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This Sunday's Worship



NOVEMBER 18

*Abide in Christ and Let Christ
Abide in You*

*Leviticus 19:17-18
1 John 3:10-24*

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TOGETHER

MIDWEEK GATHERING

There will be no TOGETHER this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join us on Wednesday, November 28, for a performance by the Greenville Chamber Singers (meal 5:45-6:30, program 6:30-7:30). Dinner reservations requested. We welcome friends of all ages to gather TOGETHER each week as we grow in our faith and celebrate our love for one another. So join us for food, fellowship, and learning together!

Menu: baked chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh steamed veggies, salad bar, whole wheat rolls, dessert



Amid the Winter Song

Presented by:

The Greenville Chamber Singers

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 - 6:30pm

John Knox Presbyterian Church - 35 Shannon Dr - Greenville, SC

Free Concert - Donations Appreciated



Serving Saturday is Saturday, November 17

The Nurture committee is sponsoring Serving Saturday on Saturday, November 17. We will be sending out teams with rakes, blowers, and ladders to clear gutters and rake leaves of members who request this service. If you have signed up to give or receive help, we are excited for a day of helping each other this Saturday.

You are cordially invited to
a Service for the Ordination of

Charles Frank Pratt III

to Minister of Word and Sacrament
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sunday, the twenty-fifth of November
in the year of our Lord,
two thousand eighteen
at three o'clock in the afternoon

John Knox Presbyterian Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Thanking God for Rich Gifts

Worship is not only the essential work of the church; it is also one of God's greatest gifts to us. Within that gift of worship, no component captures our hearts more than music. Music has a unique capacity to reach deep within us to engage and express our thoughts and emotions. Music is often the language of our deep encounter with God—an indispensable component of our worship together. I am often reminded that no one leaves worship humming a phrase from a sermon, but that most of us carry the music of our worship into and through the rest of the week.

This Sunday we bid farewell to Lane Moore as he concludes seventeen years of music ministry at John Knox. Surely we all have marveled at the rich package of musical gifts with which God has blessed Lane. Our worship through the years has been blessed by Lane's sensitive conducting of the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir and his riveting performances at the piano. Whether or not we have performed under his baton, Lane's spirited leadership has engaged and enriched us all.



Through God's call and Lane's faithful ministry, the Lord's gifts to Lane have become great blessings

for us. It is right for our church to thank Lane for all his years of faithful service. As we do so, let us also thank God for the generosity of divine grace that strengthens and blesses the church here and everywhere.

I am sorry that a long-scheduled family occasion will prevent my being in worship with you this week. Please know that I am joining you in heartfelt praise of our gracious God and in gratitude for the faithful service of my colleague Lane. May God continue to hold him and Janet in love and grace.

Faithfully,
Gordon



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Please make plans to join us for one of the most special services of the year - the annual Hanging of the Greens on December 2 at 5:00pm. This family friendly celebration requires congregation participation of all ages as we transform our sanctuary and officially kick off the Advent season. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome - consider inviting a friend as well! Sign up sheets will be circulated through the adult Sunday school classes in the next weeks so dig out your favorite holiday cookie recipe and sign up to help!



Children's Christmas Pageant – Everyone is Invited!

Our children will be performing a Christmas Pageant this year, and everyone is invited! We will be presenting the pageant on Sunday, December 16 during the Sunday School hour. All of our church members are invited to join us in the Sanctuary at 9:45 that morning as our children share the Christmas story with us. Please plan to spend your morning with us, and stay tuned for more details!

Please Support Our Kindergarten & PDO Ministry!!!

PUBLIX PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION

John Knox Kindergarten and Parents Day Out are now recipients of funds

Giving is easy. Individuals may simply sign up for a Publix.com account. After you have created a Publix.com account, the following steps are used to add our school as the recipient.

1. Select your name at the top left corner of the screen.
2. Select "Go to my account." This will take you to the account settings page.
3. In the "MyPublix Partner" box near the bottom of the page, select "add a school;" add John Knox Kindergarten.
4. You will enter your phone number at checkout in Publix. Publix will then "turn groceries into education."



An easy fundraiser because all of us purchase groceries! And hopefully, at Publix!

Might God Be Calling You? Upcoming Stephen Minister training opportunities



Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life.

If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, the first step is to find out more about getting involved.

Call Diane Falasco (330- 608-8747) or Jason Mullis (864-386-6164) to learn more.

News from Property & Operations

... a quick update about some good things happening @ JK:

1. sanctuary basement water issue: downspouts have been routed to properly carry water away from the building wall; landscaping is complete; three (3) rooms in the sanctuary basement (this is where we were seeing moisture damage on the painted block walls) are being sealed & painted this week; children's choir room & the multi-purpose room will get new carpet w/b 11/19/18.
2. gym: 18 new LED lights = less energy consumption (67% less), virtually instant "on", & no buzzing noise; add this to the other recent gym improvements (floor, painted walls, bathroom light timers, bathroom heater upgrades, & scoreboard repairs), and JK now has a gym we can proudly use & share ... "it's a beautiful thing!!"
3. surface water management: the ditch between Lake Forest school & the parking lot behind the kitchen has been cleared of several trees and other vegetation that was hindering water flow; this is a start - we've got more work to do in this area, but we're making progress



The support and enthusiasm these & other projects receive from JK Nation in general, and from specific individuals who step up to contribute their time & talents, cannot be overstated. The P&O committee, and others who pitch in, are so thankful to serve a church in which so many do so much.

I'd be remiss if I failed to give a "shout out" to our incredible facilities manager, Caleb Stephens. Caleb brings to JK an amazing combination of technical talent, organizational skill, and care for his job and our church that I think is probably pretty rare in today's world. We are so lucky to have Caleb on our team. Next time you see Caleb, please tell him "Thanks".

