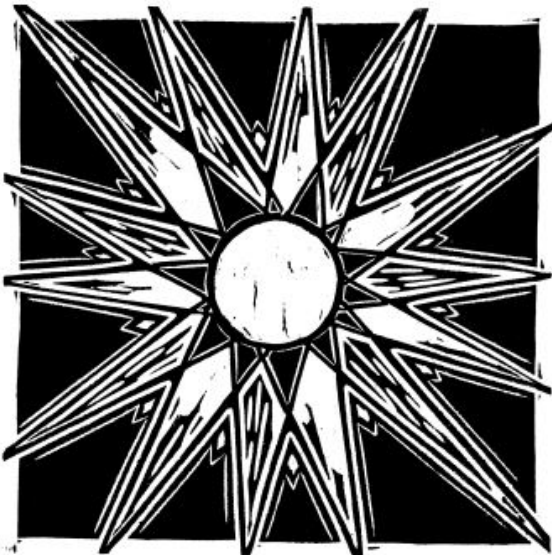




## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

[Ezekiel 34: 11-24](#)

Justin Cazel

### Wednesday Night Activities

Please join us on Wednesday, November 29, for a performance by the Greenville Chamber Singers (see article below). Dinner will be served before beginning at 5:45. The menu is marinade chicken, mac/cheese, green beans, rolls, salad bar, dessert.



**Annual Greenville**



# Chamber Singers Christmas Concert

*“Still, Still, Still”*

Please join us Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30 in the sanctuary for this much appreciated annual gift from the Greenville Chamber Singers and wonderful guest musicians. Psalm 46:10 says “Be still and know that I am God.” We invite you to come, be still and hear the beautiful words and music of this joyous season. “How Great Our Joy!”

## First Love, First Fruits: Where We Stand

To date we have received 155 pledges toward our ministry in 2018 for a total of \$722,268.00. This amount covers 74% of our funding goal of \$972,000. If we can reach our target, our Session can confidently budget for the ambitious ministry to which we believe God is calling us all.

If you have not yet offered a pledge, we invite and encourage you to do so soon. Pledge cards are available on the tables outside the Chapel and Sanctuary, in the church office, and on bulletin boards throughout the church.

Thanks to all for your faithful discernment. Please join us in praying for a wholehearted response from our congregation and for the life and ministry of our church.



**Interfaith Host Week is**

# November 26 - December 3

## Volunteers still needed!

Our next week to host homeless families is November 26-December 3. It is important to check your calendar and sign up early! Please see the list below of volunteer opportunities available and contact Chris Mathews to sign up to share your gifts in this ministry of Interfaith Hospitality (in cooperation with Aldersgate United Methodist Church & First Christian Church). Sunday school classes or small groups may Adopt-a-Day and staff all positions for that day. Where applicable, please note which days volunteers are needed – Sunday, Monday, or Friday.

**Greeter/Server – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – F**  
**Fellowship host – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – S M F**  
Chris Mathews 270-1328 or [bmathews0@charter.net](mailto:bmathews0@charter.net)



## Church Directory

Our new digital church directory is in the works. Do you have an updated photo you would like to include? Does your personal information need updating? Please email your picture and/or information to the church office at [m.scott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:m.scott@johnknoxpres.org). Deadline for these items is December 1. **Last call to have your picture taken by Cecil Kelley**. He will be taking pictures on Wednesday, November 29, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Please contact Maury Purcell to reserve your time slot ([maurypurcell@gmail.com](mailto:maurypurcell@gmail.com) or 616-9699).

## Angel Tree 2017

It's that time of year..... and Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> we are kicking off the 2017 Angel Tree. We are helping two agencies this year– United Ministries-GAIHN and Greer Relief. Both are near and dear to our hearts. We are supporting the very families that stay here at John Knox with Interfaith and with Greer Relief we support our very own Caroline Robertson and our local community. With United Ministries we have decided to adopt their New Home Pantry again this year. As the GAIHN families transition into stable housing we are helping with the basic necessities to create a home for these individuals.

We are so excited and know just like years past John Knox is up for the challenge. Our trees will be located outside the chapel and main sanctuary. Find an angel to adopt, sign up with one of our elves and help us make the holidays brighter for our community.

Ways to help.....

Some gifts could be pricy so accept a challenge. Get a group together. Do it as a family or as a Sunday school class project.

Ask your friends and co-workers – It is that time of year!

No time to shop – we have a group of Elves that will be happy to help! Cash donations are so appreciated and when we do get to the deadline and there are still angels we will shop for you!!!

Our Deadline is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

We ask all Angel presents to be turned in at the Administration Building. These presents do not have to be wrapped BUT need the Angel tag attached to the present.

