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Georgia '17

This Sunday's Worship

"Making All Things New"

[John 21:1-18](#)

Church to Host Seminar on Aging and Memory Loss

This Sunday, John Knox will host a seminar for the community on Aging and Memory Loss. The event is planned for 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Our Nurture Committee envisions this event as a way to equip members of our congregation and community with helpful information about conditions that affect a growing segment of society. Featured will be two John Knox members—**Anna Cain**, Executive Director of The Crossings at Five Forks, and **Karen Nichols**, Executive Director of the Foothills Presbyterian Community in Easley. They will be joined by Jamie Guay, Program Director with the Alzheimer’s Association in Greenville. Topics will include types of dementia, support programs for families, and other resources available within our community.

We are publicizing this event widely, in the hope of reaching many in our community who may need information, resources, or encouragement. Make plans now to attend this seminar, and please invite anyone you know who may benefit from this time of learning.!

[Register Here](#)

There will be no Wednesday Night dinner or programs this Wednesday due to our Fall Fest.



FALL FEST ON OCTOBER 25

It's everyone's favorite time of year! The annual John Knox Fall Fest will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, from 5:30 – 7:15 PM. Come join us as we celebrate the Fall season, raise money for our youth programs, and spend time in fellowship with one another! A hotdog dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 followed by a night of bounce houses, carnival games, trunk-or-treat, and other festive Fall activities. To make this fun event possible, we need your help! All church members are invited to participate in “Trunk or Treat” which will be held from 6:45 – 7:15 in the lower parking lot. Decorate your car, put on your best costume, and hand out candy to the parade of children! What a great way to put a smile on their faces and on your own. Donations of candy and small prizes are also greatly appreciated! You can drop these off in Jessica Meggs’ office any time before October 25.

Where Stewardship Begins

In the next day or so most of us will receive a mailing from the church regarding our stewardship. We are beginning our campaign for 2018 Mission Funding and Stewardship. The booklet you will receive will share information on the church’s mission and our plans for the coming year. I hope that the materials help us to discern how God is calling us to support Christ’s mission through the ministry of John Knox.

But I want to invite us to go deeper. Underneath the church’s programs and ministries, beneath the budget and the pledges, there is a deeper story unfolding. The story of people called to follow Jesus Christ who are growing in that identity and practice. Of the church united in the Spirit of Christ to embody



our fellowship for the blessing of the world. Of individual people encountering the living God, trusting their lives to Him, and discovering the new life that is free, gracious, and abundant.

As we begin this season I am praying earnestly for each of you, and for all of us. I pray that we will use this time of stewardship to focus our lives on the depth of the riches of God's grace to us. And I invite each of you to pray as well: for the deeper work to which we are called and richer gifts God wants to give us. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to call us into greater commitment and more faithful use of that which we receive. Pray for individual hearts deepened and challenged and stretched to live out our faith more fully.

God directs—and already knows—where this mission funding campaign will end. Of course we all hope that our mission plans receive complete funding for 2018, with more people participating, more funds dedicated, and more ministry accomplished. We cannot guarantee how this effort ends, but we can decide how it begins.

Let us begin our work in prayer, for prayer is where authentic stewardship begins.

Praying for you,
Gordon

SAVE THE DATE!

**John Knox
Homecoming
Sunday, November
5**



**CELEBRATING
61 YEARS**

Lunch in Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 AM service,
Mutts BBQ with all the trimmings!



Church Directory

Cecil Kelly will be taking photos for the new digital directory on Wednesday, November 1, from 2 to 5:00pm in the Kirk Room. If Interested, please contact Maury Purcell at 616-9699 to arrange a time. Each session will only take 10-15 minutes."

If you have your own picture for the directory, please submit it to the church office at mscott@johnknoxpres.org.



Youth Ministry News



Jr. High Bonclarken

This weekend, 11 of our Jr. High students will be traveling to Bonclarken in Flat Rock, NC for a retreat with other churches in our Presbytery! Please keep them in your prayers as they are away, that the weekend would be a joyful time of worship, fellowship, and growth in community. We look forward to sharing our experiences when we return!

Youth Group Schedule

Due to our Jr. High Bonclarken Retreat, we will not gather for youth group this Sunday night! Programs will pick back up next week with a special treat! Join us for a fall-themed night at the Denver Downs Corn Maze and fellowship over dinner NEXT SUNDAY, October 29th. We will meet in the parking lot below the Youth Center at 3pm and return after dinner and the corn maze. Bring \$15 for your corn maze admission, dinner will be on us! We can't wait to see you!

Fall Fest

Our fall fundraiser is less than a week away and we need your help! Meet in the Youth Center by 4:45 to help with last minute setup and walk through your responsibilities as volunteers! This is an incredibly important fundraiser as we look forward to the awesome summer trips we have on the calendar for 2018 and your help is needed to make it successful! If you have any questions, call or email Jessica!



Children's Ministry News

Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* has brought us to the Easter story! Last week, we read about the crucifixion of Jesus. This week, we will read about "God's Wonderful Surprise". In Sunday school, the children will learn about the Resurrection and talk about the Risen King. Your children *may* be wearing a crown when you pick them up from Sunday School!



Parents' Night Out

The Children's Ministry Program will be offering our families a Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 27 from 6:00 – 8:30. This is a fun night for all! Our children get to come to John Knox for dinner and activities with their church friends, and parents get a few hours of "kid-free" time! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall

at 6:00 for games and a pizza dinner. Then we will have activities and recreation time for the children. We will end the night with a movie in the Youth Center! As an added bonus, there will be NO FEE!! Activities will be planned for children ages K3 - 5th grade, with a nursery available for our youngest ones (3 years and younger). If you also have an older child (youth group age) who would like to come, they can join us as a youth volunteer and help with the younger ones! Please RSVP to Susan Felton by this Friday, October 20. (sfelton@johnknoxpres.org)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

19 - Betsy Cates

20 - Jim George, Myrna Hardy, Barbara Young, Jane McDonnold, Pat Robertson, Jordan Bertrand

21 - Jason Mullis

22 - Kathy Roberson

23 - Judy Palmer, Chris Mathews, Lucy Smith

24 - Dale Drew

25 - Barry Syracuse, Julie Churchwell, Susan Mathews

By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, October 15

8:30 - 74

11:00 - 170

Weekly Offering Received: \$11,004.35

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85

YTD Offering Received: \$661,958.67

YTD Budgeted Offering: \$686,147.70



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