



SteepleTalk

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

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Please join us this Sunday for Rally Day, as we gather to commemorate the official opening of the Christian Education year. We'll begin this intergenerational event at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to bring your favorite morning meal dishes to share as early as 8:30 AM. We'll discuss the upcoming learning opportunities available in Sundayschool classes, small groups, and Wednesday Night Live programming for adults and children of all ages. We'll thank the previous year's Sunday School teachers and commission the new teachers. The children will meet their new teachers, but they will not move up to their new Sunday school class until **StepUp Sunday** which is **Sunday, August 28**. The breakfast and informational session will be followed by a combined church service that begins at 10:30 AM. (There will **not** be an 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service on Rally Day.) This is our opportunity to rally together with enthusiasm, as we re-center and re-commit as God's people in worship and service for our Lord! Volunteers are needed and very much appreciated, so please call or email Sandra Moore at 864-907-4004 or mooresandrab@hotmail.com if you are willing to help!

Rally Day Worship 10:30 AM Sanctuary

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)

[Mark 10:13-16](#)

"The View from Down Here"

Gordon Turnbull

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This Sunday's Schedule: 9:00 AM Breakfast and Rally Day Program in Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary



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of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Begins August 28

Open the rich treasury of God's blessings through this beautiful Biblical letter. Discover God's plan for the world and how you are called to share in it. Get your study guide, explore this stirring message, and come to worship each Sunday prepared to be blessed!

Men's Ministry

Football is almost here! Football kickoff Thursday, September 1!

Corn Hole and tailgating and first football games of the year!

Stay tuned for details!



Kids' News



Children's Choirs

Our children will be singing at the beginning of the worship service this Sunday, August 21. All K3-K5 and elementary children are welcome to join us. They have all been practicing their songs during Sunday School this summer. Remember Sunday is Rally Day, so the children will be singing at our combined worship service at 10:30 in the sanctuary. We will call for the children towards the end of the Rally Day program in the Fellowship Hall to go

practice with Mrs. Martin. We will walk them into the sanctuary to sing, and they will come sit with their parents in the pews when they are finished singing. We hope lots of our children will join us!

Calling All 1st Graders!

As the new school year begins, our new 1st graders will start staying for the worship service each Sunday instead of going to Children's Church. After Rally Day, these children will still be invited to come to the front of the church for "Time for Children" each Sunday, but will then return to their seats in the pews and stay with their parents throughout the service. This is a big adjustment for some, including the parents! In order to help prepare the children to sit through the service and help make it a good experience for everyone, we will be having a special 1st Grade Worship Training Class. Starting Sunday, August 28, all 1st graders are invited to leave the worship service after "Time for Children" and attend this 3-week class. The class will meet again on September 11 and September 18. (Note - No class on September 4!) The class will meet during both services. If your family attends the early service, Susan Felton will meet the children in the hall outside the chapel after "Time for Children" and walk them to the classroom. If you attend the late service, Mrs. Susan will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary. We will meet in Mrs. Britt's K4 classroom on the kindergarten hall. We will be in that classroom until the service is over each of these 3 Sundays, and parents can pick up their 1st graders there after church. Your child should have received a letter inviting them to this class! Please let the church office know if you have a 1st grader and have not received a letter!



This class was not offered for last year's 1st graders, so if there are any rising 2nd graders that would like to attend the 1st Grade Worship Training class, they are welcome!

Attention 3rd Graders

We will be presenting new Bibles to our rising 3rd graders at our Rally Day Celebration on August 21. This is a long-standing tradition at John Knox, and we hope each of our 3rd graders can be here to receive their Bible. These presentations will be part of the Rally Day program that will take place in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:00am. This is different than in the past when we made these presentations during the worship service. Your child should have received a letter inviting them to be present for this important event. Please let the church office know if you have a third grader and did not receive a letter!



And please make sure your 3rd grader is here for the Rally Day program in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am on August 21!!

Youth News

Remember that we will not have Sunday School on August 21 so that we can all spend time together at the Rally Day Celebration in the Fellowship Hall. August 28 is Step-Up Sunday! Our new 6th graders will join the Junior Highs in the Youth Center for Sunday School, and our new 9th graders will begin meeting with the Senior Highs!



Recognition of New Youth

We will be recognizing our rising 6th and 9th graders at our Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, August 21. Our new 6th graders will now be Junior Highs and become part of the John Knox Youth Group, and our new 9th graders will now be Senior Highs! This is a good time to recognize these important transitions for our youth. Remember - Rally Day starts at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please make sure your youth is here so that they can come forward and be recognized. Note that this will be during the Rally Day program in the Fellowship Hall instead of during the worship service, as it has been done in the past. If you are new to John Knox and have a middle or high school student, or if you just want to make sure we have your child's name on our youth lists, please contact Susan Felton in the church office at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org. We're looking forward to a great year with the John Knox Youth Group!