Questions – Stevie Greene

e-mail – [StevieCGreene@yahoo.com](mailto:StevieCGreene@yahoo.com)

cell-864-616-7430





## Come one, come all!

We need YOU to be a part of our Hanging of the Greens Choir on Sunday, December 3! We will be helping to begin our joyous Advent season with traditional Christmas favorites in a combined choir directed by Elizabeth Guest Martin. You don't have to be in one of our current choirs to be a part of this special group! Please come to as many of the rehearsals as you can and you will be ready to go! We will have the following rehearsals to prepare:

Sunday, November 19 from 3:00-4:30

Sunday, December 3 from 9:45-10:30

Sunday, December 3:30-4:30

Please contact Elizabeth with any questions at 864-313-0193.



Please make plans to join us for one of the most special services of the year - the annual Hanging of the Greens on December 3 at 5:00pm. This family friendly celebration incorporates members 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! A nursery will be provided.

## From the Nurture Committee

### *YOU ARE NEEDED:*

No special qualifications required. What the Nurture Committee is looking for are a few folks to be Care

Companions. What we ask you to do is:

- Pray regularly for members in your care group
- Make occasional phone calls
- Send a card or note as needed

We have several positions open for 2018. Please contact either the church office or Amy Leidheiser at [aleidheiser@gmail.com](mailto:aleidheiser@gmail.com) or 901-9753 if you would like to apply for one of these positions.

*When we seek to be a loving presence in a person's life, when we pray for them, we can rest in the knowledge that God is at work, even when we don't see the immediate impact of our prayers.*



## Youth Ministry News

### Interfaith Set-Up

Join us THIS SUNDAY afternoon as we help set-up for Interfaith at John Knox! Meet on the Adult Sunday School Hall at 3pm as we make our church a home for those in need of a place to stay in our community. Let Jessica know via email ([jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org)) if you are able to come and help!

### No Youth Group this week!

Enjoy Thanksgiving weekend with your family and we will see you soon!

### December at a Glance:

December is an exciting and busy season everywhere you turn. As you plan, here are all of the important dates you'll need for John Knox

Youth this Christmas season:

Dec 2: Middle School Girls Night, 7-9PM

Dec 3: Hanging of the Greens followed by Sr. High Christmas Play dress rehearsal

Dec 6: Sr. High Christmas Play, 6:15 PM

Dec 9: High School Girls Night, 7-9 PM

Dec 10: Christmas Service Event 4:30-7 PM

Dec 17: Youth Group Christmas Parties, regular Sunday night times

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services



## Children's Ministry News

### Children's Music Program

We have concluded our Sunday afternoon rehearsals for this month, but the children will still be practicing for their holiday performances during Sunday School for the next few weeks. Below is the schedule for their Christmas performances:

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, December 3 at 5:00

Children's Christmas Program - Wednesday, December 6 at 6:15  
Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24 for the Family Christmas Eve Service at 5:00

Check your Children's Ministry Newsletter for details on when and where to meet on these dates. We are looking forward to hearing all of our children's beautiful voices during these special worship programs.

### Save the Date for Parents' Night Out

We will be having our next Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 8 from 6:00- 8:30. We will have dinner and holiday activities for the children (ages K3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) along with a Christmas movie to round out the evening. Please send your children to us in their pajamas for lots of festive holiday fun! There will be a nursery available for children 3 years old and younger. If you also have a middle- or high-schooler, they are welcome to come as a youth volunteer and help with the younger children! Remember, there is no fee, and you get to have a few hours of kid-free time! Check your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details. Please RSVP to Susan Felton by Friday, December 1. (sfelton@johnknoxpres.org)

### Family Mission Night

Our children and their families gathered at the church last Friday night for a Family Mission Night. We decorated ornaments that will be hanging on the Angel Tree, and we packed 30 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse! We enjoyed dinner and fellowship together while doing good work for our neighbors in need near and far. Thank you to all of our families that participated! Thirty boxes of LOVE will be making their way around the world to spread God's word. May your family be blessed this season with the same love that you have helped to spread!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## November

22 - Dick Graham, Pam McDow, Tracy Gardner

23 - Katie Roark, Lee Ledford, Jake Osborne

24 - Susan Bracknell, Mat Moore

25 - Piper Schloss

26 - Delores Brandon, Wes Popoloski, Kim Pitman, Mary Ellen Cain

27 - Joel Smith, Jake Flanagan

28 - Bob Nelson, Martha Meade, Natalie Glass, Sam Jackson, Owen Long

29 - Margaret Redmon, Sydney Jackson

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## By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, November 19

8:30 - 64

11:00 - 204

Weekly Offering Received: \$15,493.20

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85

YTD Offering Received: \$724,735.97

YTD Budgeted Offering: \$767,831.95



Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to [mscott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:mscott@johnknoxpres.org). For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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