Miller McClintock



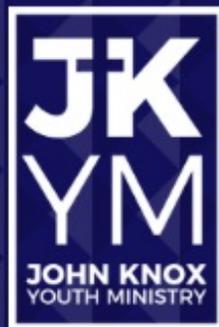
Children's Ministry News

We had a great night of mission work with our children and parents last Friday night. Our children made cards to accompany poinsettias that will be delivered to some of our church members over the holidays. We decorated tags that will be used on our Angel Tree as we help people in our community. And our families helped pack 41 shoeboxes for needy children across the world through Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all of our families for their service and generosity toward these mission projects.



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Please make sure your children are here this Sunday, November 18, for our third rehearsal for our Christmas Pageant. We will meet in the Sanctuary from 4:30-5:30. Speaking parts have been assigned and we are learning the songs that we will sing, so it is very important for all participants to be with us for practice! We are so excited to have so many of our children taking part in this wonderful production!



NEWS

Sunday Night Youth Group

Join us on Sunday night for fellowship over dinner, fun games, and our next lesson in the series Subject to Change! We can't wait to see you!

Jr. Highs: 4:30-6

Sr. Highs: 5:30-7

Our Sunday Night Series

We started a new series with our students last Sunday called Subject to Change. Want to learn more about what we'll be covering over the next few weeks? Check out this quick video to hear all about where we're headed in this series! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oxbrep0X4w>)

Clerk's Report

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The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

- The Session approved Charlie Pratt's request to have his Service of Ordination at John Knox PC on November 25, 2018 at 3 PM.
- Nancy Grigsby reviewed the September financial report and showed how the "Cash Carried Forward" line item is now located under the 'Revenue' tab.
- Nancy said that Caroline Bishop advised new insurer gave us a good report, but wants more focus on transportation policies.
- The Kindergarten Board and CE committee have approved changes to the Employee Manual. The revised manual was approved by the Session.
- The Church Workday will be on November 17th.
- The One in Christ Class has joined the big class in the Fellowship Hall.
- The upcoming speakers for Together will be Richard Burnett and Peter Hobbie.
- Stevie Greene said that they are in initial planning for a New Member/Visitor's Breakfast for early November. Future plans call for two in the fall and two in the spring.
- Stevie also advised that they are planning on a Called Session Meeting at 10:15 AM on November 18th to receive new members.
- They are working with Mandy on updating the online directory with new photos.
- Steve Meggs said that they have received a lot of great feedback on the salad bar on Wednesday night.
- In addition, they are working on a Game Night for November.
- Basketball registration is complete. Julie and Davis Wells will be running the scoreboard and book keeping for the season.
- The new coffee service is up and running to great reviews.
- The Session approved a request from Grace Church to use our Gym for basketball practice again this year. The fee will be \$ 450 for the season.
- Cecil Kelley said that Homecoming is all set for November 4th.
- There will not be a Christmas Eve Dinner between services this year. Instead, Laurie Davis made a motion to have a reception with juice and cookies.
- Cecil said they are looking for 8 Elders to serve Communion at the 5 PM and 7 PM Services on Christmas Eve.
- The committee reviewed their plans for Advent, including Christmas Eve candles, poinsettias, Advent Devotional Book, Advent Readers for each Service.
- Kitty Olson said that Nurture is considering plans for a supper with the youth on Sunday evening.
- Rich Falasco said that training for Stephen Ministry is tentatively scheduled for next March.
- They have firmed up the schedule for WN meal deliveries.
- Jeanne Peak will be visiting the Respite Care program at 1st UMC of Montgomery to gather information on what they are doing. Jeanne will be invited to attend the November Session meeting to report.
- The committee is working on a plan to reach out to 'disconnected' members. David Howell is working on the plan.
- Miller McClintock reported that they hope to complete the painting of the Basement and landscaping associated with the drainage on the upper side of the Sanctuary.
- The Session approved a motion from the committee to replace the Gym lighting with new LED lighting fixtures. The cost will be \$ 2,750, to come from the Capital Reserve.
- Jessica reported that the Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken was wonderful. She thanked Muffy Smith for her participation and leadership.
- Susan Felton reported that the children are making cards to go with the poinsettias, packing Operation Christmas Child boxes, and practicing for the Children's Christmas Pageant will be on December 16th.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

15 - Dotty Ginn, Katie Blumer, Emily Heflin

16 - Bob Sadler, Pat Thatcher, Jeannie Lee

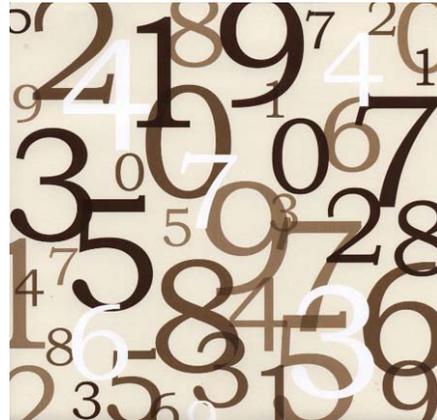
- 17 - Chad Fernander
 - 18 - JoAnn George, Lucero Sewell, Ethan Whatley
 - 19 - Patricia Gibson, Susan Felton
 - 20 - Pam Oates, Heidi Grant
 - 21 - Ralph Braun
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By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, November 11
8:30 - 66
11:00 - 209

Weekly Offering Received: \$19,816.35
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,211.31
YTD Offering Received: \$715,176.46
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$774,508.95

2019 Pledge Cards Received: 131
2019 Pledge Card Value: \$586,490.00



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