. And finally, THANK YOU to our families for sharing your children with us this week. As the kids have been saying all week: DO GOOD! SEEK PEACE, AND GO AFTER IT!



Youth Ministry News

Our Senior Highs are back in town recovering from a wonderful week of service and fellowship with one another! Be sure to stop them and ask them about their trip if you see them around, they have plenty of stories to share about the work we did and the memories we made together!

A big THANK YOU to Sandra Moore, Doug Kroske, and John Turnbull for sacrificing a week of their time and responsibilities at home to love and lead our students! They offered wisdom, provided laughter, maintained sanity, and made the trip possible- serious rockstars!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 6

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, July 8

1:30 PM Chin Church Gathering

Sunday, July 9

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 PM Chin Church Worship
7:00 Deborah Cirde

Ushers for July

8:45
Amy Leidheiser

11:00
Head Usher - Paul Smith
Leaders - Kitty Olson and Rick Thatcher



Ushers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June

30 - Bryan Cain, Billy Weekes

July

- 1 - Paul Smith, Scott Campbell
- 2 - Kenny Bridwell, Beth Horton, Joey Powell
- 3 - Justin Cazel, Ashley Schloss, Will Cazel, Sarah ClaireMullis
- 4 - Peter Oak
- 5 - Gerry Hamby, Emory Burns

By the Numbers

Attendance on 6/25/2017

8:45 - 82
11:00 - 203

Weekly Offering Received: \$19,330.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85
YTD Offering Received: \$464,980.12
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$424,758.10



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