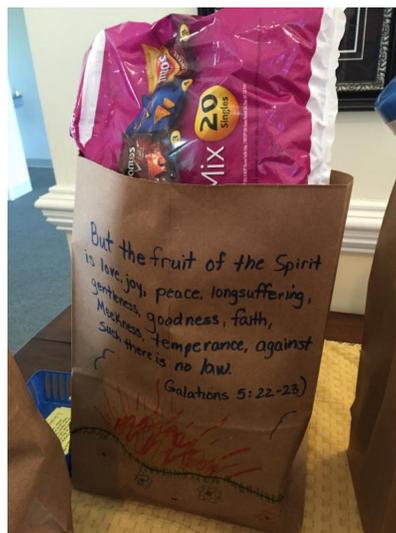
Welcome Back Parties

We hope all of our youth are planning on coming to our Youth Welcome Back Parties this Sunday, August 21. We will gather at Foxcroft Pool for some swimming, snacks, and fellowship. Junior Highs will gather at the pool from 2:30 – 4:00, and the Senior Highs will be together from 4:30 – 6:00. Please check your Youth Newsletter that was sent out recently so you know what to bring! What a great way to kick off our new school year!



Happy Habitat News

As part of our last "Wednesday Night Live" back in April, we held a "Stock the Pantry" event for the Mayer family who moved into the Habitat house that John Knox helped build. As usual, our church family was more than generous, and we gathered over 30 bags of groceries. This past week, with the help of Art Baiden and Emma Felton, we delivered these groceries to the Mayer family. The mother was overjoyed at the amount of groceries she received, and said "THANK YOU" many, many times to our church! Thank you for your generosity to such a wonderful cause!





Come see us!

Ten Thousand Villages is celebrating 10 successful years in Greenville and John Knox was essential to the opening of the nonprofit, Fair Trade store now at 207 North Main. On Saturday, September 24, Ten Thousand Villages is coming to your church to thank you for your enthusiastic support with a Trunk Sale from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at John Knox's annual Craft Bazaar. Trunk Sales are the roots of Ten Thousand Villages. Seventy years ago, our founder, Edna Ruth Byler, purchased embroidery pieces from underemployed women artisans from Puerto Rico while visiting. When she returned to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, she sold them to church women from the trunk of her car.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 19 - Sarah Lowrance, Guy Palmer, Annalynn Barnett, Eric Falasco
- 20 - Robert Wilson
- 21 - Bess Smith, Amy Bridwell, Palmer Gailey
- 22 - Bob Carson, Melissa Waltman
- 23 - Carol Kendall, Brett Weaver
- 24 - Charles Robertson

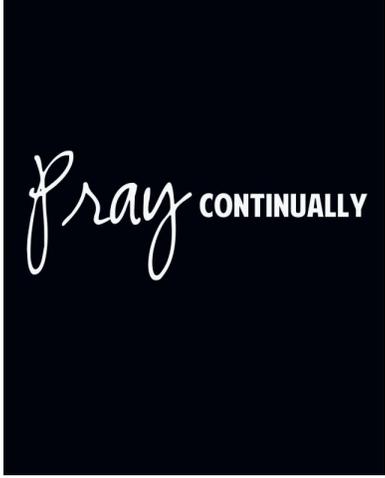
Pray for One Another

AT HOME

- Frances Blue
- Gene & Nancy Coggin
- Carol Kendall
- Steve Krumins
- Ken Thiess

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Gay Beaumont



- Donnie Brown
- Ellen Clark
- Mark Hale
- Bryan Hollis
- Dr. Al Ivester
- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- Doris Jean Peak
- Janet Potter
- Kirsten and Justin Robertshaw
- John Sewell

CELEBRATION

- Bryan 'Douglas' Kelley, III born to Katie and Bryan Kelley on August 6. Grandparents are Danny and Julie Schaaf.

SYMPATHY

- **Alena and Bill Patterson** in the recent death of Alena's mother, Svetlana Kotava; Belarus
- Kathie White upon the death of her mother, Grace Rietze, on August 15; Syracuse, NY

MILITARY DEPLOYED

- ENS Erick Sewell, USN aboard USS George Bush

By the Numbers

Attendance on August 14:
8:45: 50
11:00: 188

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00
Weekly Offering Received: \$12,583.00
Expense Budget YTD: \$588,291.00
Offering Received YTD: \$494,725.90



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